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FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

(FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

At a Regular Session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi convened at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, on Tuesday, the 2nd of January, A. D., 2024, in compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Mississippi:

Be it remembered, that on the day and year aforesaid, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their Chamber, and at 12:00 Noon were called to order by the Honorable Michael Watson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who introduced Bishop Ronnie Crudup, Sr., New Horizon Ministries and Mark Copeland, Pastor of Pine Grove Pentecostal Church, who opened the session with prayer, invoking God's blessings upon the members and their labors.

Major General Janson D. Boyles, Adjutant General, Mississippi National Guard led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

The Holmes County Central Singers let the House in the National Anthem.

The Secretary of State appointed temporary Clerk, Hunter Dowdy, who called the roll by each House member-elect district number:

1	Lester "Bubba" Carpenter
2	Bradford L. Mattox
3	William Tracy Arnold
4	Jody Steverson
5	John G. Faulkner
6	Justin Keen
7	Kimberly Remak
8	John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III
9	Cedric Burnett
10	Josh Hawkins
11	Lataisha Jackson
12	Clay Deweese
13	Steve Massengill
14	Sam J. Creekmore IV
15	Beth Luther Waldo
16	Rickey W. Thompson
17	Shane Aguirre
18	Jerry R. Turner
19	Randy P. Boyd
20	Rodney Hall
21	Donnie Bell
22	Jon Lancaster
23	Andy Stepp
24	Jeff Hale
25	Dan Eubanks
26	Orlando W. Paden
27	Kenji Holloway
28	W. I. "Doc" Harris, Jr.
29	Robert L. Sanders
30	Tracey T. Rosebud
31	Otis L. Anthony II
32	Solomon C. Osborne
33	Jim Estrada
34	Kevin Horan
35	Joey Hood
36	Karl Gibbs

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50	John W. Hines
51	Timaka James-Jones
52	Bill Kinkade
53	Vince Mangold
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55	Oscar Denton
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75	Celeste Hurst
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78	Randy Rushing
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95	Jay McKnight

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99	Bill Pigott
100	Ken Morgan
101	Kent McCarty
102	Missy W. McGee
103	Percy W. Watson
104	Larry Byrd
105	Elliot Burch
106	Jansen T. Owen
107	Steve Lott
108	Stacey Hobgood Wilkes
109	Manly Barton
110	Jeramey D. Anderson
111	Jimmy Fondren
112	John O. Read
113	H.B. "Hank" Zuber, III
114	Jeffrey S. Guice
115	Zachary Grady
116	Casey Eure
117	Kevin W. Felsher
118	Greg Haney
119	Jeffrey Hulum, III
120	Richard Bennett
121	Carolyn Crawford
122	Brent D. Anderson

OATH ADMINISTERED

A quorum being present, Secretary of State Michael Watson, administered to all members the oath required by the Constitution.

ELECTION OF A TEMPORARY SPEAKER

Rep. Jody Steverson nominated Rep. Trey Lamar as Temporary Speaker of the House:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

Ladies and gentlemen of the House, today it is my great honor and privilege to make a nomination for the Temporary Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

The member I am nominating, I am proud to call a friend and a House colleague. My nominee entered the House with me in a class of over thirty freshmen members in the class of 2012.

My nominee first attended Mississippi College, where he played football, and then transferred to Ole Miss, where he continued his academic and football career where many great football legends played; however, when I googled Ole Miss football legends, my nominee's name was not listed. My nominee earned degrees from Ole Miss, the Mississippi College School of Law and the George Washington School of Law in St. Louis.

My nominee served his first eight years in the House as vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and for the last four years, he has done a phenomenal job as chairman of the committee. My nominee has handled countless pieces of legislation from right here where I stand, most recently legislation implementing the most significant tax cut in the history of our state.

My nominee is quite brilliant, and his intelligence has come in handy due to the shortcomings of his vice chairman.

Mr. Secretary, it is with great pleasure that I nominate my dear friend, the gentleman from Tate, as our Temporary Speaker for the beginning of the 2024 legislative term of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

The nomination for Temporary Speaker was seconded by Rep. Horan:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Clerk, Members of this esteemed body.

I rise to advance the nomination of the gentleman elected from District 8, by way of Senatobia, as Temporary Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Great State of Mississippi.

Ladies and Gentlemen, our families go back together for three generations, in both legal community and more importantly as family friends.

It is no surprise to me nor members of my family that the gentleman has, in a positive fashion, made his mark on Mississippi politics that will be felt for generation to come. His fingerprints are all over some of the most significant and monumental measures ever passed out of this house to eventually become law.

I can say without hesitation that the gentleman has done his family ad those he represents in District 8 proud during his tenure in this chamber.

If history repeats itself, as i anticipate it will soon, the gentleman will reassume his position of power in this chamber. To my twenty five new colleagues yet to gain audience with the good gentleman, I will provide a little of what you can expect; a man of God; a dedicated family man and dedicated public servant committed to advancing the interest of his district while here doing the peoples work; and a man whose integrity, commitment, and truth to his word is beyond reproach; however, understand yes means yes and no means no and maybe means...you have a lot of work to do!

It is my honor and pleasure to second the motion to nominate my colleague, classmate and most importantly my friend, John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, the Titan from Tate County as Temporary Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Rep. Ken Morgan moved to close the nominations and elect Rep. Trey Lamar as the Temporary Speaker. It was seconded by Rep. Donnie Scoggin.

The House elected the Temporary Speaker by voice vote. The Temporary Clerk announced the Committee composed of Rep. Karl Gibbs, Rep. Cedric Burnett, Rep. Larry Byrd and Rep. Bubba Carpenter to escort the Temporary Speaker to the podium.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 501: Joint assembly to inaugurate Lieutenant Governor and state officials.

Eugene S. Clarke, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 501: Joint assembly to inaugurate Lieutenant Governor and state officials. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 1: (Representative White) Joint session; provide for the inauguration of and to hear the message of Governor Tate Reeves. CW.

H. C. R. No. 2: (Representative White) Governor-elect Tate Reeves; appoint a joint committee of the House and Senate to arrange inauguration of. CW.

H. R. No. 1: (Representative White) House Rules; adopt temporary rules. CW.

H. R. No. 2: (Representative White) House officers; provide method and manner of election. CW.

H. R. No. 3: (Representative White) Management and Rules Committees; provide method and manner of electing members. CW.

H. R. No. 4: (Representative White) House members; provide for selection of desks and parking spaces. CW.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 1: House Rules; adopt temporary rules.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 2: House officers; provide method and manner of election.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

ELECTION OF A PERMANENT SPEAKER

The Temporary Speaker announced that the floor is now open for nominations for Permanent Speaker of the House.

Rep. Hank Zuber nominated Rep. Jason White for permanent Speaker of the House.

Rep. Donnie Bell seconded the nomination and addressed the House:

I rise in support to second the nomination of Jason White for Speaker of the House. As many of you know, I take pride in training the future Speaker of the House. As desk mates, it took me four years to train the previous speaker, and it has taken me eight years to train Jason.

Sitting by someone for eight years, you learn a lot about them. Jason loves his wife, Jolynn, and brings honor to her. He loves his three children, Sara Burden, John, and Carlyn. He is very proud of them and their accomplishments. Luckily, they get their intelligence, athletic ability, and good looks from their mother. In all he does, he strives

to make his family proud and aims to create a bright future not only for them, but for all Mississippians. Most importantly, I learned that Jason proudly trusts in Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior.

Over the last eight years, pretty much, every member of the legislature has come to the back of the chamber to discuss issues and problems they needed Jason to address. It did not matter who they were, if they were Republican or Democrat, male or female, Jason would be willing to listen and try to help. A few of those times when someone would come to the back, he would look at me afterwards and say, "I really messed that up.", and as gently as kindly as I possibly could, I would reply "Yes, you did.", but seriously, that is who Jason White is. He listens to people and cares about each House member and wants us to succeed as a unified body.

On multiple occasions, Jason has used the term "the Gentleman has a right", which means that he supports the individual rights of every legislative member. He will lead with the integrity of the House as his focus. Jason has a heart not only for the legislative body, but for the State of Mississippi. He has proven to be willing to go the extra mile, making sacrifices of his time, wants, and comforts to support the growth and betterment of our state. He has always been a leader in the House, and in previous years, Jason was instrumental in the success of the House and the State of Mississippi. I know that he will continue to be a great and strong leader for the House of Representatives.

Jason is committed to fight for this body of legislators and for our great state. He will lead the House to accomplish great things this session, and for the years to come. I am proud to have had the opportunity to train Jason these past eight years, and even more proud to call him my friend.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly second the nomination of Jason White as Speaker of the House.

Rep. Karl Oliver seconded the nomination and addressed the House:

Thank you gentleman from Itawamba for those moving remarks and how true they are.

Ladies and Gentleman, I too rise before you today to second the nomination of Jason White as Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives. I will be brief.

In doing so, I too, will verbalize with all those present what many already know. Each of you know leadership qualities when you observe them. Having known Rep. Jason White for many years, and serving with him for two terms here in the Legislature, I have watched as he has led. He has led from every position he has served from here, both as Rules Chairman and as Speaker Pro Tempore.

It is not just a leadership mode that he steps into upon arrival here at the Capitol. He leads within his home, within his church, and within his community. It is not a shirt he puts on and takes off. It is part of his fiber.

To borrow from the poet Arnold Walter from the poem I Would be True best describes Rep. Jason White. I would be true for there are those that trust me. I would be pure for there are those who care. I would be strong for there is much to suffer. I would be brave for there is much to dare.

Join me in support of this nomination for King Solomon could not choose more wisely.

Rep. Becky Currie made a motion to close the nominations and elect Rep. Jason White as the permanent Speaker by acclamation.

Rep. Stacey Wilkes seconded the motion.

The House elected the permanent Speaker by voice vote.

The Temporary Clerk announced a committee composed of Rep. Kevin Ford, Rep. Clay Deweese, Rep. Lee Yancey and Rep. John Read to escort the newly elected Speaker to the Speaker's stand.

The Temporary Clerk announced a committee composed of Rep. Missy McGee, Rep. Scott Bounds, Rep. Sam Mims and Rep. Billy Calvert to escort the Speaker's family to the Speaker's stand.

Rep. Missy McGee addressed the House:

Ladies and Gentleman, It is my honor to introduce the family of the gentleman from Holmes and the new Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives. Speaker White's wife: Jolynn White and his children: Sara Burden, John, and Carlyn. Congratulations on this memorable day for your family and this historic day for the State of Mississippi.

The Temporary Speaker administered the oath of office to the Speaker.

Speaker of the House, Jason White, addressed the House:

Thank you. Thank you for all the applause. Thank you. What an incredible honor it is to stand before you here today. First, a few words of gratitude.

I want to thank the entire House of Representatives for honoring me with a (near) unanimous vote to be your new Speaker. My words cannot fully express just how thankful I am to you for placing this enormous trust in me. I look forward to working with all of you for the betterment of Mississippi. Many of us see things from very different perspectives, but I also know we all love this state, and we all want to do what we believe is right and best for her people. I look forward to finding the common ground; I intend to do all I can to keep our eyes focused on the prize of a better, brighter Mississippi.

I must also express my sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our now former Speaker, Philip Gunn. He has led this body with honor and integrity for the past twelve years. While there is no denying the major turn to the political right this body felt when he took the gavel, one would be hard pressed to find a better, fairer leader who always conducted business above board in the full light of day. He held to his conservative convictions and his footprints are left all over this place; the major legislation and policy bearing his mark. I want to thank him personally, for his friendship and leadership. Thank you, Speaker Gunn, for your service to Mississippi. All of Mississippi owes you and Lisa a great debt of gratitude.

I want to thank Jolynn, my wife of 27 years. Almost half of our marriage, I've been in the legislature. She has endured much in the name of politics, of which she did not ask for. These were my dreams, this was my calling, but she embraced them, and she supported them. She kept our home in order and our children cared for and raised well; always putting her duties as a wife and mother above everything else. She has been especially patient and helpful this past year through this election cycle, offering a great deal in the way of resolve and assurance. Reminding me often to stop and pray. Thank you, Jolynn.

To my three children and my family, I thank you. There really aren't many perks to being the child or relative of a politician these days, Especially in today's all-access, instant news, social-media-gotcha world we live in. Thank you for putting up with all this and for supporting me on this journey. I love you all.

To my Republican Caucus colleagues, I thank you for the unanimous vote of confidence you gave me to lead our caucus and be your Speaker. We now make up almost two-thirds of this body. Let us not ever forget in the coming

days to whom much is given, much is expected. We have the votes to go in almost any direction we choose. Let us use this political capital wisely. Let's not focus on small things simply for the sake of scoring political points. Let's drill down on the big things. Let's make this time count. The folks who sent us here are expecting us to adhere to our campaign promises, to hold fast to the ideals of limited government and individual freedom. Let us also remember that purity in politics is a loser. Let's focus on Mississippi and her people. Help them where we can and get out of the way everywhere else. Let's treat our colleagues across the aisle with dignity and respect. We can be conservative and not be mad about it.

Now to this entire membership, I want to talk for just a few minutes about the incredible opportunity we have before us. Even as we experienced a crippling pandemic in the previous term, in some sectors of both private business and government, our state has enjoyed a monumental surplus. Revenues have soared and unemployment is at an all-time low. We have made tremendous strides in education over the past 12 years, finally getting off the bottom in at least some areas that are measured nationally.

Our teachers are paid better than ever, our test scores and the gains and improvements in those areas we test, are standing up well, compared to other states. There has been a renewed focus on workforce development to bring all interested parties and efforts into a more streamlined approach so as to get our state's workforce efforts, and the spending of taxpayer dollars on that workforce development, the most bang for the buck, and get our people trained for skilled, good paying jobs that are actually available in our state.

Our investments in infrastructure, specifically highways, bridges, rail, ports, even airports, is bearing fruit, and taxpayers like seeing their money put back into Mississippi's infrastructure, allowing for future economic development, private investment and job creation. We have created an attractive business environment with low taxes as a result of various tax cuts and revisions of our tax laws and structure over these past 12 years, both corporate and individual.

Four years ago, we changed the flag by which we are identified as a state, a symbol that now provides a banner that our people may unite under. Our natural resources are beyond compare, and you have seen this legislature act to protect what we have and provide new avenues for both enhancement of habitat and opportunity for our outdoor enthusiasts and sportsmen.

These are some of the best experiences that Mississippi has to offer. We can truly say, that over these past 12 years, our state has begun moving down the tracks towards a future that is open to the World for business while still maintaining our great sense of hometown pride and sense of place and community that makes our state one of the best places in this great nation to work, worship, raise a family and enjoy a quality of life that doesn't exist in most places in today's modern society. It is these successes and these conditions that make our state's future worth fighting for.

Now, to build on those successes will require us to maybe do something out of the ordinary, maybe something not normal. I'm reminded of a few lines from Mark Batterson's bestselling book "In a pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day". In recounting the Old Testament passages in 2nd Samuel surrounding Benaiah, the valiant warrior who did many heroic deeds, including chasing that lion down into a pit and despite the snowy ground, catching it and killing it. Batterson writes, "normal people run away from lions. They run as far and as fast as they possibly can. But lion chasers are wired differently." Ladies and gentlemen of the House, I'm going to ask you to chase lions.

There are still some missing pieces to this puzzle that is the fabric of Mississippi. While I mentioned the great strides we've made in Education over these recent years, there are still areas where we can and should improve. In the coming weeks, I will ask the House to begin considering legislation to reform both our funding formula and our accountability model for K-12 education. The formula should reflect the priorities of this body and the duty we have as a state to provide her people with the chance of a quality education. The accountability model should also reflect those same priorities. While college preparedness will remain a priority, we have said that a skilled workforce that will show Mississippi as open and ready for business is one of the top priorities. Let's start truly rewarding school boards and districts and superintendents that embrace career and technical training and give our people the absolute best chance at a highly skilled, good paying job right here in Mississippi.

While we are at it, I will also ask this body to consider legislation that will give our parents not only the ability to choose an alternate high school curriculum and track, but also allow these parents (Mississippi taxpayers in most every case, mind you) the ability to choose a school that will fit their child's needs, especially in our underperforming districts and in districts that do not offer the alternative career tech tracks that we intend to be available to our students. We trust these parents to make almost every other decision in these children's lives, that best interest that they have will most certainly be extended to their own child's education. I understand these aforementioned ideas are incredibly complex and ripe with tired old arguments against them. When you compound that with our states sometimes complicated history, these ideas may seem non-attainable. I'm asking you to think way outside the box. I'm going to ask our school superintendents across the state to help come up with this plan. We have a new nominee for our state Superintendent of education, I'm very excited about his new leadership at MDE and the possibilities for the future of our children and this state. We will seek his input as we move in this direction. As former Governor William Winter said before, one might say again- "It's boat rocking time in Mississippi."

Another sector of our state that is in dire need of reform and policy solutions revolves around our healthcare systems, its providers and what has been termed our working poor. Our deficiencies in these areas are well documented and I need not plow that ground here with you today. We did get a jumpstart this fall when Governor Reeves and his policy team found a way to enhance the reimbursement model for our ailing hospitals. It was a much needed boost at a critical time. I want to thank him for being willing to think outside the box on the issue and allow his people to be creative and explore new avenues, which is what led to this breakthrough. It is that same spirit of innovation and thinking outside the box that will be required in every circle, in every corner, for us to solve this uninsured healthcare crisis we currently have. I'm simply asking for open minds from you all, from our friends in the Senate and from the Executive Branch as well as the Mississippi business community and most importantly from every segment of our healthcare industry and its providers. It will take everyone to explore and examine the potential solutions for our working folks who need health insurance. This segment of the workforce is much needed in our state's economy.

We have a labor participation rate hovering just above 50%. We can argue about the reasons for such a low number; it's not a good statistic for us by any measure. We need to find more ways to insure the folks who are working have some level of basic healthcare that keeps them in the workforce and out of the emergency room. I'm not talking about a government handout; I'm talking

about provider led solutions that the state will facilitate and create an environment to connect the dots that make this a reality to boost our workforce here in Mississippi.

Now, just those two areas I've touched on would be enough to consume all political capital one could hope to muster in any given legislative term, much less in a session. When you think of those ideas along with other major priorities such as a continued path to elimination of our states income tax while also having to address the unavoidable realities surrounding the long-term viability and sustainability of our Public Employee's Retirement System. The issues are many and they will be tough. I want to remind you of something I've learned over these 12 years in the legislature.

The things we have done to truly change the direction of our state, the legislation that was felt by all of Mississippi's people. The areas where we have improved the most by policy and spending decisions we have made here in this place. Those things came out of our most uncomfortable times. Our ugliest debates. Our most spirited exchanges.

This past October, I attended the Inauguration of the University of Southern Mississippi's new president, Dr. Joe Paul on the campus in Hattiesburg. The inaugural address was given by one of his former students, a Mississippi girl who has made good on our state's promise, and is now the Vice-President for campus life at Wake Forest University, Dr. Shea Kidd-Brown. In her remarks, she focused on the idea of transitioning from the idea of our frame of mind as we all worked to arrive at a place in life the "getting here", if you will vs. the now for all of us "being here". And there is a big difference. We worked hard campaigning, telling voters why we were the best choice, telling them the ideals we would uphold, the things we would champion. We were successful because from your presence today, you "got here". Now, we must "be here". "Being here" means working with your colleagues in this house. That means considering ideas and positions you may have not considered before. It does not mean throwing your principles and closely held political views out the window. Your constituents expect you to adhere to your campaign promises and your colleagues will expect that too. I want to remind you just as Dr. Kidd-Brown reminded Dr. Paul and Southern Miss when she quoted Brené Brown that in "being here", you will find that it gets "really messy in the middle, in the heat of the debate, in the uncomfortable situations you find yourself in, "but that's where the magic happens". The magic of this place, our most rewarding days here for our state and her people, are when we are involved in those tough votes, the ones that really make you examine your core political philosophies as you weigh what's best for Mississippi. Let's lean into an even newer, better Mississippi than we might hope for or imagine. Good lord willing, with hard work and persistence, it can and will happen. Let's all do our part. God bless Mississippi and the House of Representatives.

Prayer by Dr. Charles Long, West Baptist Church.

At 1:47 PM on motion of Rep. Newman the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:10 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER PRO-TEMPORE

The Speaker announced the floor was open for nominations for the Speaker Pro-Tempore.

Rep. Steve Massengill nominated Rep. Manly Barton for Speaker Pro Tempore, and he addressed the House:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, family, guests and visitors:

It is with great honor that I stand before you today to make the nomination of the gentleman from Jackson County, Rep. Manly Barton, for Speaker Pro Tempore.

For most of the members that is all I need to say about Manly, but there are some new members who have not had the great honor like I have for the last twelve years of serving with him. When we came to orientation, after being elected, Manly was the first person I met and I am proud to say we have become great friends. So, I will just tell you a little about Manly. First, Manly is a Christian and puts God first in his life. He believes and tries to do what God would want him to do in all his decisions. Second, Manly is a great husband to the love of his life, Sarah, and for as much as we love Manly, he is a distant second to how we all love Sarah. Manly is also a great father, grandfather and great grandfather to all of his children. We love hearing Manly tell his stories about what the grandchildren did over the weekends. Third, Manly is a great storyteller from his years working at Chevron or about his days as a supervisor. My favorite, are the stories from his days in Vietnam. One story was these Vietnamese kids would come into camp and Manly would share some food and candy with them. There is a picture of Manly sitting on a Jeep with the kids, and they have some of his gear on and one was holding his M16, which Manly said the safety was on. Fourth, Manly is a great Mississippian as he has served his state as a supervisor and served as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives. Manly is also a great American as he has served in Vietnam and is one of the few people that I know who have received the Purple Heart.

I consider Manly one of the greatest men I know. I could stand here and go on and on about how lucky we are to be serving with him, but I am pretty sure you all get my point. So, it is my great honor on this great day to nominate my good friend, Manly Barton, as the next Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives. Thank you.

Rep. Brent Powell seconded the nomination and addressed the House:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Family, and Guests:

It is a great honor to have the privilege to second the nomination of our colleague, the Honorable Manly Barton, the gentleman of Jackson County, for Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Over the many years Manly has served in the House, he has demonstrated his ability to lead and willingness to listen to all the concerns of our members and constituents. During the time that we have served together, we have become great friends and I have witnessed first-hand his integrity and temperament. Manly strives to treat all people with the respect and dignity they deserve. As the gentleman from Benton mentioned a few moments ago, Manly is a true family man and loves to talk and tell stories primarily about his family, from his lovely wife of forty-nine years, Sarah, to his children down to his grandkids. These stories help highlight his high moral character by showing his love and pride he has for his family.

Ladies and gentlemen, keep in mind that the office of Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives includes the duty of being chairman of the Management Committee, which is charged with conducting the business affairs of this chamber. I can not think of a finer person to work with and effectively manage this first-rate staff that we all have the privilege of working with.

Manly possess and undeniable passion in representing his district and this great state. Using that passion along with his natural leadership abilities, I am confident he will work diligently to serve all members of the House in this position; therefore, Mr. Speaker and fellow members, I ask you to join with me in electing the gentleman from Jackson County and my dear friend, Representative Manly Barton as the next Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

Rep. Bill Pigott made a motion to close nominations and elect Rep. Manly Barton as Speaker Pro Tempore by acclamation.

Rep. Vince Mangold seconded the motion.

The House elected the Speaker Pro Tempore by voice vote.

The Temporary Clerk announced a committee composed of Rep. Shane Barnett, Rep. Robert Johnson, Rep. Casey Eure and Rep. Joey Hood to escort the newly elected Speaker Pro Tempore to the Speaker's stand.

The Temporary Clerk announced a committee composed of Rep. Charles Young, Jr., Rep. John Hines, Rep. Jon Lancaster and Rep. Troy Smith to escort the Speaker Pro Tempore's family to the Speaker's stand.

Rep. Troy Smith introduced the family of Rep. Manly Barton.

The Speaker administered the oath of office to the Speaker Pro Tempore.

The Speaker Pro Tempore addressed the House:

Thank You Mr. Speaker,
Ladies and gentlemen of the House, Family, Visitors and Guests.

It is a great honor to stand before you today. I am humbled by the confidence you have shown in me.

I want to thank my beautiful wife of forty nine years and my family, many of whom are here today, for standing by me and allowing me to be a part of this great body. Being away from home, sometimes scheduling family time and events around trips to Jackson, our families make sacrifices also.

During my first term we had a member that went to the Well often. Many times, in his comments he would say "I love the House of Representatives". Now, I know what he meant; I know what he felt, because I have come to love this place myself. Nothing against the Senate-- the Senate has their role, but the House is different. I think we have more fun on this end of the building. Sometimes it can be a little like the old Wild West, but we enjoy the process, and we enjoy each other. Disagreements are part of life here. Like any family we sometimes have differences of opinions, but we remain friends and that is the way it should be. We accomplish more when we work together.

One of the great things about a representative form of government is we have 122 members who come to this House with different life experiences, education, careers, and different perspectives on just about every issue. We have farmers, pharmacists, lawyers, nurses, people involved in real estate and insurance. As we face the challenges that are before us those differences will help us find solutions to some very complex issues. When I first got into local politics, I was agonizing over an issue that no matter what I did I was going to upset some people. A friend told me that when I ran for office that making decisions came with the job and then he added that all the easy decisions had already been made.

From Health Care to Education, from Economic Development to Workforce Development, to State Retirement System (PERS) to Taxes. These are just a few of the major issues that face us, but all need to be faced head on.

Some of the best friends I have ever made are standing in this room today. We have always stood with each other through sickness and tragedy; Black, White, Republican or Democrat. When my family went through a very difficult time this past summer, you were all there to help and show your love and support. I can never forget that.

I want to thank Representatives Massengill and Powell for their gracious nominations and remarks. Both are great friends and I cherish their friendships.

I often remind myself that everything I have accomplished in the last 24 years, from County Supervisor to being a Legislator, could not have happened had it not been for the many people who helped me along the way. My family certainly, but many others

believed in me and encouraged me. My father was one of those people. He was an encourager. He always saw the good in people. He was a Baptist Minister who, for most of his life, worked with people who had drug and alcohol problems. In the early 60's he started a home for alcoholics that is still helping people today. He taught me that everyone has value. He would never give up on someone just because they were down. He always encouraged them to be a better person, father, husband or provider. I have never forgotten that.

So as I take on this new challenge, the measure of my success will be how much help I can give each of you to be successful in representing your districts and the people who supported you, help you become an advocate not only for your district but also for the State of Mississippi. I look forward to working with each of you.

Thank you again for this great honor.

At 2:33 PM on motion of Rep. Boyd, A the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:40 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

ELECTION OF THE PERMANENT CLERK

The Speaker announced the floor was open for nominations for the permanent Clerk of the House.

Rep. Rob Roberson nominated Andrew Ketchings for permanent Clerk of the House and addressed the House.

Rep. Shanda Yates seconded the nomination and addressed the House.

Rep. Jay McKnight offered a motion to close nominations and elect Andrew Ketchings as the permanent Clerk by acclamation.

Rep. Joseph Tubb seconded the motion.

The House elected the permanent Clerk of the House by voice vote.

The Temporary Clerk announced a committee composed of Rep. Angela Cockerham, Rep. Jansen Owen, Rep. Dana McLean, Rep. Richard Bennett and Rep. Carolyn Crawford to escort the newly elected Clerk and family to the Clerk's podium.

Rep. Angela Cockerham introduced the family of the Clerk.

The Clerk of the House addressed the House:

Thank you Mr. Speaker, Mr. Pro Tempore, and Ladies and Gentlemen of the Mississippi House of Representatives. I would also like to thank my good friends, the Lady from Hinds and the Gentleman from Oktibbeha for their kind words. While I am here, I would be remiss if I did not also thank my wife, Amy, for her constant understanding and support.

I want you to know how much I appreciate the confidence that you have continued to show in me, and I look forward to serving you for the next four years. This is a responsibility I take very seriously, and other than being Caroline, Clay, and Drew's dad and Amy's husband, it is my greatest honor.

Thank you again, and I look forward to working with each of you.

At 2:52 PM on motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:55 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. R. No. 3: Management and Rules Committees; provide method and manner of electing members.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

At 2:57 PM on motion of Rep. Turner the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:43 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

The Clerk announced the newly elected members of the Rules Committee:

Rules Committee:

Fred Shanks, Chairman; Bryant W. Clark, Vice-Chairman
Members: Manly Barton; Sam Creekmore IV; Clay Deweese;
Gregory Holloway, Sr.; Missy McGee; Jay McKnight; Jansen Owen;
Jason White; Lee Yancey

The Clerk announced the newly elected members of the Management Committee:

Management Committee:

Manly Barton, Chairman; Steve Massengill, Vice-Chairman
Members: Shane Barnett; Donnie Bell; Lester Carpenter;
John W. Hines, Sr.; Brent Powell; Rob Roberson; Tracey T. Rosebud;
Jason White; Henry Zuber III

Rep. Holloway, G called up:

H. R. No. 4: House members; provide for selection of desks and parking spaces.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE:

The Clerk read the Governor's partial veto message for House Bill 603: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds, and House Bill 1089: State budget; revise provisions of several FY 23 funds and authorize reimbursement of certain costs of MDA.

Rep. Aguirre moved to refer the foregoing veto messages and bills to the committee of origin, with motion prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk announced that the Speaker named a committee composed of Rep. Bill Kinkade, Rep. Otis Anthony, Rep. Jill Ford and Rep. Price Wallace to notify the Governor that the House was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session.

The Clerk announced that the Speaker named a committee composed of Rep. Carl Mickens, Rep. Bryant Clark, Rep. Jeff Hale and Rep. Sam Creekmore to notify the Senate that the House was organized and ready to proceed with the business of the session.

Rep. Read called up:

H. C. R. No. 1: Joint session; provide for the inauguration of and to hear the message of Governor Tate Reeves.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, White Speaker, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Rep. Read called up:

H. C. R. No. 2: Governor-elect Tate Reeves; appoint a joint committee of the House and Senate to arrange inauguration of.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, White Speaker, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

RESIGNATIONS

June 30, 2023

VIA EMAIL
Speaker Philip Gunn
P. O. Box 1018
Jackson, MS 39215

Dear Speaker Gunn:

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Mississippi House of Representatives, effective June 30, 2023. It has been my pleasure to serve the citizens of House District 57 for more than forty years.

Sincerely,
Edward Blackmon, Jr.
House District 57

September 29, 2023

Honorable Philip Gunn,

I am resigning from the House of Representatives, District 33, effective Friday, September 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

I treasure the time I have been honored to serve in this capacity, and I treasure the time and dedication of people such as yourself with whom I have been honored to serve.

The people of my area will always hold a special place in my heart and I hope and pray that our Heavenly Father will continue to bless them and you.

Sincerely,
Thomas U. Reynolds
House District 33

December 22, 2023

Mr. Clerk,

Please accept this letter as my official resignation from the Mississippi House of Representatives, District 2, effective immediately.

I have been honored to serve the State of Mississippi in this capacity.

Sincerely,
Nick Bain
House District 2

December 23, 2023

Mr. Clerk,

I hereby resign from the Mississippi House of Representatives, effective December 28, 2023. It has been an honor to serve the State of Mississippi for the past twenty years.

Sincerely,
Philip Gunn
Speaker of the House

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gerald Howell, Larry "Butch" Brown, Suzy Sanders, Britty Jean Deere, Sandra Stone, Pat Burns, Sammy Britt, Charles Schilling, Dr. Henry Lewis, III, Erik Kahlstorf, Jennings Earl Reid, Patsy Brown, Smithie Buie, III, Alex Crovetto, Claude Carter Gholson, Patsy Pressler, Jo Anne Willis, Stephen Wayne Pigott, Delmar Kenneth Surret, Newt Willis, III, Richard Durkin, Virginia Griffin, Henry Clayton Roberts, Mike Boggs, Jerry Knighton, Sandra Floyd Sojourner, Pat Smith, and Clint "Whop" Weekley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Victor Horn, James Lee Ellison, Joe Edd "Buddy" Skelton, Mildred Earline Brown Rea, Billy Jack Hughes, James Winford "JW" Crowley, Jr. , Lillie Frances Wiggs, Faye Nell Brassfield, Jessie Mae Lancaster, Frances Louise McGee, Raymond "Ray" Parker, Bernie Freeman, Billie Hendrix, Alice Franklin Blue, Clarence Wilborn "Tap" Tapley, Jr. , Leila Faye Huffman , Toy Coleman, Jr. , Nona Taylor, Sara Alice Lowe, John David "Woody" Woodruff, Dorothy Nell Dunkin, Grace Clark, James Cleveland Kirby, Max Roger Kimbrough, Mindy Karen Thompson, Shirley Lorraine Mathis, Kenneth "Kenny" Lancaster, Benjamin Joseph "Ben" Harville, Thomas Wesley Turnage, Pauline "Polly" Farley Tharp, Maxine Denton , Adrian Kent Shoemaker, Jr. , William "Red" Dennis Sullivan, Greg Jolly, Madison Grace Linley, James Monroe "Buster" Edwards, Charlotte Ann Dobbs, Curtis Powell Tennyson "Fireball", Maegan Rhyann Dendy, John Lee "Bull" Gaskin, Ora Franks, Brenda Darlene Pettit, Ronja Kaye Lancaster, Thomas Earl Doss, Robert Edwin Jernigan, Frances DeRossitt Edens, Laura Emma Peden, Cynthia Mae Smith Birmingham, Rudy Wayne Cross, Rebeca Ann Scott, Melissa Jo Woodruff, Martha Pettit, Bobby Lynn Dodd, and Jimmy Higginbotham, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Sanford and Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bryce Adam Humphrey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shawntal M. Stamper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ernest Dewitt Napier, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Noah Ethan Walters, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Calvert and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jack Mayatt, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Timothy Cole, Harry McArthur, Jack Bush, and Gerry Waites, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ron Smith, Thellis Winstead, Robert Sanford, Arlen A. Mabry, Gloria Jean Miller, and Summer Rae Ethridge, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hayden Bonta, Billy Wayne Cruthirds, Michael L. "Mike" Smith, James M. Lancaster, Sr., Mathilde Lynn Munn, Cecil Lee "C.L." Rector, Jr., Mark A. Hare, Terry J. Holtz, Deacon Martin J. Finnegan, Robert Earl Cox, Sr., Charles "Chuck" Petitjean, James C. Evans, James Leonard Tarrant, Jr., Joyce Faye Rouse, Michael D. Westbrook, Sarah Westbrook, Jordan "Jordy" Miller, E. Mark Toups, Leonard "Bubba" Busby, and Alberta Brand Kimbrough, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie and Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ralph "Catfish" Smith, Sr., which motion prevailed.

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At 5:00 PM, on motion of Rep. Haney the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

(SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Toney L. Crisler, Belmont Missionary Baptist Church.

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

The Assistant Clerk called the roll. Present - 122 Absent - 0

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

A quorum was present.

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

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

S. C. R. No. 501: Joint assembly to inaugurate Lieutenant Governor and state officials. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

At 2:12 PM on motion of Rep. Roberson the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:18 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Holloway, G called up:

S. C. R. No. 501: Joint assembly to inaugurate Lieutenant Governor and state officials.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, White Speaker, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Representative Hall moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Earl Ward, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Diane H. Goodman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Eubanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Earl Ward, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver and Speaker White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Pearson Mayfield, Jr., James Kelly "Tody" Downs, Mary Chambley Corley, and James Wiley Nelms, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hood and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carlene Jacks Brister, and Carl Wade McGlothlin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Wilson Dismukes, Nola Ann Mosley Crouch, Eunice Gray Turner Shelton, Judy Slocum Ayers, and James Carroll Caffey, which motion prevailed.

At 2:26 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 4, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

(THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

At 2:00 PM, Rep. Roberson moved that the House stand in recess for the Joint Assembly at 2:00 PM, and also moved that the House would stand adjourned upon dissolution of the Joint Assembly until 9:00 AM on Friday, January 5, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

JOINT SESSION

The hour of 2:00 PM having arrived, which was set by **S. C. R. No. 501** for a Joint Session of the Legislature to Inaugurate the Lt. Governor and other Statewide Elected Officials and to Elect the State Librarian. The Joint Assembly convened in the House Chamber and was called to order by Speaker White.

Speaker White yielded the gavel to Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who presided over the Joint Assembly.

The National Anthem was led by the Jackson State University Choir. Lt. Governor Hosemann thanked the Directors of the JSU Choir, Lisa Beckley-Roberts and Cecil Harry.

Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann introduced all of the elected officials and many guests who were present.

Governor Tate Reeves

Mississippi Supreme Court: Chief Justice Mike Randolph
Presiding Justice James Kitchens
Presiding Justice Leslie King
Associate Justice Josiah Coleman
Associate Justice James Maxwell
Associate Justice Dawn Beam
Associate Justice Robert Chamberlin
Associate Justice David Ishee
Associate Justice Kenneth Griffis

Mississippi Court of Appeals:
Chief Judge Donna Barnes
Presiding Judge Virginia Carlton
Presiding Judge Jack Wilson
Judge Latrice Westbrooks
Judge Deborah McDonald
Judge David Neil McCarty

Transportation Commission:
John Caldwell
Willie Simmons
Charles Busby

Public Service Commission:
Chris Brown
De'Keither Stamps
Nelson Carr

ELECTION OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN

Lt. Governor Hosemann recognized Senator DeLano for a motion.
Senator DeLano nominated Stephen Parks for State Librarian.
Representative Fred Shanks seconded the nomination and made a motion to close nominations and elect Stephen Parks as the State Librarian by acclamation.
The Joint Assembly elected the State Librarian by acclamation.

OATH ADMINISTERED TO STATE LIBRARIAN

Lt. Governor Hosemann administered the oath required by the Constitution to Stephen Parks, State Librarian.

The Clerk announced a committee composed of Representatives Hood, Watson and Yates and Senators Hickman, Hopson and Wiggins to escort the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court to the Speaker's stand.

OATH ADMINISTERED TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann introduced all the many distinguished guests and presented Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Mike Randolph, who administered the Oath of Office to the following elected officials:

Michael Watson, Secretary of State
Lynn Fitch, Attorney General
David McRae, State Treasurer
Shad White, State Auditor
Andy Gipson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce
Mike Chaney, Commissioner of Insurance

A committee composed of Representatives Creekmore, Denton and Massengill and Senators Chassaniol, Frazier and McMahan escorted the family of Lt. Governor-elect Delbert Hosemann to the Speaker's Stand.

OATH ADMINISTERED TO THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Chief Justice Mike Randolph, administered the oath required by the Constitution to Delbert Hosemann and he addressed the Joint Assembly with the following remarks:

Thank you!

After we have worked together the last four years on so many issues and the tremendous achievements you accomplished, it is very special to me to have 97 old friends in the House and 45 in the Senate.

For you new members, four years ago, I advised the House the Rotunda sometimes symbolizes a chasm accentuating our differences. The Rotunda has two walkways to bridge the gap. We will continue to use the walkways.

As most of you know, our family is blessed to have my wife Lynn, and children Kristen, Chad, and Mark, daughters-in-law Courtney and Leslie, and eight grandchildren: Grace, Nora Lynn, Carson, Charlie, Manse, Howard Delbert, Charlotte, and Bobby. They are thanking you for keeping me employed.

During the last few years, this Legislature has addressed needed teacher compensation, school funding, roads, bridges, water and sewer and other infrastructure, tax reduction packages, mental health, protecting our children, healthcare for mothers and new babies, security for our citizens, devoted millions of dollars to restoring our parks and providing public spaces for hunting and enjoying our beautiful state, and providing our citizens with the ability to change the actual symbol of our State.

Your action was unparalleled in its scope and historic in its results. Never in the history of this State have our education scores risen so largely and our unemployed lowered to basically full employment for every citizen who wants to work.

You accomplished all this while at the same time fully funding our rainy-day fund, our hurricane windpool, paying off \$900 million dollars in state debt, and maintaining a billion dollars in cash reserves.

To put this in perspective, California is facing a \$68 billion dollar budget shortfall.

You have a record—and it is one of achievement.
Now, we open the door to the future.

Our labor force participation rate is the lowest in the country. That is the percent of people who are 16 and older who are actually working. Our economy is not sustainable with further declines. Economic development will wilt without an educated workforce to retain it.

Encouraging personal initiative to be gainfully employed is paramount.

Each person must have the education they need to obtain a positive economic future. This education must demand quality and achievement from those who provide it and be adequately funded from pre-K through the highest level sought by our citizens. We will propose a last-dollar tuition program for our outstanding community colleges to offer citizens the additional public education they need and to raise this labor force participation rate.

Our healthcare system, like most of the rest of the country, is struggling. Staffing shortages, hospital costs and capacity, mental health issues, pharmaceutical costs, availability of preventive healthcare, and the actual cost to working people of insurance all face us.

A shotgun approach is not the answer.
A comprehensive approach is.

The trustees of our current Public Employees Retirement System have now changed from one year ago in their position that PERS will be 93% funded by 2047 to now saying it will be 48% funded by 2047. They have also indicated larger additional contributions from current employees and the state will be required in addition to another tier for future employees. This absolute obligation of the state will drive most of your financial decisions this year and in the future.

In this room, we have the ability and the leadership to address these and the myriad of other issues you will face.

I am confident you will again have a record of achievement.

Now, let us get started. And may God bless each of us.

At 4:21 PM on motion of Representative Yancey, the Joint Session was dissolved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 1: House Rules; adopt temporary rules.

H. R. No. 2: House officers; provide method and manner of election.

H. R. No. 3: Management and Rules Committees; provide method and manner of electing members.

H. R. No. 4: House members; provide for selection of desks and parking spaces.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert wester, Robert Maddox, James R. Bridges, Gayther Craft, Jimmy Carter, and Cyndi Colson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Nelson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jeffrey Alboine Miller, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Carpenter and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Maxine Moseley Warren, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joel Louis "Joe" Rivers, Jr., which motion prevailed.

FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

(FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Dan Eubanks.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 1: Joint session; provide for the inauguration of and to hear the message of Governor Tate Reeves.

H. C. R. No. 2: Governor-elect Tate Reeves; appoint a joint committee of the House and Senate to arrange inauguration of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. R. No. 5: (Representative White) House Rules; amend Temporary Rules to revise provisions relating to membership on standing committees. Rules.

H. R. No. 6: (Representative Massengill) Colonel Randy C. Ginn; commend upon retirement from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 5: House Rules; amend Temporary Rules to revise provisions relating to membership on standing committees. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

Gregory Holloway, Sr., Temporary Chairman

Head Page, Ben Adams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Taahir Banks	Lorman, MS
Tyvianna Burns	Jackson, MS
Jaylen Chatman	Richland, MS
Levi Cook	Clinton, MS
Miles Dampier	Magee, MS
Jennifer Fleming	Jackson, MS
Jamya McAbee	Jackson, MS
Bryson Moore	Jackson, MS
Connor Pittman	Magee, MS
Reed Plotner	Madison, MS
Caroline Smith	Jackson, MS
Tate Smith	Jackson, MS
Khloe Summers	Brandon, MS
Kelis Nicole Taylor	Clinton, MS
Keri Noelle Taylor	Clinton, MS
Justice Thomas	Ridgeland, MS
Layton Varner	Florence, MS

Rep. Holloway, G called up:

H. R. No. 5: House Rules; amend Temporary Rules to revise provisions relating to membership on standing committees.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Holloway, G unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 5: House Rules; amend Temporary Rules to revise provisions relating to membership on standing committees.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. C. R. No. 501: Joint assembly to inaugurate Lieutenant Governor and state officials.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Holloway K and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Former Representative Ferr Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Blackwell, Byrd and Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jack Delk, which motion prevailed.

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

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Smith, The Honorable David Lyon, The Honorable Frank McKenzie, Leonard Busby, and Carolyn Turner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Barton, Burch and Lott and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Deputy Jeremy Malone, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford J moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John (Jack) Westbrook Robertson, Jr., which motion prevailed.

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

Representative Brown moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gloria Greer, which motion prevailed.

At 9:30 AM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 8, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

(SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Jason Gadman, The Church of Mendenhall.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak,

Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Newman.

A quorum was present.

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

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 6: Colonel Randy C. Ginn; commend upon retirement from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

Gregory Holloway, Sr., Temporary Chairman

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William H. "Bill" Jones, Cleo Johnson, and Sally Mae Johnson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Wayne Aultman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Freddie J. Hammonds, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Burch and Lott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Katie Pipkins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Vann Windom, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sidney D. "Sid" Burns, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanders moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Andre Perry, which motion prevailed.

At 2:14 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

(EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Otis Anthony.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Newman.

A quorum was present.

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

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Rep. Holloway, G called up:

H. R. No. 6: Colonel Randy C. Ginn; commend upon retirement from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Holloway, G unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

At 10:14 AM, Rep. Roberson moved that the House stand in recess for the Joint Assembly at 10:30 AM, and also moved that the House would stand adjourned upon dissolution of the Joint Assembly until 2:00 PM on Wednesday, January 10, 2024.

JOINT SESSION

The hour of 10:30 AM having arrived, which was set by **H. C. R. No. 1** for a Joint Session of the Legislature to hear a message from Governor Tate Reeves, the Joint Assembly convened on the South Steps of the Capitol and was called to order by Lt. Governor, Delbert Hosemann.

A committee composed of Representatives Bell C, Creekmore, Eure, Ford J and Mangold and Senators Blackwell, Blount, Butler, England and Parks escorted Governor Tate Reeves and First Lady of the State of Mississippi Elee Reeves to the Speaker's podium.

Invocation by Rep. Ronnie Crudup, Jr.

The Mississippi National Guard presented the Colors and sang the National Anthem.

Speaker Jason White introduced the many dignitaries present.
Scripture Reading by Senator Jenifer Branning.

Jason White, Speaker of the House of Representatives yielded the gavel to Chief Justice Mike Randolph.

OATH ADMINISTERED TO THE GOVERNOR-ELECT

Mike Randolph, Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, administered the oath required by the Constitution to Governor Tate Reeves.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Governor Tate Reeves addressed the Joint Session as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice. It is a great day to be a Mississippian.

Lieutenant Governor Hosemann, Speaker White, President Pro Tem Kirby, Speaker Pro Tem Barton, members of the Mississippi Legislature, friends, family, and my fellow Mississippians joining us in person and those watching from home, it is my pleasure to stand before you here today.

It is the single highest honor of my professional life to serve as the governor of the great state of Mississippi. And it brings me tremendous joy to stand before great leaders, the people of Mississippi, and God to take this oath today.

Before I go any further, I'd like to take a moment to thank the most important Mississippian to me and my family, my wife and our First Lady, Elee Reeves.

There are no words that can properly summarize how much you mean to me. From the day we met, less than one mile from this Capitol, everything has been different, and better. You are a wonderful wife, an amazing mom, and a terrific ambassador for our state. Thank you for being right by my side over this wild ride together.

I also want to thank our daughters, Tyler, Emma, and Maddie. I know that each of you make sacrifices as well – and you have made them as long as you can remember. Your mom and I are incredibly blessed by you – and I am so excited to see the strong, confident young women you are becoming.

I want to thank my dad, my mom, my brother Todd, my Mamaw, and the rest of my family. None of you signed up for, nor do you deserve, the lies and false attacks hurled at you simply because you are related, but please know that I love you all and I'm grateful for each of you. The reason I find myself here today is rooted in the values and love that come from you.

Many years ago, just after college, Elee and I decided to plant our roots in our home state, and to do everything in our power to make it better. It was a conscious decision. We had other options. We could have gone other places and done other things. But the pull of Mississippi was too strong. We were all in from the start. We volunteered. We worked hard. Bought a house in the city of Jackson. We did not at that time imagine statewide office, but we were determined to make a difference.

Then, in 2003, in what was a surprise to a lot of people, the voters of our state took a chance on a conservative young investment banker, and made me the first Republican treasurer in the history of our state.

My gratitude to the people of Mississippi for placing their trust in me, that day and every day since, can never fully be expressed in words. I thank God each and every day that he has provided the opportunity to serve.

And I'd like you each to know, from the bottom of my heart, how deeply thankful I am for your support.

I've met a few Mississippians who have voted for me every single time since 2003. And not all of them are related to me.

And I'm fully aware there are people who have never voted for me, not once in twenty years – but pray for me to succeed never the less.

And whether you voted for me or not, this time or ever, I want you to know it matters not. As I did four years ago, I want to once again make this promise to all of you – that I will be a governor for ALL Mississippi.

The longer I have served, the more I have come to appreciate that the defining characteristic about Mississippi is that sense that we are all in it together.

It is not our food, our football, or even our music that makes us unique. It is our commitment to each other.

I don't think anybody could have anticipated what we would face together as a state over the last four years. Tornadoes. Floods. Hurricanes. And a pandemic on top of it all. Yet, through every challenge encountered, we have emerged stronger.

Through every moment of despair, Mississippians showed the strength of our character and chose to be a light amidst the darkness.

That is a testament to the goodness of our people. And it makes me all the prouder to be a Mississippian.

I'll tell you this, I have frequently turned to God in prayer over these last four years. As a matter of fact, I have prayed a lot more as governor than I thought I would when I was sworn in the first time. And I know that I will do so again over the next four years.

That's why I'm especially thankful that we were once again able to start this inaugural ceremony with a prayer service Sunday. Mississippians are never bashful about our reliance on the Lord. We know that our faith is responsible for the ties that bind. And I am proud we come together so consistently to lift up our voices in unified prayer to an almighty God.

I promise all of you that I will continue seeking God's guidance through every challenge that we face – and I ask that you ask God to guide me when you pray as well.

Four years ago, I stood before you and discussed what we aimed to accomplish over this first term.

Four years ago, I stood here and called for a history-making increase in workforce training.

Then, together, we created the Office of Workforce Development, Accelerate Mississippi – and invested millions to equip our people with the skills they need for good jobs.

Just last week, Site Selection Magazine said our workforce efforts passed Texas and Louisiana in 2023, and we ain't done yet.

Four years ago, I called for a pay raise for our teachers.

Together, we secured the largest pay raise in state history.

Four years ago, I said we would travel the world to bring more great companies to Mississippi.

Together, we secured record breaking economic investment, which included the single largest economic deal in state history.

And you ain't seen nothing yet! We've got some big things coming. Projects that will fundamentally change lives and transform our state for the better.

On top of this, we delivered the single largest tax cut in our state's history and returned over half a billion dollars to Mississippians. We made historic investments in our state's infrastructure. We've achieved the Mississippi miracle in education, with more kids graduating than ever before. We went from 49th to 21st in fourth grade reading, from dead last to 23rd in fourth grade math, and we were among the top 5 in the entire nation when it came to fourth grade reading test scores for African American students. We are making sure ALL of Mississippi has momentum.

We bolstered our state's hospitals, expanded conservation efforts, increased training opportunities for medical professionals, committed more resources to public safety, and so much more.

And today, I am proud to tell you, we're just getting started.

So what comes next for Mississippi?

There is no doubt that our bad numbers are getting better, and our good numbers are becoming great.

I love to talk about rankings and results. I'm a numbers guy. But we are not pursuing test scores to beat Alabama. We are not pursuing capital investment to have bragging rights over Arkansas.

We are pursuing excellence – to secure permanence.

For too many decades, Mississippi's most valuable export has not been our cotton, or even our culture. It's been our kids.

Mississippi minds dominate some of the top positions in government, business, and entertainment across the country. They carry with them the pride and grit that is engrained in every Mississippian. They made other places better – and we missed out on all they could have done here at home.

My goal is not just to ensure that Mississippi is a source of pride, but that it can be the place where they achieve their fortune and dominance in their field.

By now you know I love to say that Mississippi has momentum. And we do. But today I want to tell you what I believe we must DO with that momentum.

Our goal must be what I call Mississippi Forever.

I want to build a state where my daughters, and all of our sons and daughters can proudly stay and raise their families.

I want every kid, from the Delta to the Coast, from Tishomingo to Tallahatchie, to grow up with the idea that they'll be Mississippi Forever.

I want every child to have the opportunities for an education, and a career, that enable them to be Mississippi Forever.

I want companies that are born here, to know they can grow here – Mississippi Forever.

And I want people who live in other states, many of whom grew up here, who are frustrated by the breakdown of culture and society where they live, who feel like they cannot get ahead, I want those families to look across the dinner table at each other and say: "honey, we need to go to Mississippi forever."

We do not need to aim to merely get better. We need to make it our priority to be the best, at everything that matters.

To accomplish this, we must be realistic about the challenges that we still face.

We need to honestly assess the barriers in our economy – and boldly knock them down.

We need to recognize that the cost of healthcare continues to rise, and access seems too limited.

We need to make sure we do not rest on our success in education and workforce training. Momentum is our asset and inertia is our enemy. We cannot settle for better – we have to demand the best.

Here in this building, we need to be adjusting our sights.

We need to be bold in our goals and carry our Mississippi pride into our actions. We can compete with anyone and win. We can achieve the things that our neighbors have achieved.

When our sons and daughters say: "I am from Mississippi," we can give them the pride to deliver that statement with a straight back and a strong voice.

Let's continue to give Mississippians relief from taxes and eliminate the burdens on their families. Let's be transformational in those efforts to compete with the best.

Let's continue to invest in and bolster Mississippi's nationally recognized education system.

Let's protect mothers and babies by further expanding the Pro-Life Agenda – by making Mississippi the best place in America to have and raise a child.

Let's protect the rights of parents and let's protect our kids.

Let's proudly defend our culture and our way of life.

Let's make Mississippi the safest state in the entire nation.

And let's relentlessly recruit new jobs not just to our prosperous counties but to all our communities.

The fact is that everything we do, we do together. There is no black Mississippi or white Mississippi. There is no red Mississippi or blue Mississippi. There is only one Mississippi – and it is Mississippi Forever.

We know that in our hearts, none of us ever leave Mississippi. Our task is to make sure our opportunities align with our sentiment.

I really do believe that this is Mississippi's time. We have an opportunity ahead of us that we must seize. But it will require that we be bold and ambitious.

We must be bold in our reforms. We must be bold in winning new jobs and businesses. We must be bold in our commitment to principles. And we must be bold to build a brighter future for the state we all love.

I'd like to end this speech where I started. Back twenty years ago when I first took this oath. As I have prepared for this day these last few weeks, it has been apparent to me that this is my last opportunity to do the thing I have most wanted to do my entire adult life.

And I know that I am not alone. I am surrounded by people in this Capitol, in both parties, who have chosen a path to make Mississippi better. And as I campaigned this year, I was struck by the fact that virtually everyone was driven by a desire to bring Mississippi up.

We have all been placed in a position of great importance. We sit at a crossroads for our state.

We've been entrusted by our friends, peers, and neighbors to make decisions that will impact many lives, not just today, but for many years to come.

Let us take up this work with joy and determination. Let us come together and heal our differences. Let us all throw ourselves at the great mission. Let us be united by our mission to make Mississippi the home for all its sons and daughters – forever.

Thank you all for being here today. Thank you to all of our legislators for giving your time and energy to serve our state. Thank you all for your support. And thank you all for your prayers.

May God bless you. May God bless your families. And may God bless the great state of Mississippi!

At 11:40 AM on motion of Representative Hale, the Joint Session was dissolved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 6: Colonel Randy C. Ginn; commend upon retirement from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Towanna Lynette Salter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe Patterson, and Mary Holbrook, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Evelyn Burns, Lola Ruth Rolison Galyean, Barbara Elizabeth Murray Taylor, Timothy Ray (Brillo) Evans, Calvin Elliott Riley, Clarence Henry Albritton, Robert Jeffery Moore, II, and Joseph Dewayne Thorne, Sr., which motion prevailed.

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

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kathy Vanessa Powe, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Victor Fairburn, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard Palmer Mueller, Jr., which motion prevailed.

SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

(NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Head Page, Dru Black, introduced the following pages for the week:

Grayson Matthew Blair	Brandon, MS
Emma Katherine Scoggins	Mendenhall, MS
Emma Grace Wallace	Mendenhall, MS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 1: Joint session; provide for the inauguration of and to hear the message of Governor Tate Reeves.

H. C. R. No. 2: Governor-elect Tate Reeves; appoint a joint committee of the House and Senate to arrange inauguration of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Laura Mae Ball, Laura Robbins Bass, Henry Howard Bennett, Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Bennett, Jean Pigott Bourne, Stephanie Jane Brown, Dr. Charles Duane Burgess, Sr. , William "Bill" Carroll, Jr. , Kathryn Smith Carson, Waldo Wade Cleland, John Lewis Davis, Chester Lee Douglas, James "Jimmy" Easterling, Janice Lee Haddox, Gail Parham Houston, Eleanor Blackwell Johnson, Robert G. Johnson, Marshall L. Johnson, Herman Carl Kleinke, III., Barbara Bean Lowe, Ronald Luethye, MD, Stephen Scott McDonald, Harry Loyd Morgan, Ronnie Earl Pierce , Diane Pittman, Amy Darlene Price, Frances Ramshur, James Edward "Ed" Rayborn, Jennings Earl Reid, Robert Kelly Speights, Jr. , Joshua Landon Steets, Fred Thomas "Tommy" Stringer, Jane Stringer, Albert Morris Sweatt, Sr. , Marvin L. Thornhill, and Louanne Whitaker, which motion prevailed.

Representative Nelson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Fabian Sanchez, which motion prevailed.

Representative McMillan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danny Earl Foil, which motion prevailed.

At 2:09 PM, on motion of Rep. Roberson the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, January 11, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

(TENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lance Varner.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

Representative Massengill introduced Colonel Randy C. Ginn, House Resolution 6.

Representative Hurst moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Miss Corley Ann Grayson, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Shanks and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Clarence James Cooper, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 2:20 PM, on motion of Rep. Haney the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 12, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

(ELEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Clerk announced the following committee assignments:

Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency

Kevin Ford, Chairman; Daryl Porter, Vice-Chairman

Members: Randy P. Boyd; Billy Adam Calvert; Ronnie C. Crudup; Becky Currie; Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes; Clay Mansell; Kent McCarty; Orlando Paden; Kimberly Remak

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Bill Pigott, Chairman; Vince Mangold, Vice-Chairman

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Appropriations A

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Appropriations B

C. Scott Bounds, Chairman

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Appropriations C

Clay Deweese, Chairman

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Appropriations D

Sam C. Mims, V, Chairman

Members: Manly Barton; Angela Cockerham; John G. Faulkner; Joey Hood; Jay McKnight; John Read; Randy Rushing; Percy W. Watson

Appropriations E

Karl Oliver, Chairman

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Donnie Scoggin, Chairman; Gregory Holloway, Sr., Vice-Chairman
Members: Jeramey Anderson; C. Scott Bounds; Randy P. Boyd; Tamarra Butler-Washington; Billy Adam Calvert; Carolyn Crawford; Clay Deweese; Jim Estrada; Casey Eure; John G. Faulkner; Stephanie Foster; W.I. Harris; Josh Hawkins; Celeste Hurst; Lataisha Jackson; Steve Lott; Kent McCarty; Missy McGee; Dana McLean; Orlando Paden; Rob Roberson; Robert L. Sanders; Cheikh Taylor; Lance Varner; Charles Young, Jr.

Ways and Means

John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Chairman; Jody Steverson, Vice-Chairman
Members: Shane Aguirre; Otis Anthony; Willie Bailey; Earle S. Banks; Shane Barnett; Donnie Bell; Christopher M. Bell; Cedric Burnett; Larry Byrd; Lester Carpenter; Carolyn Crawford; Oscar Denton; Bob Evans; Kevin Ford; Karl Gibbs; Jeffrey S. Guice; Greg Haney; Gregory Holloway, Sr.; Kevin Horan; Stephen A. Horne; Robert L. Johnson III; Bill Kinkade; Timmy Ladner; Ken Morgan; Brent Powell; Noah Sanford; Fred Shanks; Mark Tullos; Price Wallace; Lee Yancey; Henry Zuber III

Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Bill Kinkade, Chairman; Jimmy Fondren, Vice-Chairman
Members: Brent Anderson; Shane Barnett; Charles Blackwell; C. Scott Bounds; Lester Carpenter; Bob Evans; Jill Ford; Karl Gibbs; Jeff Hale; W.I. Harris; Justin Keen; John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III; Vince Mangold; Clay Mansell; Brad Mattox; Ken Morgan; Karl Oliver; Joesph Tubb; Price Wallace

Workforce Development

Donnie Bell, Chairman; Dana McLean, Vice-Chairman
Members: Otis Anthony; William Tracy Arnold; Billy Adam Calvert; Oscar Denton; Jill Ford; Justis Gibbs; Greg Haney; W.I. Harris; Kenji Holloway; Celeste Hurst; Jonathan Ray Lancaster; Steve Lott; Clay Mansell; Jonathan McMillan; Donnie Scoggin; Zakiya Summers; Rickey Thompson; Joesph Tubb; Beth Luther Waldo

Youth and Family Affairs

Otis Anthony, Chairman; Kabir Karriem, Vice-Chairman

Members: Charles Blackwell; Celeste Hurst; Clay Mansell; Hester Jackson McCray; Dana McLean; Rob Roberson

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Noel H. Wilson, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative McMillan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Phares Carby "Daddy D", which motion prevailed.

At 9:23 AM, on motion of Bell, D the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 15, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

(FOURTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lee Yancey.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Boyd, R. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bennett and Boyd, R.

A quorum was present.

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

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Representatives McCarty, McGee and Tubb moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael E. Mickey Ryan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Nelson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Justice Raquel Porter, which motion prevailed.

Representative Stevenson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danny Eugene Lawson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sylvia Lawson, which motion prevailed.

At 4:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

ELEVENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

(FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. John Hines.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Boyd, R. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bennett and Boyd, R.

A quorum was present.

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

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Representatives Horan and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorothy Perry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver and Speaker Jason White moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marvell Morgan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joy Grice Little, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlie C. Robinson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Calvin Clay, which motion prevailed.

At 2:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWELFTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

(SIXTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Boyd, R.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1: (Representative Clark) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 2: (Representative Clark) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. County Affairs; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 3: (Representative Scott) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 4: (Representative Scott) Parolees who participate in faith-based or faith-based sponsored activities; authorize reduction of time spent on probation. Corrections.

H. B. No. 5: (Representative Scott) Earned-discharge credits; authorize offenders on probation/parole to earn for participation in faith-based activities. Corrections.

H. B. No. 6: (Representative Clark) Joint state-county work programs; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Corrections; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 7: (Representative Hines) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Insurance.

H. B. No. 8: (Representative Clark) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Insurance; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 9: (Representative Ladner) Property insurance; authorize appraisal panel to determine value of property and amount of loss, including issues of causation. Insurance.

H. B. No. 10: (Representative Scott) Workers' compensation; revise amount allowed for disability or death cases. Insurance.

H. B. No. 11: (Representative Currie) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Insurance.

H. B. No. 12: (Representative Currie) State Health Plan; provide coverage for prosthetic teeth and dental implants for children with oligodontia. Insurance.

H. B. No. 13: (Representative Currie) Health Insurance policies; require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Insurance.

H. B. No. 14: (Representative Faulkner) Income tax; authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. Workforce Development; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 15: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create an advisory board on industry standards. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 16: (Representative Osborne) Fair Minimum Wage Act; create. Workforce Development; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 17: (Representative Bell (65th)) DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 18: (Representative Hines) Department of Human Services; create a board of directors for. Public Health and Human Services; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 19: (Representative Hines) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 20: (Representative Hines) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 21: (Representative Scott) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 22: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Public Health and Human Services; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 23: (Representative Scott) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Public Health and Human Services; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 24: (Representative Scott) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Public Health and Human Services; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 25: (Representative Scott) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 26: (Representative Scott) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Public Health and Human Services; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 27: (Representative Hines) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 28: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Public Health and Human Services; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 29: (Representative Scott) Healthcare Coordinating Council; reconstitute and require to make report on specific health goals for the state. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 30: (Representative Scott) Children's Advocacy Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 31: (Representative Newman) Abortion; prohibit advertisement for. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 32: (Representative Currie) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide contraceptive supplies. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 33: (Representative Hines) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 34: (Representative Hines) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 35: (Representative Hines) Chronic diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs in certain counties. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 36: (Representative Clark) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 37: (Representative Currie) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physician's referral before performing services. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 38: (Representative Hines) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 39: (Representative Scott) Health and human services agencies; require to prepare video with nutrition and healthy eating information for benefit recipients. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 40: (Representative Hale) Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 41: (Representative Barton) Podiatrist; authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 42: (Representative Stevenson) MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 43: (Representative Kinkade) Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 44: (Representative Roberson) Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 45: (Representative Currie) Physical therapists; require referral for services to remain valid for one year. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 46: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2024; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 47: (Representative Scott) The Crown Act; create to include property sales. Judiciary A; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 48: (Representatives Lamar, Deweese) Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 49: (Representative Paden) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Judiciary A; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 50: (Representative Currie) Child support for pregnant women; provide authority to allow court to order. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 51: (Representatives Karriem, Clark, Porter, Faulkner, Hines, James-Jones, Holloway (27th), Osborne, Sanders, Hulum, Harness, Anthony, Rosebud, Johnson, Bailey, Butler-Washington, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Crudup,

Denton, Gibbs (72nd), Mickens, Thompson) State holiday; exclusively recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on the third Monday of January. Rules.

H. B. No. 52: (Representative Burnett) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 53: (Representative Burnett) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 54: (Representative Burnett) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 55: (Representative Burnett) Retired judges; authorize to solemnize marriages. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 56: (Representative Burnett) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 57: (Representative Karriem) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 58: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 59: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 60: (Representative Karriem) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license for those suspended due to noncompliance with an order of support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 61: (Representative Karriem) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. Municipalities; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 62: (Representative Karriem) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 63: (Representative Karriem) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 64: (Representative Karriem) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 65: (Representative Karriem) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Education.

H. B. No. 66: (Representative Karriem) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Education.

H. B. No. 67: (Representative Karriem) Minimum wage; establish at \$15.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 68: (Representatives Karriem, Clark, Porter, James-Jones, Hines, Holloway (27th), Faulkner, Osborne, Sanders, Hulum, Harness, Anthony, Rosebud,

Johnson, Bailey, Butler-Washington, Banks, Bell (65th), Crudup, Denton, Gibbs (72nd), Mickens, Thompson) State holiday; observe Robert E. Lee's birthday on the same day as Confederate Memorial Day. Rules.

H. B. No. 69: (Representative Mickens) Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 70: (Representative Mickens) Corporal punishment; prohibit in public and charter schools. Education.

H. B. No. 71: (Representative Mickens) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 72: (Representatives Mickens, Porter) Fresh Start Act of 2019; revise to prohibit licensing authority from requiring the disclosure of certain information and allow individual to offer certain information. Business and Commerce; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 73: (Representatives Owen, Yates) School attendance officers; transfer responsibility of employment from MDE to local school districts. Education.

H. B. No. 74: (Representative Mickens) Memorial highways; designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway". Transportation.

H. B. No. 75: (Representative Mickens) Memorial highway; designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway." Transportation.

H. B. No. 76: (Representative Currie) Physical therapists; revise circumstances and criteria under which they may implement treatment without a referral. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 77: (Representative Scott) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Business and Commerce; Housing; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 78: (Representative Clark) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Housing; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 79: (Representative Clark) Housing repair grant program; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. Housing; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 80: (Representative Currie) Presumption of death; create for missing persons who have undergone a catastrophic event causing imminent peril. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 81: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with purchase of a fire truck for Ingram Volunteer Fire Department. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 82: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 6105 water line replacement project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 83: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Brickyard Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 84: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Ripley Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 85: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin paving Cox Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 86: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Bluebell Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 87: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Thomas Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 88: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with purchase fire fighting and fire protection equipment. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 89: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving South Second Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 90: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 170 gas line extension project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 91: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 167 gas line extension project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 92: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving North Second Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 93: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Smithy Drive. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 94: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 95: (Representative Turner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Poplar Street. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 96: (Representative Summers) State identification for homeless persons; authorize. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 97: (Representative Summers) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 98: (Representative Clark) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 99: (Representative Clark) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Municipalities; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 100: (Representative Hines) Retailers; prohibit use of self-checkout terminals to scan consumer's driver's licenses to verify age. Business and Commerce; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 101: (Representative Scott) Patent confirmation process; fees and costs associated with shall not be more than amount for which the land was purchased. Business and Commerce; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 102: (Representative Hines) Medicaid; provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 103: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 104: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 105: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 106: (Representative Summers) Online voter registration; authorize and establish the process for. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 107: (Representative Summers) Motor vehicle license tag; authorize dealers to issue temporary tags to purchasers. Business and Commerce; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 108: (Representative Summers) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal child income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 109: (Representative Hale) "Mason Wilbanks Emergency Personnel Observation Memorial Law"; designate provision requiring right-of-way observance for emergency vehicles as. Transportation.

H. B. No. 110: (Representative Osborne) Custodial Interrogations Act; create and authorize electric recording of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 111: (Representative Wallace) School Boards; authorize to enter into long-term contract for sale of timber on 16th section lands. Education.

H. B. No. 112: (Representatives Wallace, Shanks) Parole Board hearings; provide that required notification be sent via certified mail to crime victim and immediate family members of homicide victim. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 113: (Representative Wallace) Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 114: (Representatives Wallace, Shanks) State Parole Board; dissolve and reconstitute membership of. Corrections; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 115: (Representative Scott) Juneteenth National Independence Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. State Affairs; Rules.

H. B. No. 116: (Representative Scott) Mississippi Development Authority; require to conduct review of infrastructures in counties with high rates of poverty. State Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 117: (Representative Steverson) Mississippi Work and Save Program; create. State Affairs; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 118: (Representative Thompson) Driver's license; prescribe information to be included on and authorize discretionary inclusion of blood type. Transportation.

H. B. No. 119: (Representative Bell (65th)) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee. Transportation.

H. B. No. 120: (Representative Thompson) Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway." Transportation.

H. B. No. 121: (Representative Hines) Motor vehicle lien; authorize mechanic to seek title from title loan company after nonpayment for services. Transportation; Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 122: (Representative Osborne) State holidays; remove Confederate Memorial Day as a legal. Rules.

H. B. No. 123: (Representative Paden) State holiday; if holiday falls on a Tuesday, then the day before such Tuesday shall also be a holiday. Rules.

H. B. No. 124: (Representatives Hulum, Carpenter, Watson, Hines, Bailey, Clark, McCray, Taylor, Currie, Johnson, Sanders, Harness, Anthony, Osborne) Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March. Rules.

H. B. No. 125: (Representative Clark) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Rules.

H. B. No. 126: (Representative Hines) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 127: (Representative Currie) State-supported postsecondary educational institutions; prohibit spending on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 128: (Representative Hines) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Universities and Colleges; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 129: (Representative Hines) Military education credits and certifications; require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of. Universities and Colleges; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 130: (Representative Bell (21st)) Publication for bid process for banks seeking to become depository for funds of local governments; clarify. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 131: (Representative Zuber) Lobbying; prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 132: (Representative Zuber) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the State Auditor. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 133: (Representative Zuber) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 134: (Representative Thompson) Charitable organizations; revise the registration renewal period of certain from every year to every 3 to 5 years. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 135: (Representative Scott) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 136: (Representative Currie) State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barbering; merge into one board. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 137: (Representatives Osborne, Hulum) Employment; prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 138: (Representative Roberson) 911 calls; require a public body to transcribe and release to the public if certain information redacted. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 139: (Representative Scott) Children's services and programs; require all state agencies to provide information relating to such in a list to the Legislature. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 140: (Representative Faulkner) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 141: (Representative Scott) Blank space on ballots; remove and provide supplementary ballot if a candidate is removed from race after ballots are printed. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 142: (Representative Zuber) Campaign finance reports; require candidates for county, county district and municipal offices to file with Secretary of State. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 143: (Representative Zuber) Campaign finance reports; shall be available on county and municipal websites. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 144: (Representative Steverson) Termination reports; require a candidate to be disqualified if he or she files while campaigning. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 145: (Representative Scott) Same-day voter registration; authorize. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 146: (Representative Lamar) Litigation funding by third parties; require all parties liable for costs. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 147: (Representative Currie) Unauthorized aliens; penalize transport into state by any person and prohibit forgery of documents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 148: (Representative Zuber) Weddings; authorize members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate to solemnize. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 149: (Representative Clark) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 150: (Representative Bell (65th)) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 151: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new elementary school for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 152: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Dr. Timothy Burrow Multipurpose Building in Jonestown. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 153: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with restriping and overlay of a portion of Friars Point Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 154: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 155: (Representative Faulkner) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 156: (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 157: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Verona with site development related to the Old Town Crossing Project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 158: (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 159: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a dormitory at Coahoma Community College. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 160: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe with repair and renovation of town park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 161: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with repair and renovation of city parks and golf course. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 162: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 163: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Martin Luther King Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 164: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar County and Washington County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 165: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Sasse Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 166: (Representative Scott) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections; Rules.

H. B. No. 167: (Representative Scott) Municipal election commissioners; revise appointments of. Apportionment and Elections; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 168: (Representative Ladner) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 169: (Representative Ladner) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 170: (Representative Scott) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 171: (Representative Osborne) Mississippi Voter Protection Act; create. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 172: (Representative Osborne) Early voting; authorize at the office of the registrar and additional early voting polling places. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 173: (Representative Summers) State identification for homeless persons; authorize. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 174: (Representative Currie) Health plans; prohibit from imposing fees on health care providers for electronic fund transfers. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 175: (Representative Currie) Mississippi Act WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) Scholarship Program; create. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 176: (Representatives Blackwell, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Byrd, Eubanks, Fondren, Scoggin) Gender dysphoria; require school personnel to notify parents of student who request to be referred to as different gender or nonhuman. Education.

H. B. No. 177: (Representative Currie) Dietician Licensure Compact; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 178: (Representative Newman) Texting while driving; change from civil to traffic violation and increase penalty. Transportation; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 179: (Representative Mickens) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 180: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Interlocal agreements concerning the use of services or facilities of certain county officials; require approval by officials before enforcement of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 181: (Representatives Osborne, Hulum) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Military Affairs; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 182: (Representative Osborne) Municipal Veterans Treatment Court; authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. Military Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 183: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Verona for site development work for Old Town Crossing Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 184: (Representative Hines) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 185: (Representative Hines) Child Care for Working Families Study Committee; establish. Youth and Family Affairs; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 186: (Representative Thompson) Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2024; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 187: (Representative Hines) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 188: (Representative Ladner) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; expand to nine members. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 189: (Representative Currie) Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Interstate Cooperation.

H. B. No. 190: (Representative Hines) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Education.

H. B. No. 191: (Representative Hines) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Education.

H. B. No. 192: (Representative Clark) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Education.

H. B. No. 193: (Representative Hines) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and print into primary spoken language of ELL students. Education.

H. B. No. 194: (Representative Lamar) "Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act"; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 195: (Representative Scott) Resolution board; revise time allowed to count certain absentee ballots. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 196: (Representative Scott) Absentee ballots; authorize executive committees to process for primary elections. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 197: (Representative Bell (21st)) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 198: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with improvements to its water and sewer systems. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 199: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Alligator with water and sewer project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 200: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 201: (Representative Scott) Sales tax; exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software and sales of feminine hygiene products. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 202: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Duncan with extending the walking trail in the town. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 203: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 204: (Representative Clark) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 205: (Representative Clark) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 206: (Representative Scott) Sales tax; exempt on retail sales of certain electronic devices. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 207: (Representative Bell (65th)) Bonds; authorize issuance for City Plaza Project in Jackson. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 208: (Representative Hines) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 209: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 210: (Representative Hines) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 211: (Representative Bell (65th)) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; exempt tag for supporters of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. from minimum purchase requirement. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 212: (Representative Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 213: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 214: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 215: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 216: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Old Union Water Association with system improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 217: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Plantersville with certain projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 218: (Representative Currie) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to 5th squad. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 219: (Representative Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 220: (Representative Owen) Sales tax; exempt sales of certain equipment and items to volunteer fire departments. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 221: (Representatives Osborne, Hulum) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 222: (Representative Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 223: (Representatives Currie, Mangold) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 224: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 225: (Representative Clark) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 226: (Representative Hines) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 227: (Representative Clark) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 228: (Representative Zuber) Simple assault; authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 229: (Representative Zuber) DUI; authorize judicial discretion to increase fines for violations of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 230: (Representative Zuber) Chancey court; clarify authority to handle allegations of child abuse. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 231: (Representative Currie) Immigrants; prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. Judiciary B; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 232: (Representative Scott) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum for those with the three lowest accountability ratings. Education.

H. B. No. 233: (Representative Currie) PEER; change reporting requirement on charter schools from annually to biennially. Education.

H. B. No. 234: (Representative Scott) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 235: (Representative Scott) Comprehensive sex education; require teaching of in Grades K-12. Education.

H. B. No. 236: (Representative Ford (54th)) Helping Heroes Act; create to provide support to first responders and public EMS personnel diagnosed with PTSD. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 237: (Representative Scott) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 238: (Representative Scott) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early release privilege eligibility. Education.

H. B. No. 239: (Representative Scott) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 240: (Representative Hines) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meetings in the event of family emergencies. Education.

H. B. No. 241: (Representative Hines) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Education.

H. B. No. 242: (Representative Clark) Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. Education.

H. B. No. 243: (Representative Clark) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Education.

H. B. No. 244: (Representative Clark) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Education.

H. B. No. 245: (Representative Scott) Early Commitment to College Program; establish in schools and districts assigned an "F" accountability rating. Education.

H. B. No. 246: (Representative Scott) Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Act; create. Education.

H. B. No. 247: (Representative Scott) Social workers; provide in schools having high incidences of crime and via video conferencing means. Education.

H. B. No. 248: (Representative Scott) School curriculum; require students to receive additional instruction in healthy living. Education.

H. B. No. 249: (Representative Paden) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Education.

H. B. No. 250: (Representative Scott) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create for administration of pre-ACT assessments in public schools. Education.

H. B. No. 251: (Representative Paden) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 252: (Representative Hines) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Education.

H. B. No. 253: (Representative Hines) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 254: (Representative Scott) Prekindergarten; require State Department of Education to create the "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. Education.

H. B. No. 255: (Representative Hines) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Insurance.

H. B. No. 256: (Representative Scott) "Dream Makers Program"; create as an after-school program for students in Grades 7 and 8. Education.

H. B. No. 257: (Representative Scott) "Mississippi Save Our Children Act"; create. Education.

H. B. No. 258: (Representative Scott) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Education.

H. B. No. 259: (Representative Currie) Public special purpose schools; exempt from certain audit requirements. Education.

H. B. No. 260: (Representative Scott) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create. Education; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 261: (Representative Scott) Vision 2030: An Education Blueprint for Two Thousand Thirty; create. Education; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 262: (Representative Scott) Mathematic and science instruction; enhance through new middle school programs. Education.

H. B. No. 263: (Representative Scott) Hope Program; establish and develop system to re-enroll high school dropouts in programs leading to a high school diploma. Education.

H. B. No. 264: (Representative Currie) School boards; prohibit from adopting policies requiring students to conceal identity of outside commercial food and beverages. Education.

H. B. No. 265: (Representative Scott) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Education.

H. B. No. 266: (Representative Scott) Mississippi High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2024; create. Education.

H. B. No. 267: (Representative Scott) "Mississippi Senior Cadets Program"; require State Department of Education to establish. Education.

H. B. No. 268: (Representative Scott) "Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program"; create under State Department of Education. Education; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 269: (Representative Scott) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Education.

H. B. No. 270: (Representative Scott) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Education.

H. B. No. 271: (Representative Burnett) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Gaming; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 272: (Representative Bell (21st)) Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding payment and retainage. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 273: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) State identification; authorize permanent identification for permanent residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 274: (Representative Thompson) "Jennifer's Law"; enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 275: (Representative Paden) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 276: (Representative Scott) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 277: (Representative Scott) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 278: (Representative Scott) Misdemeanors; revise age of expungement for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 279: (Representative Scott) Expungement; revise age for misdemeanor crimes for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 280: (Representative Hines) Cyberstalking; revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 281: (Representative Clark) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 282: (Representative Clark) Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 283: (Representative Scott) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 284: (Representative Scott) Delinquency of a minor; include causing a child to violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Law as. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 285: (Representative Scott) Subsequent offense; revise how a first offense is calculated. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 286: (Representatives Owen, McGee, McCarty) Sexual Battery; remove statute of limitations when DNA evidence is discovered. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 287: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Judiciary B; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 288: (Representative Ladner) The Ashley Henley Investigation Authority Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 289: (Representatives Owen, McGee, McCarty) Sexual battery; remove the statute of limitation for the crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 290: (Representative Osborne) Racial Profiling Prevention Act; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 291: (Representative Ladner) False allegations of hate crime; provide penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 292: (Representative Roberson) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 293: (Representative Thompson) Amiya Braxton; revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 294: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Indecent assault; create the crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 295: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Search warrant; authorize electronic application for and issuance of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 296: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Business and Commerce.

H. C. R. No. 3: (Representative Karriem) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 4: (Representative Karriem) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 5: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Hawkins) Melissa Cookston; commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 6: (Representative Zuber) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Rules.

H. R. No. 7: (Representative Karriem) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Rules.

H. R. No. 8: (Representative Karriem) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Rules.

The Speaker makes the following changes to committee assignments:

Remove Kevin Horan from Appropriations A
Remove Orlando Paden from Ways and Means
Add Kevin Horan to Ways and Means
Add Orlando Paden to Appropriations A
Remove Gene Newman from Ways and Means
Add Shane Barnett to Ways Means
Remove Karl Oliver from Military Affairs
Add Randy Rushing to Military Affairs
Remove Noah Sanford from Municipalities
Add Shanda to Municipalities

Head Page, Camille Waller, introduce the following pages for the week:

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Walker Blakeney
Jackson Roberds
Joseph Robinson

Fairhope, AL
Fairhope, AL
Moselle, MS

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lanoy Adcook, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Corley Ana Grayson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lila Irell Royals Lee, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Danny Hill, Briggs Bishop, Cheryl , "Cheri" Merritt Barry, Barbara Butin Bosarge, James Frank Weaver, Shannon Mott, John Clay, and Hank Florey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas Moreno Jones, Michael B. West, Betty Jean Ezell, and Richard Palmer Mueller, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Lott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carla Lowery, which motion prevailed.

Representative McMillan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Lynn "Ike" Ironhood, and Larry Wade Kitchens, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jimmy Webb, which motion prevailed.

At 2:17 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:30 AM, Thursday, January 18, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

(SEVENTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Chip Stevens, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

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

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Boyd, R. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bennett and Boyd, R.

A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 297: (Representatives Zuber, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th), Butler-Washington, Nelson, Hulum) Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; revise bidding procedure. State Affairs; Technology.

H. B. No. 298: (Representatives Crudup, Lamar) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of certain property, authorize grants for development of certain property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 299: (Representative Bounds) Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Forestry.

H. B. No. 300: (Representative Bounds) Department of Wildlife; authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 301: (Representative Crudup) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 302: (Representative Bounds) "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 303: (Representative Blackwell) Central Bank Digital Currency; prohibit governmental entities from using. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 304: (Representative Zuber) Airport authorities; require transportation network companies to obtain pass from military facility to transport passengers to facility. Military Affairs; Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 305: (Representative Bounds) Sales tax; exempt sales to/by any tribally chartered corporation or limited liability company of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Ways and Means; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 306: (Representative Brown) Minimum wage; establish at \$8.50 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 307: (Representative Crudup) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured certain damages. Insurance.

H. B. No. 308: (Representative Ford (54th)) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; revise to remove eight rounds requirement. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 309: (Representatives Hulum, Osborne, Anthony, Clark) Cemeteries on private property; provide right of access to for certain persons. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 310: (Representatives Ford (54th), Anthony) Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days. Transportation.

H. B. No. 311: (Representative Newman) Board of Cosmetology; extend date of repealer and make technical changes to licensure law. Business and Commerce; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 312: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster) Bobbie Gentry Day; declare June 3 as. Rules.

H. B. No. 313: (Representative Newman) Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 314: (Representative Yancey) Birth parents; release identifying information upon agreement by. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 315: (Representatives Yancey, Crawford, Hulum) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 316: (Representative Yancey) Water safety; require public schools to provide parents and student information on importance of and availability of local courses. Education.

H. B. No. 317: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Carpenter) EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 318: (Representatives Roberson, Ford (73rd)) "Fatherhood begins at Conception Act"; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 319: (Representatives Morgan, McCarty, Pigott) Distinguished motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Columbia Academy Cougars. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 320: (Representative Yancey) Health benefit plans; prohibit from providing coverage or related services for clinician-administered drugs. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 321: (Representative Yancey) Income tax; authorize a credit for contributions made to certain hospitals. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 322: (Representative Yancey) CON law; remove certain health care facilities and services from. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 323: (Representative Yancey) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the CON law. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 324: (Representative Sanford) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 325: (Representative Sanford) Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 326: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 327: (Representative Owen) School board members; require all to be elected for term of four years at the statewide general election or presidential election. Education.

H. R. No. 9: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster) Sam Mosley; commend upon musical success as member of famed blues band, Mosley and Johnson. Rules.

H. R. No. 10: (Representative Ford (54th)) Mississippi Fire Association; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 11: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster) Jimi Jamison; commend musical legacy of Mississippi native and lead singer of Survivor. Rules.

H. R. No. 12: (Representative Yancey) Sepsis Awareness Month; recognize September 2024 as. Rules.

At an Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi convened at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, on January 18, A. D., 2024, in compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Mississippi and the Proclamation of the Honorable Tate Reeves, Governor of the State:

Be it remembered, that on the day and year aforesaid, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their Chamber, and at 9:30 a.m. were called to order by the Honorable Speaker White, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who opened the session with prayer, invoking God's blessings upon the members and their labors.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting-- Boyd, R. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Boyd, R.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. 1: (Representatives Lamar, White, Kinkade, Faulker, Karriem) Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects. Ways and Means. First Extraordinary Session

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1: Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.

S. B. No. 2001: Project Poppy Fund; create.

S. B. No. 2002: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain.

Amanda White
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names

of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2001: Project Poppy Fund; create.
Appropriations A

S. B. No. 2002: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain.
Appropriations A

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

S. B. No. 2001: Project Poppy Fund; create.
Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2002: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain.
Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

H. B. No. 1: Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.
Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. 1: Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 695 by inserting the following after the comma: "the requirement that not less than seventy percent (70%) of such jobs must be held by persons who are residents of Mississippi,"

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

YEAS: 34 NAYS: 77 PRESENT: 0 NOT VOTING: 0 ABSENT: 1

YEAS - 34

Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young

NAYS - 77

Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber

NOT VOTING - 10

Bennett, Burnett, Currie, Evans, Faulker, Foster, Jackson, L, Luther-Waldo, McLean, Yates

ABSENT - 1

Boyd, R

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 3380 after the word "subsection": Such terms shall include a requirement that in addition to creating jobs within the community, the enterprise creating the project shall commit such funds as may be agreed upon governing authority to making an investment in the community by funding agreed upon improvements within the community in which the project is located. AMEND title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

YEAS: 35 NAYS: 80 PRESENT: 0 NOT VOTING: 6 ABSENT: 1

YEAS - 35

Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young

NAYS - 80

Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber

NOT VOTING - 6

Burnett, Currie, Evans, Faulker, Jackson, L, Yates

ABSENT - 1

Boyd, R

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. 1. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

YEAS: 117 NAYS: 2 PRESENT: 1 NOT VOTING: 1 ABSENT: 1

YEAS - 117

Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber

NAYS - 2

Currie, Eubanks

PRESENT - 1

Young

NOT VOTING - 1

Osborne

ABSENT - 1

Boyd, R

On motion of Rep. Lamar unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. 2001: Project Poppy Fund; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. 2001. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

YEAS: 117 NAYS: 1 PRESENT: 0 NOT VOTING: 3 ABSENT: 1

YEAS - 117

Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber

NAYS - 1
Eubanks

PRESENT - 0

NOT VOTING - 3
Bennett, Byrd, Currie

ABSENT - 1
Boyd, R

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. 2002: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. 2002. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

YEAS: 117 NAYS: 1 PRESENT: 0 NOT VOTING: 3 ABSENT: 1

YEAS - 117

Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber

NAYS - 1
Eubanks

PRESENT - 0

NOT VOTING - 3
Bennett, Byrd, Currie

ABSENT - 1
Boyd, R

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bills.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2001: Project Poppy Fund; create.

S. B. No. 2002: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tommy Wilmoth, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford K moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Fred Uzzle, Jr. , Terri Reeves, Margaret Rosetti, Avery Baker, Helen Canizaro, Richard Foreman, Tyler McRight, James Cardwell, Sr. , Walter Hintson, Linda Hall, Linda Sue Keever, Kenneth W. Buckley, Rayhon Ely Jones, Jr. , Bobby Jo McConnell, Wiley O. Flowers, Mattie Jo Daniel Cook, Elizabeth Adine Todd, Chad McMullin, Roy Douglas Wroten, Estrell Red Hambright, William Howard Kittrell, Sr. , Gregory Thomas Sanderford, Anita Louise Boswell, Dennis Wayne Gilcrease, Ralph Dowe, Rachel Leigh Avery, Johnny Phillips, Sally Sue Tompkins, Ray Lamar Heffner, Mary Elizabeth Moffett, Roy Everett Ivey, Linda Joyce Lawrence, Joe Douglas King, Eva Holmes Williams, Roblyn Ring, Garry Martin Gunn, Mary Etta Sanderford, James Wyatt, Donald Randolph, Dr. Ulmer Lee Applin, Jr. , Tammie Brown, Ralph Lick, Alexander Chancellor Mounger, Frank W. Kappler, Jr. , Dwight Lee Sibley, Richard Tillotson, Ellen Armstrong, Ruth Juanita Williams, William Dwayne Wyatt, Ruth Clayton Crout Nagle, and Clara Frances Pierce, which motion prevailed.

At 9:35 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned the FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SPECIAL SESSION SINE DIE until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 19, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FOURTEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

(EIGHTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robert Sanders.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Boyd, R.

A quorum was present.

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

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS FOR THIS DAY

Representative Lott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kay Grafe, which motion prevailed.

At 9:06 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 22, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTEENTH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

(TWENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Terry Fant, Hickory Ridge Baptist Church.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, January 22, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill (2024 First Extraordinary Session) on January 22, 2024:

(Special Session) H. B. No. 1: Economic development ; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.. Monday, January 22, 2024, 10:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 328: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 329: (Representatives Powell, Yates) Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 330: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 331: (Representatives Smith, Horne) Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 332: (Representative Felsher) "Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund"; increase deposits into. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 333: (Representative Felsher) Offenders in trusty status who have been convicted of felony child abuse; make ineligible to accumulate certain additional earned time. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 334: (Representative Felsher) Dental hygienists; authorize to work under the general supervision of a dentist in nursing homes. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 335: (Representative Felsher) Arrest warrants; authorize electronic application, signatures and records for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 336: (Representatives Horne, Felsher) Involuntary civil commitment; limit county's liability for cost of treatment of indigents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 337: (Representatives Felsher, Hulum) 988 Crisis Lifeline; require information regarding to be included on driver's licenses, permits and identification cards. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 338: (Representative Felsher) The Mississippi Fatherhood Initiative Fund; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 339: (Representative Powell) Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. Insurance.

H. B. No. 340: (Representative Powell) Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 341: (Representative Powell) Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 342: (Representative Shanks) Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 343: (Representative Shanks) The Missing Persons Reporting and Identification Act; create to require input of missing persons in NAMUS. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 344: (Representative Shanks) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 345: (Representative Shanks) Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 346: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Roberson, Anthony) "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Public Health and Human Services; Education.

H. B. No. 347: (Representative Clark) Legal holidays; increase number of days counties and municipalities may declare as in lieu of certain other holidays. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 348: (Representative Currie) "Mississippi Agricultural Land Protection and Foreign Acquisition Prohibition Act"; establish to prohibit sales of ag lands to foreign. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 349: (Representatives Shanks, Tullos, Felsher) Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 350: (Representatives James-Jones, Hines, Anthony, Bailey, Clark) Yazoo Mississippi Delta Levee Board; revise per diem paid to board members. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 351: (Representative Banks) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 352: (Representative Banks) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Rules.

H. B. No. 353: (Representative Banks) Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 354: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University campuses. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 355: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Mickens, Summers) Child care; DHS shall transfer to CCDF the first \$40 Million of unspent TANF funds from prior FY to be used for child care vouchers. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 356: (Representatives Porter, Hines) School bus drivers; require to be trained and certified in first aid and CPR. Education.

H. B. No. 357: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Mickens) Conditions for parole eligibility and State Parole Board; revise repealers regarding. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 358: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Mickens) Voter registration and suffrage restoration; authorize upon sentence completion and five years. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 359: (Representative Porter) Child care services; provide eligibility for certain persons under the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP). Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 360: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Mickens) Emergency communications districts; require to implement text-to-911 services by a certain date. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 361: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Mickens) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 362: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Mickens) Voter registration; authorize upon completion of sentence. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 363: (Representatives Porter, Hines, Johnson, Mickens) Secretary of State; require to provide election officials training on disenfranchising crimes. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 364: (Representative McGee) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 365: (Representative McGee) Mississippi Musicians Month; designate the month of March each year as. Rules.

H. B. No. 366: (Representative Smith) The Second Amendment Preservation Act; create to provide that the Legislature preempts local firearms ordinances. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 367: (Representative Karriem) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Medicaid; Corrections.

H. B. No. 368: (Representative Karriem) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 369: (Representatives Byrd, Rosebud) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 370: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Barnett, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore IV, Currie, Estrada, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford (73rd), Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Hale, Haney, Holloway (76th), Hurst, Keen, Ladner, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McKnight, McMillan, Morgan, Owen, Pigott, Rushing, Shanks, Smith, Tubb, Varner, Wallace, Tullos, Horne, Lancaster) Hunting and fishing; reduce license fees for certain disabled veterans. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 371: (Representative Currie) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of and transfer powers of Veterans' Home Purchase Board to. Military Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 372: (Representative Ford (54th)) Courtroom proceeding; authorize video conferences for certain proceedings. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 373: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Bonds; authorize issuance for agricultural facilities and infrastructure upgrades at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 374: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction a Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture and Math Center at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 375: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the David L. Whitney Arena Complex and Wellness Center at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 376: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Walter Washington Administration and Classroom Building at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 377: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the K.L. Simmons Technology Building at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 378: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Bonds; authorize for Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 379: (Representative Banks) Medicaid expansion; provide for statewide referendum on question of. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 380: (Representative Banks) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 381: (Representative Banks) Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 382: (Representative Banks) Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 383: (Representative Banks) Counties and municipalities; prohibit use of automated recording equipment to enforce automobile insurance requirements. Insurance; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 384: (Representative Banks) Salaries; increase for members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 385: (Representative Banks) Retirement; county board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 386: (Representative Banks) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 387: (Representative Banks) Teachers; allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 388: (Representative Banks) Teacher strikes; repeal prohibition of. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 389: (Representative Banks) Drag racing; provide that vehicles in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 390: (Representative Clark) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 391: (Representative Banks) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Rules.

H. B. No. 392: (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections.

H. B. No. 393: (Representative Banks) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 394: (Representative Banks) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections.

H. B. No. 395: (Representative Banks) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Corrections.

H. B. No. 396: (Representative Banks) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 397: (Representative Banks) Hospitals; require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 398: (Representative Banks) Early voting; require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 399: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 400: (Representative Banks) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 401: (Representative Banks) Abortion; repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 402: (Representative Banks) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 403: (Representative Banks) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 404: (Representative Banks) Abortion; repeal prohibition of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 405: (Representative Banks) Taking of another person's animal; clarify crime and penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 406: (Representative Banks) Abortion; provide for statewide referendum on question of prohibiting abortions in Mississippi. Judiciary B; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 407: (Representatives Banks, James-Jones) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 408: (Representative Banks) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 409: (Representative Banks) Voter rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 410: (Representative Banks) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Corrections; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 411: (Representative Zuber) Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement an insurance exchange. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 412: (Representative Yancey) Mattresses; prohibit resale with certain exemptions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 413: (Representative Sanford) Dog bites; authorize payment for actual expenses for injuries caused by. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 414: (Representative Yancey) Casino winnings; provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. Gaming; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 415: (Representative Felsher) Civil commitment; respondent in proceeding not to be placed in jail except for protective custody while awaiting transportation. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 416: (Representative Yancey) Proxy Voting Integrity and Transparency Act; create. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 417: (Representative Zuber) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this State. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 418: (Representatives Bell (21st), Scoggin) Continuing education training for police officers; extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers. Universities and Colleges; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 419: (Representative Zuber) Health care certificate of need law; bring forward code sections related to. Public Health and Human Services; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 420: (Representative Zuber) Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 421: (Representative Zuber) Prior authorization; bring forward code sections related to. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 422: (Representative Thompson) First Circuit Court District; increase number of judges. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 423: (Representative Paden) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Education; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 424: (Representative Paden) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Universities and Colleges; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 425: (Representative Hines) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 426: (Representative Scott) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 427: (Representative Hines) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 428: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 429: (Representative Scott) Children's Resource Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 430: (Representatives Zuber, Yates, Powell, McGee) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 431: (Representative Lamar) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable service. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 432: (Representative Scott) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement to those in "C", "D" and "F" school districts. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 433: (Representative Clark) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 434: (Representative Clark) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 435: (Representative Hines) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 436: (Representatives Osborne, Hulum) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 437: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Business and Commerce; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 438: (Representatives Newman, Ford (73rd), Hall) Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 439: (Representative Newman) Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 440: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance for traffic signal at intersection of East Metro Parkway and El Dorado Road in Pearl. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 441: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with improvements to city hall. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 442: (Representative Thompson) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 443: (Representative Newman) Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. Constitution.

H. B. No. 444: (Representative Newman) Sales tax; withhold diversion to a municipality that violates state law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 445: (Representative Newman) Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 446: (Representative Hines) State employees; remove requirement to use one day of personal leave before using major medical leave. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 447: (Representative Hines) Taxes; increase certain and use revenue to provide assistance to hospitals for uncompensated medical care services. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 448: (Representative Paden) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

H. C. R. No. 7: (Representative Banks) B.B. King or Elvis Presley; request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of Jefferson Davis with either. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 8: (Representative Creekmore IV) New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend for winning the 2023-2024 4A Girls State Championship and being "back-to-back" champions. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 9: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Paden, Clark) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district to number of current congressional districts. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 10: (Representative Banks) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 13: (Representatives McGee, Watson, Byrd) Chief Peggy Sealy; commend upon retirement as Police Chief of the Hattiesburg Police Department. Rules.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Clerk announced the following committee assignments:

Appropriations B

C. Scott Bounds, Chairman

Members: Brent Anderson; Bryant W. Clark; Casey Eure; Jeff Hale; Lataisha Jackson; Orlando Paden; Bill Pigott; John Read

Appropriations C

Clay Deweese, Chairman

Members: Richard Bennett; Sam Creekmore IV; Becky Currie; Missy McGee; John Read; Omeria Scott; Jerry R. Turner; Charles Young, Jr.

Appropriations D

Sam C. Mims, V, Chairman

Members: Manly Barton; Angela Cockerham; John G. Faulkner; Joey Hood; Jay McKnight; John Read; Randy Rushing; Percy W. Watson

Appropriations E

Karl Oliver, Chairman

Members: William Tracy Arnold; Randy P. Boyd; John W. Hines, Sr.; Vince Mangold; Steve Massengill; John Read; Rob Roberson; Donnie Scoggin

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lou Cretia Williams , Earl Cleland, Reverend Jackie E. Cooke, Herschel V. Bullock , W. A. "Pete" Kendrick, James Michael "Mike" Rayborn , Daniel Thomas Magee, Charlene Goar , Lewis W. "Pete" Haden , J. L. Broom , Lee Paul Clark, and Dr. Tommy King, which motion prevailed.

At 4:08 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTEENTH DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

(TWENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Sam Taylor, First Baptist Church, Florence.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp,

Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.
Absent or those not voting--Horan. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Horan.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 173: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Town of Alligator for the 2022 water and sewer improvement project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 449: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Town of Jonestown for the Jonestown multipurpose building expansion project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 450: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Okolona School District for construction of new elementary school. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 451: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment Programs. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 452: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for increasing alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds and crisis intervention teams. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 453: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Department of Health for upgrades and improvements to infrastructure at county health departments. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 454: (Representative Scott) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Education.

H. B. No. 455: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Department of Health for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 456: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 457: (Representative Faulkner) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 458: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Coahoma Community College for construction of a new dormitory on the campus. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 459: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health for making care grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 460: (Representative Paden) Charter schools; require MAEP funds to be transferred to student's home school district when student disenrolls. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 461: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; Health Department to provide funding to federally qualified health centers. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 462: (Representative Scott) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 463: (Representative Scott) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 464: (Representatives Scott, Summers) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act and under CHIP. Medicaid; Appropriations A; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 465: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Okolona to assist with street overlay projects. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 466: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Okolona to assist with street overlay projects. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 467: (Representative Lamar) Child advocacy centers; require to be funded by line item in Health Department appropriation bill. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 468: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Okolona to assist with street overlay projects. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 469: (Representatives Lamar, Felsher) Appropriation; Child Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for distribution to children's advocacy centers. Appropriations A; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 470: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Appropriations A; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 471: (Representative Clark) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 472: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Appropriations A; Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 473: (Representative Clark) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2024"; create. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 474: (Representative Currie) Appropriation; Copiah County for expanding broadband services to unserved areas within the county. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 475: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 476: (Representative Clark) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 477: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 478: (Representative Clark) Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. Housing; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 479: (Representative Clark) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations A; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 480: (Representative Wallace) Litter; authorize MDOT to create certain rules to identify litter owners and increase fines. Transportation.

H. B. No. 481: (Representative Wallace) Candidate qualifying fees; increase for certain candidates in county elections and revise distribution of the fee. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 482: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; City of Verona for equipment for police department and making street improvements. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 483: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Poplar Street. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 484: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 485: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin with paving Smithy Drive. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 486: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving North Second Street. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 487: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with County Road 167 gas line extension project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 488: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with County Road 170 gas line extension project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 489: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving South Second Street. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 490: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with purchasing fire fighting and fire protection equipment. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 491: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; Prentiss to assist with purchase of a fire truck for Ingram Volunteer Fire Department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 492: (Representatives Hulum, Bell (65th), Porter, Hines, Clark, Scott, Thompson, Faulkner, Summers, Currie, Banks, Owen, McCarty) Electronic notary; clarify authority of the Secretary of State to regulate. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 493: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Thomas Street. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 494: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Bluebell Street. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 495: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Cox Street. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 496: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Ripley Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 497: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with improvements to Brickyard Street. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 498: (Representative Turner) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with County Road 6105 water line replacement project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 499: (Representative Karriem) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Workforce Development; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 500: (Representatives Morgan, McCarty, Owen, Pigott, Tubb) Appropriation; Progress Community Water Association for costs of an automated water meter. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 501: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 502: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition, demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 503: (Representatives Byrd, Bell (21st), Calvert, Hale, Morgan, Pigott, Smith, Horne) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 504: (Representatives Byrd, Bell (21st), Calvert, Hale, Morgan, Pigott, Smith, Horne, Carpenter, Bounds, Oliver, Boyd (19th), Denton, Foster) Rural Fire truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 505: (Representatives Bell (21st), Aguirre, Blackwell, Byrd, Creekmore IV, Deweese, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, Scoggin, Thompson, Tubb, Turner) Appropriation; Three Rivers Planning and Development District to assist Three Rivers High Availability Disaster Recovery Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 506: (Representative Banks) Appropriation; City of Jackson for demolishing certain structure in Farish Street Historic District. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 507: (Representative Banks) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the Farish Street Forward Redevelopment Initiative. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 508: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; DFA for making grants under the Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 509: (Representative Hines) Small Business Bridge Loan Program; create. Banking and Financial Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 510: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; State Department of Health to provide epi-pens and AEDs in community colleges, universities and schools. Appropriations A; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 511: (Representative Hines) Appropriation; Department of Health for making physician grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Appropriations A; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 512: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; DFA to provide funds for certain projects in City of Jackson. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 513: (Representative Thompson) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding The National Resource Camp pilot program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 514: (Representative Zuber) Pawnbrokers; remove the requirement of on-premises retention of purchased goods. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 515: (Representative Zuber) Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 516: (Representative Zuber) State agencies procurement; bring forward code sections related to. State Affairs.

Head Page, Jazsica Smoots, introduced the following pages for the week:

Kason Albritton	Meridian, MS
Mariah Haynes	Macon, MS
Carleia Mickens	Macon, MS
Pepper Newman	Brandon, MS
Vesper Newman	Long Beach, MS
Benson Oates	Quitman, MS

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Major Steve Welch, and Robert Douglas Shields, which motion prevailed.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Sue Rounsaville, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Blackwell and Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Ainsworth, and Dr. Terrell Tisdale, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vern Geddie, and Dr. Thomas J. Anderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willie Mae Kirk Roark, which motion prevailed.

Representative Butler-Washington moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Juanita Sheriff, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hulum moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Adrienne D. Bolton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruben Upton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mansell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Livy "Lee" Cope, and William Walter "Mike" Daniel Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford J moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William "Bill" Edward Campbell, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas Leon "Tommy" Rawsey, which motion prevailed.

At 2:12 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTEENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

(TWENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Jonathan Sherwin, Senior Pastor of Harmony Baptist Church, Crystal Springs.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Horan.

A quorum was present.

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

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

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

H. C. R. No. 11: Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Be Adopted.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 517: (Representatives Kinkade, Hall, Keen, Remak) Medicaid; delete prohibition on participation in for psychiatric residential treatment facility in Desoto County. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 518: (Representatives Harness, Clark, Denton, Butler-Washington, Gibbs (36th), Jackson (45th), Thompson, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Foster) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a Hydroponics Research and Teaching Greenhouse at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 519: (Representatives Harness, Clark, Denton, Butler-Washington, Gibbs (36th), Jackson (45th), Thompson, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Foster) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 520: (Representative Harness) Solid waste; increase fines for illegal dumping of. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 521: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Byhalia Railroad Bridge Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 522: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Red Banks Road Improvement Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 523: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 524: (Representative Currie) Tim Tebow act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Education.

H. B. No. 525: (Representative Rushing) Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 526: (Representatives Rushing, Hulum) Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 527: (Representative Brown) Appropriations; City of Jackson to assist with certain projects in Ward 4. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 528: (Representative Brown) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the designated holding facility for misdemeanor offenders. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 529: (Representative Brown) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the West Bank Interceptor of the city's sewer system. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 530: (Representative Brown) Appropriation; City of Jackson for purchasing advanced crime reduction technology for police department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 531: (Representative Brown) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 532: (Representative Brown) Physical education curriculum; require full implementation in all K-12 schools. Education.

H. B. No. 533: (Representative Brown) Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. Education.

H. B. No. 534: (Representative Brown) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Education.

H. B. No. 535: (Representative Brown) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Corrections.

H. B. No. 536: (Representative Brown) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 537: (Representative Brown) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Education.

H. B. No. 538: (Representative Johnson) Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid. Medicaid; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 539: (Representatives Butler-Washington, McGee, Summers, Mansell, Scott, Hulum, Gibbs (72nd), Nelson, Foster) Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 540: (Representative Mangold) Utility shutoffs; revise Governor's authority regarding. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 541: (Representative Mangold) Appropriation; IHL MSU - Cooperative Extension Service for administration of the MS Youth Preparedness Initiative. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 542: (Representatives Johnson, Harness, Clark) Income tax; allow credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 543: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Helping Mississippians Afford Broadband Act; create. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 544: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 545: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 546: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act; repeal. Medicaid; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 547: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) ARPA Expenditures Ombudsman; establish to oversee all expenditures of ARPA funds. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 548: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 549: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Appropriation; Department of Health to fund the MS Hospital Emergency Grant Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 550: (Representative Johnson) County board of supervisors; authorize to be employed by community college districts while serving as. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 551: (Representatives Johnson, Harness, Clark) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with Concord Avenue drainage improvement project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 552: (Representatives Johnson, Harness, Clark) Appropriation; City of Natchez for Concord Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 553: (Representative Ford (54th)) State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 554: (Representative Hines) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 555: (Representative Hines) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Workforce Development; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 556: (Representative Hines) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 557: (Representative Paden) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2024"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community college attendance. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 558: (Representative Newman) PERS; certain law enforcement officers and firefighters shall receive one year of creditable service for every five years of service in Mississippi. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 559: (Representative Faulkner) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 560: (Representative Newman) PERS; law enforcement officers and firefighters will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 561: (Representative Yancey) Retirement; school bus drivers shall be eligible to be members of PERS and vest after 15 years. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 562: (Representative Currie) PEER Committee; require impact reviews on school district efficiency and operations reports. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 563: (Representative Hines) Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program; create to provide grants to public hospitals at high financial risk. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 564: (Representative Zuber) Urban renewal project powers; revise definition of. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 565: (Representative Clark) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 566: (Representative Clark) Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. Public Property; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 567: (Representative Currie) Retirement; PERS and SLRP members convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution is made. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 568: (Representative Clark) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 569: (Representative Scott) "Health Careers Academy"; create for students in Grades 9 through 12. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 570: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 571: (Representatives Johnson, Porter, Clark) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 572: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 573: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 574: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase monthly benefit amount for. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 575: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 576: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) TANF funds; require PEER Committee to review and evaluate performance outcomes of subcontracts and subgrants of. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 577: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Essential health care workers premium pay; Department of Health to create program with Coronavirus Recovery Funds. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 578: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) MS Hospital Emergency Grant Program; create to provide grants to hospitals having financial difficulties. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 579: (Representative Mangold) Divorce beneficiary revocation; clarify the effective date. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 580: (Representatives Johnson, Porter, Clark) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 581: (Representative Brown) PERS; conduct study on feasibility of allowing retired teachers to continue to work full-time and receive full retirement allowance. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 582: (Representative Johnson) TANF benefits; remove certain restrictions and penalties for applicants and recipients. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 583: (Representative Harness) Law enforcement officers; require two hours of training related to crimes of hate and those committed for discriminatory reason. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 584: (Representative Harness) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 585: (Representatives Newman, Crawford) "Dignity and Safety for Incarcerated Women Act"; enact. Corrections.

H. B. No. 586: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Medicaid; telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 587: (Representative Rushing) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 588: (Representative Brown) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 589: (Representative Rushing) Sales tax; create diversion to counties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 590: (Representative Rushing) DOC payments made to regional facilities for the housing of state offenders; require rate paid to be the same at each facility. Corrections.

H. B. No. 591: (Representative Rushing) Sales tax; extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 592: (Representative Rushing) Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 593: (Representative Rushing) Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 594: (Representative Rushing) Public Service Commission; revise jurisdiction for municipal owned utilities for rate increases for customers more than a mile from municipal boundary. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 595: (Representative Scoggin) Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts; allow to speak to students regarding civic involvement with principal's approval. Education.

H. B. No. 596: (Representative Wallace) Ad valorem tax levy for school districts; provide levying authority with discretion to approve request by school board. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 597: (Representatives Scoggin, Tullos, Sanford) Appropriation; Community College Board for a building at Jones County Junior College to be used for teaching certain courses. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 598: (Representative Paden) Overpayment of unemployment benefits; prohibit interest accrual or fees assessed by MDES when no fault overpayment. Workforce Development; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 599: (Representative Paden) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Business and Commerce; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 600: (Representative Clark) Criminal investigators; add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 601: (Representative Scott) Professional School Counselors Pilot Program; establish in certain school districts with high incidences of teen pregnancy or violence. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 602: (Representative Scott) "2024 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 603: (Representative Scott) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; create to help assistant teachers become licensed. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 604: (Representatives Scott, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th), Butler-Washington) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 605: (Representative Scott) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in "D" and "F" school districts. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 606: (Representative Scott) Former Collegiate Athlete Scholarship Program; create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 607: (Representative Scott) DHS; direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 608: (Representative Scott) Motivating Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) Pilot Program; establish within the State Department of Education. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 609: (Representative Horne) Fireworks; authorize sale and purchase of year-round from permanent structure. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 610: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Libraries; regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 611: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Monies from seized weapons; authorize law enforcement agency to use to purchase equipment for the agency. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 612: (Representative Ford (73rd)) School counselors; exclude from ASCA requirements. Education.

H. B. No. 613: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Elections; revise the votes included to determine total votes needed to receive majority. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 614: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Bullying Prevention Awareness Month; designate the month of October as. Rules.

H. B. No. 615: (Representatives Harness, Summers) Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act; create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. Drug Policy; Business and Commerce; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 616: (Representatives McKnight, Mickens) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 617: (Representative Tullos) CDL; exempt county and municipal employees who operate vehicles and equipment in the performance of their job. Transportation.

H. B. No. 618: (Representatives Tullos, Smith) Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 619: (Representatives Tullos, Smith) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway. Transportation.

H. B. No. 620: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Vehicles; prohibit false or secret compartments and establish criminal penalties for violations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 621: (Representatives Johnson, Summers) Appropriation; IHL for construction of athletic stadium for Jackson State University. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 622: (Representatives Harness, Gibbs (36th), Jackson (45th), Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Holloway (76th), Paden, Mickens, Butler-Washington) Appropriation; IHL to strengthen poultry science research and programs at Alcorn State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 623: (Representatives Harness, Gibbs (36th), Jackson (45th)) Appropriation; IHL for establishment of a medical school and engineering program at Alcorn State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 624: (Representatives Porter, Steverson) Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 625: (Representatives Harness, Johnson, Hines, Denton, Bailey, Banks, Bell (65th)) Nuclear generating plants; revise distribution of payments made in lieu of ad valorem taxes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 626: (Representative Ford (54th)) Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on. Corrections.

H. B. No. 627: (Representative Ford (54th)) Capitol Complex Improvement District; extend date on which revisions to boundaries take effect. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 628: (Representative Ford (54th)) Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 629: (Representatives Rushing, Porter) County and Municipal owned equipment; authorize use on private property during emergencies under certain circumstances. County Affairs; Municipalities.

H. B. No. 630: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; additional for Office of State Aid Road Construction for certain purposes. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 631: (Representative Arnold) Hotel construction projects; authorize sale tax incentive for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 632: (Representative Arnold) DUI; require those convicted to pay child support. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 633: (Representative Arnold) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 634: (Representative Currie) Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 635: (Representative McKnight) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Gaming.

H. B. No. 636: (Representative Arnold) Real property; prohibit aliens and foreign governments from owning in the State of Mississippi. Agriculture; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 637: (Representative Arnold) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Education.

H. B. No. 638: (Representative Arnold) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence for certain emergency services. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 639: (Representative Arnold) Accountability rating system; abolish assignment of letter grades and replace with numerical scoring system. Education.

H. B. No. 640: (Representative Arnold) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor vehicle owned by unremarried surviving spouse of law enforcement officer/employee who died while in performance of official duties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 641: (Representative Arnold) Abortion; prohibit mail order medicines to procure an. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 642: (Representative Arnold) Patriot's Day; designate September 11th of each year as. Rules.

H. B. No. 643: (Representative Arnold) Food labeling; require any food and mRNA vaccines to be clearly and conspicuously labeled. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 644: (Representative Arnold) Court-ordered restitution; require payment to victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 645: (Representative Hines) Office of Independent State Hearing Officers; create to hear and decide matters for persons as alternative to agency hearing officers. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 646: (Representative Arnold) Utility-type vehicles and side-by-side; authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. Transportation.

H. B. No. 647: (Representatives Arnold, Waldo) School athletic events; require local school boards to adopt policy granting free admission to veterans of U.S. Armed Forces. Education.

H. B. No. 648: (Representative Arnold) Nurses; allow nurse practitioners and RNs to administer vitamins through IV therapy in a clinical setting. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 649: (Representative Arnold) Harvest permit; authorize issuance for vehicles hauling limestone. Transportation.

H. B. No. 650: (Representative Arnold) Baby safety devices; create grant program to assist hospitals with cost of purchasing. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 651: (Representative Arnold) Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities and create diversion to counties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 652: (Representatives Ford (54th), Hulum) State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 653: (Representative Ford (54th)) Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 654: (Representatives Steverson, Hawkins, Lancaster) School nurses; direct the Office of Healthy Schools to develop salary schedule for that all school districts shall use when employing. Education.

H. C. R. No. 11: (Representatives Wallace, Aguirre, Boyd (37th), Calvert, Shanks) Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 12: (Representatives Johnson, Hines, Harness, Porter, Clark) Senator Hiram Revels and Fannie Lou Hamer; request joint committee on Library of Congress to approve replacement of current statues with statues of. Rules; State Affairs.

H. C. R. No. 13: (Representative Arnold) Constitution; signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed fractional portion of number of signatures required for initiative petition. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 14: (Representative Arnold) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2025. Rules; State Affairs.

H. R. No. 14: (Representative Mangold) Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves Softball Team; commend for winning the 2023 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championships. Rules.

H. R. No. 15: (Representatives Felsher, Bennett, Eure, Haney, Grady, McKnight) Sheriff Troy J. Peterson; commend upon the occasion of his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 16: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Hurst, Mansell, McMillan) James Harold "Jim" Butler; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing. Rules.

Rep. Wallace called up:

H. C. R. No. 11: Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

Rep. Rosebud moved that **H. C. R. No. 11:** (Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes.) be postponed indefinitely, which motion lost.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

Amend by striking all after the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following: That the following amendment to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

Amend Section 273, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as follows:

Section 273. (1) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Legislature or by initiative of the people.

(2) Whenever two-thirds (2/3) of each house of the Legislature, which two-thirds (2/3) shall consist of not less than a majority of the members elected to each house, shall deem any change, alteration or amendment necessary to this Constitution, such proposed amendment, change or alteration shall be read and passed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, as herein provided; public notice shall then be given by the Secretary of State at least thirty (30) days preceding an election, at which the qualified electors shall vote directly for or against such change, alteration or amendment, and if more than one (1) amendment shall be submitted at one (1) time, they shall be submitted in such manner and form that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately; and, notwithstanding the division of the Constitution into sections, the Legislature may provide in its resolution for one or more amendments pertaining and relating to the same subject or subject matter, and may provide for one or more amendments to an article of the Constitution pertaining and relating to the same subject or subject matter, which may be included in and voted on as one (1) amendment; and if it shall appear that a majority of the qualified electors voting directly for or against the same shall have voted for the proposed change, alteration or amendment, then it shall be inserted as a part of the Constitution by proclamation of the Secretary of State certifying that it received the majority vote required by the Constitution; and the resolution may fix the date and direct the calling of elections for the purposes hereof.

(3) The people reserve unto themselves the power to propose and enact constitutional amendments by initiative. An initiative to amend the Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed over a twelve-month period by qualified electors equal in number to at least twelve percent (12%) of the votes for all candidates for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The signatures of the qualified electors from any congressional district shall not exceed * * * the total number of signatures required to qualify an initiative petition for placement upon the ballot divided by the number of congressional districts in existence on the day the petition is filed. If an initiative petition contains

signatures from a single congressional district which exceed * * * the total number of required signatures, the excess number of signatures from that congressional district shall not be considered by the Secretary of State in determining whether the petition qualifies for placement on the ballot.

(4) The sponsor of an initiative shall identify in the text of the initiative the amount and source of revenue required to implement the initiative. If the initiative requires a reduction in any source of government revenue, or a reallocation of funding from currently funded programs, the sponsor shall identify in the text of the initiative the program or programs whose funding must be reduced or eliminated to implement the initiative. Compliance with this requirement shall not be a violation of the subject matter requirements of this section of the Constitution.

(5) The initiative process shall not be used:

(a) For the proposal, modification or repeal of any portion of the Bill of Rights of this Constitution;

(b) To amend or repeal any law or any provision of the Constitution relating to the Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System;

(c) To amend or repeal the constitutional guarantee that the right of any person to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or nonmembership in any labor union or organization; or

(d) To modify the initiative process for proposing amendments to this Constitution.

(6) The Secretary of State shall file with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate the complete text of the certified initiative on the first day of the regular session. A constitutional initiative may be adopted by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature. If the initiative is adopted, amended or rejected by the Legislature; or if no action is taken within four (4) months of the date that the initiative is filed with the Legislature, the Secretary of State shall place the initiative on the ballot for the next statewide general election.

The chief legislative budget officer shall prepare a fiscal analysis of each initiative and each legislative alternative. A summary of each fiscal analysis shall appear on the ballot.

(7) If the Legislature amends an initiative, the amended version and the original initiative shall be submitted to the electors. An initiative or legislative alternative must receive a majority of the votes thereon and not less than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast at the election at which the measure was submitted to be approved. If conflicting initiatives or legislative alternatives are approved at the same election, the initiative or legislative alternative receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

(8) If an initiative measure proposed to the Legislature has been rejected by the Legislature and an alternative measure is passed by the Legislature in lieu thereof, the ballot titles of both such measures shall be so printed on the official ballots that a voter can express separately two (2) preferences: first, by voting for the approval of either measure or against both measures, and, secondly, by voting for one (1) measure or the other measure. If the majority of those voting on the first issue is against both measures, then both measures fail, but in that case the votes on the second issue nevertheless shall be carefully counted and made public. If a majority voting on the first issue is for the approval of either measure, then the measure receiving a majority of the votes on the second issue and also receiving not less than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast at the election at which the measure was submitted for approval shall be law. Any person who votes for the ratification of either measure on the first issue must vote for one (1) of the measures on the second issue in order for the ballot to be valid. Any person who votes against both measures on the first issue may vote but shall not be required to vote for any of the measures on the second issue in order for the ballot to be valid. Substantially the following form shall be * * * in compliance with this subsection:

INITIATED BY PETITION AND ALTERNATIVE BY LEGISLATURE

Initiative Measure No. _____, entitled (here insert the ballot title of the initiative measure).

Alternative Measure No. _____ A, entitled (here insert the ballot title of the alternative measure).

VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF EITHER, OR AGAINST BOTH:

FOR APPROVAL OF EITHER Initiative No. _____

OR Alternative No. _____ A ()

AGAINST Both Initiative No. _____

AND Alternative No. _____ A ()

AND VOTE FOR ONE

FOR Initiative Measure No. _____ ()

FOR Alternative Measure No. _____ A ()

(9) No more than five (5) initiative proposals shall be submitted to the voters on a single ballot, and the first five (5) initiative proposals submitted to the Secretary of State with sufficient petitions shall be the proposals which are submitted to the voters. The sufficiency of petitions shall be decided in the first instance by the Secretary of State, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the state, which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all such cases.

(10) An initiative approved by the electors shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of the official declaration of the vote by the Secretary of State, unless the measure provides otherwise.

(11) If any amendment to the Constitution proposed by initiative petition is rejected by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon, no initiative petition proposing the same, or substantially the same, amendment shall be submitted to the electors for at least two (2) years after the date of the election on such amendment.

(12) The Legislature shall provide by law the manner in which initiative petitions shall be circulated, presented and certified. To prevent signature fraud and to maintain the integrity of the initiative process the state has a compelling interest in insuring that no person shall circulate an initiative petition or obtain signatures on an initiative petition unless the person is a resident of this state at the time of circulation. For the purposes of this subsection the term "resident" means a person who is domiciled in Mississippi as evidenced by an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in Mississippi indefinitely and to return to Mississippi if temporarily absent, coupled with an act or acts consistent with that intent. Every person who circulates an initiative petition shall print and sign his name on each page of an initiative petition, or on a separate page attached to each page, certifying that he was a resident of this state at the time of circulating the petition. The Secretary of State shall refuse to accept for filing any page of an initiative petition upon which the signatures appearing thereon were obtained by a person who was not a resident of this state at the time of circulating the petition, and an initiative measure shall not be placed on the ballot if the Secretary of State determines that without such signatures the petition clearly bears an insufficient number of signatures. The provisions of this subsection (12) shall be applicable to all initiative measures that have not been placed on the ballot at the time this proposed amendment is ratified by the electorate.

(13) The Legislature may enact laws to carry out the provisions of this section but shall in no way restrict or impair the provisions of this section or the powers herein reserved to the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2024, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and by general law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed amendment conforms the pro rata signature requirements of congressional districts for initiative petitions to the current number of congressional districts." Amend title to conform.

Rep. Oliver moved that AMENDMENT NO. 1 be tabled.

The foregoing amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulm, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, Horan, McCray, Yates. Total-5.

Present--Foster. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Taylor:

Amend by striking all including the resolving clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

That the following amendment to the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 is proposed to the qualified electors of the state:

Amend Section 273, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to read as follows:

Section 273. (1) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Legislature or by initiative of the people.

(2) Whenever two-thirds (2/3) of each house of the Legislature, which two-thirds (2/3) shall consist of not less than a majority of the members elected to each house, shall deem any change, alteration or amendment necessary to this Constitution, such proposed amendment, change or alteration shall be read and passed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house, as herein provided; public notice shall then be given by the Secretary of State at least thirty (30) days preceding an election, at which the qualified electors shall vote directly for or against such change, alteration or amendment, and if more than one (1) amendment shall be submitted at one (1) time, they shall be submitted in such manner and form that the people may vote for or against each amendment separately; and, notwithstanding the division of the Constitution into sections, the Legislature may provide in its resolution for one or more amendments pertaining and relating to the same subject or subject matter, and may provide for one or more amendments to an article of the Constitution pertaining and relating to the same subject or subject matter, which may be included in and voted on as one (1) amendment; and if it shall appear that a majority of the qualified electors voting directly for or against the same shall have voted for the proposed change, alteration or amendment, then it shall be inserted as a part of the Constitution by proclamation of the Secretary of State certifying that it received the majority vote required by the Constitution; and the resolution may fix the date and direct the calling of elections for the purposes hereof.

(3) The people reserve unto themselves the power to propose and enact constitutional amendments by initiative. An initiative to amend the Constitution may be proposed by a petition signed over a twelve-month period by qualified electors equal in number to at least twelve percent (12%) of the votes for all candidates for Governor in the last gubernatorial election. The signatures of the qualified electors from any congressional district shall not exceed * * * the total number of signatures required to qualify an initiative petition for placement upon the ballot divided by the number of congressional districts in existence on the day the petition is filed. If an initiative petition contains signatures from a single congressional district which exceed * * * the total number of required signatures, the excess number of signatures from that congressional district

shall not be considered by the Secretary of State in determining whether the petition qualifies for placement on the ballot.

(4) The sponsor of an initiative shall identify in the text of the initiative the amount and source of revenue required to implement the initiative. If the initiative requires a reduction in any source of government revenue, or a reallocation of funding from currently funded programs, the sponsor shall identify in the text of the initiative the program or programs whose funding must be reduced or eliminated to implement the initiative. Compliance with this requirement shall not be a violation of the subject matter requirements of this section of the Constitution.

(5) The initiative process shall not be used:

(a) For the proposal, modification or repeal of any portion of the Bill of Rights of this Constitution;

(b) To amend or repeal any law or any provision of the Constitution relating to the Mississippi Public Employees' Retirement System;

(c) To amend or repeal the constitutional guarantee that the right of any person to work shall not be denied or abridged on account of membership or nonmembership in any labor union or organization; or

(d) To modify the initiative process for proposing amendments to this Constitution.

(6) The Secretary of State shall file with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate the complete text of the certified initiative on the first day of the regular session. A constitutional initiative may be adopted by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature. If the initiative is adopted, amended or rejected by the Legislature; or if no action is taken within four (4) months of the date that the initiative is filed with the Legislature, the Secretary of State shall place the initiative on the ballot for the next statewide general election.

The chief legislative budget officer shall prepare a fiscal analysis of each initiative and each legislative alternative. A summary of each fiscal analysis shall appear on the ballot.

(7) If the Legislature amends an initiative, the amended version and the original initiative shall be submitted to the electors. An initiative or legislative alternative must receive a majority of the votes thereon and not less than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast at the election at which the measure was submitted to be approved. If conflicting initiatives or legislative alternatives are approved at the same election, the initiative or legislative alternative receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

(8) If an initiative measure proposed to the Legislature has been rejected by the Legislature and an alternative measure is passed by the Legislature in lieu thereof, the ballot titles of both such measures shall be so printed on the official ballots that a voter can express separately two (2) preferences: first, by voting for the approval of either measure or against both measures, and, secondly, by voting for one (1) measure or the other measure. If the majority of those voting on the first issue is against both measures, then both measures fail, but in that case the votes on the second issue nevertheless shall be carefully counted and made public. If a majority voting on the first issue is for the approval of either measure, then the measure receiving a majority of the votes on the second issue and also receiving not less than forty percent (40%) of the total votes cast at the election at which the measure was submitted for approval shall be law. Any person who votes for the ratification of either measure on the first issue must vote for one (1) of the measures on the second issue in order for the ballot to be valid. Any person who votes against both measures on the first issue may vote but shall not be required to vote for any of the measures on the second issue in order for the ballot to be valid. Substantially the following form shall be *** in compliance with this subsection:

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AGAINST Both Initiative No. _____

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(9) No more than five (5) initiative proposals shall be submitted to the voters on a single ballot, and the first five (5) initiative proposals submitted to the Secretary of State with sufficient petitions shall be the proposals which are submitted to the voters. The sufficiency of petitions shall be decided in the first instance by the Secretary of State, subject to review by the Supreme Court of the state, which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction over all such cases.

(10) An initiative approved by the electors shall take effect thirty (30) days from the date of the official declaration of the vote by the Secretary of State, unless the measure provides otherwise.

(11) If any amendment to the Constitution proposed by initiative petition is rejected by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon, no initiative petition proposing the same, or substantially the same, amendment shall be submitted to the electors for at least two (2) years after the date of the election on such amendment.

(12) The Legislature shall provide by law the manner in which initiative petitions shall be circulated, presented and certified. To prevent signature fraud and to maintain the integrity of the initiative process the state has a compelling interest in insuring that no person shall circulate an initiative petition or obtain signatures on an initiative petition unless the person is a resident of this state at the time of circulation. For the purposes of this subsection the term "resident" means a person who is domiciled in Mississippi as evidenced by an intent to maintain a principal dwelling place in Mississippi indefinitely and to return to Mississippi if temporarily absent, coupled with an act or acts consistent with that intent. Every person who circulates an initiative petition shall print and sign his name on each page of an initiative petition, or on a separate page attached to each page, certifying that he was a resident of this state at the time of circulating the petition. The Secretary of State shall refuse to accept for filing any page of an initiative petition upon which the signatures appearing thereon were obtained by a person who was not a resident of this state at the time of circulating the petition, and an initiative measure shall not be placed on the ballot if the Secretary of State determines that without such signatures the petition clearly bears an insufficient number of signatures. The provisions of this subsection (12) shall be applicable to all initiative measures that have not been placed on the ballot at the time this proposed amendment is ratified by the electorate.

(13) The Legislature may enact laws to carry out the provisions of this section but shall in no way restrict or impair the provisions of this section or the powers herein reserved to the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the qualified electors at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November 2024, as provided by Section 273 of the Constitution and by general law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the explanation of this proposed amendment for the ballot shall read as follows: "This proposed amendment conforms the pro rata signature requirements of congressional districts for initiative petitions to the current number of congressional districts." Amend title to conform.

Rep. Barnett moved that AMENDMENT NO. 2 be tabled.

The foregoing amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice,

Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--76.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--37.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Evans, Horan, McCray, Read, Yates. Total-6.

Present--Boyd, R, Foster, Jackson, K. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. C. R. No. 11. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the resolution was adopted title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--40.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Yates. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--80

Representative Bailey entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing resolution was adopted.

Representative Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Dean Joiner, and Denise Mills Tidwell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Charles Stern, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George Cooper Berry, which motion prevailed.

At 3:42 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:30 AM, Thursday, January 25, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTEENTH DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

(TWENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Max Smith, Jesus Name Tabernacle, Florence.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 13: Chief Peggy Sealy; commend upon retirement as Police Chief of the Hattiesburg Police Department. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Representative Wallace called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. C. R. No. 11:** (Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 9:40 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, January 26, 2024, upon adjournment of the Special Session.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

At an Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of the State of Mississippi convened at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, on January 25, A. D., 2024, in

compliance with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Mississippi and the Proclamation of the Honorable Tate Reeves, Governor of the State:

Be it remembered, that on the day and year aforesaid, the members of the House of Representatives assembled in their Chamber, and at 9:40 AM were called to order by the Honorable Jason White, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who opened the session.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. No. 1: Project Atlas Fund; create.

Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 2: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects.

Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1: Project Atlas Fund; create.

H. B. No. 2: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects.

S. B. No. 2001: Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.

Amanda White
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2001: Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.
Ways and Means

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

H. B. No. 1: Project Atlas Fund; create.
Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 2: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects.
Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

S. B. No. 2001: Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.
3/5ths
Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

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

At 10:40 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. 1: Project Atlas Fund; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. 1. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

YEAS: 120 NAYS: 1 PRESENT: 1 NOT VOTING: 0 ABSENT: 0

YEAS: Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders,

Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

NAYS - 1
Eubanks

PRESENT - 1
Johnson

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. 2: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. 2. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

YEAS: 121 NAYS: 1 PRESENT: 0 NOT VOTING: 0 ABSENT: 0

YEAS: Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

NAYS - 1
Eubanks

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

At 11:05 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Aguirre introduced Mr. Owen Mcculloch, CEO of the Natchez Trace Council, who made a special presentation.

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. 2001: Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND by deleting the word "and" on line 779 and inserting the following after line 779. "2. Not less than twenty-five percent (25%) of all contracts entered into by such enterprise related to the project described in this paragraph (f) (xxxiii) shall be with persons or businesses entities that are residents of or located in the State of Mississippi; and" AMEND FURTHER on line 780 by changing the number "2" to "3"

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. 2001. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Rep. Banett offered a motion to table the amendment, which motion prevailed.

YEAS: 120 NAYS: 2 PRESENT: 0 NOT VOTING: 0 ABSENT: 0

YEAS: Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, , Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

NAYS - 2

Eubanks, Osborne

On motion of Rep. Lamar unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing bill.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1: Project Atlas Fund; create.

H. B. No. 2: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Virginia Fay Allen, Betty Jean Baxley, Gifford Dabbs, III, Jeanette Fuller, Geneva Sue Tucker, James David Shirley, Billy Gerald Davis, Madeleine Carroll Porter, Bessie June McKee, and The Honorable Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bertha Drake, and Joice Ann Buchanan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Gene L. Bidwell, Jr., and, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lamar moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Noah Rhea, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Walter V. "P.I." Williams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston, which motion prevailed.

At 1:50 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned the Second Extraordinary Session Sine Die.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINETEENTH DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

(TWENTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Blackwell. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Bennett and Blackwell.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 655: (Representative Zuber) State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barbering; merge into one board. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 656: (Representative Foster) Illegal dumping; increase penalties for. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 657: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Hulum) Child sex dolls; prohibit possession, transport and/or trafficking of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 658: (Representative Bell (21st)) Qualified equity investment tax credits; revise certain provisions and extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 659: (Representative Steverson) Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 660: (Representative Harness) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 661: (Representative Harness) Concealed carry permit; exempt members of the Mississippi Legislature from the licensing requirement for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 662: (Representative Harness) Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi; require director to appoint administrator to establish local technology planning teams. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 663: (Representative Harness) Commercial driver's license; remove prohibition for nonadjudication of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 664: (Representative Harness) Alcoholic beverages; allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 665: (Representative Harness) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 666: (Representative Harness) Public defenders; increase compensation for court appointed. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 667: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 668: (Representative Harness) Courts; require to establish certain minimum guidelines. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 669: (Representatives Harness, Paden) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 670: (Representatives Harness, Holloway (76th), Paden, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Mickens, Jackson (45th), Butler-Washington) State auditor; require to perform 50-year review comparing appropriations to Alcorn and Mississippi State University. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 671: (Representatives Harness, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th), Butler-Washington) Appropriation; IHL to support animal science and extension programs at Alcorn State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 672: (Representative Harness) Nuclear generating plants; revise distribution of payments made in-lieu of ad valorem taxes. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 673: (Representative Bounds) Public purchasing; increase threshold for bidding to \$15,000.00. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 674: (Representatives Felsher, Yates) Candidate qualification; revise process for. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 675: (Representatives Harness, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th), Butler-Washington) Appropriation; IHL for enhancing STEM-related facilities and programs at Alcorn State University. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 676: (Representative Roberson) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 677: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. Business and Commerce; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 678: (Representative Shanks) MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend exemption to MDITS requirements for Departments of Health & Revenue. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 679: (Representative Shanks) Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealers on education scholarship accounts (ESAs). Education.

H. B. No. 680: (Representative Eubanks) Certified nurse midwives; not required to have written collaborative agreement with physician to practice as. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 681: (Representative Eubanks) Mississippi On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 682: (Representative Eubanks) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Transportation.

H. B. No. 683: (Representative Eubanks) Homeschooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. Education.

H. B. No. 684: (Representative Eubanks) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 685: (Representative Eubanks) Milk products; exempt owners of certain milk producing animals from regulation when used for personal milk consumption. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 686: (Representative Eubanks) Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. C. R. No. 15: (Representative Harness) Constitution; amend to revise the Legislature's authority to limit a county's right to levy taxes on nuclear-powered electrical generating plants. Constitution; State Affairs.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 13: Chief Peggy Sealy; commend upon retirement as Police Chief of the Hattiesburg Police Department.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Shanks unanimous consent was granted for immediate release of the foregoing resolution.

Representative Nelson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ruth Wilson Curtis, which motion prevailed.

At 9:06 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, January 29, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTIETH DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

(TWENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Breck Ladd, First Baptist Church of Madison.

Rep. Ford, J led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Steverson.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

H. B. No. 687: (Representatives Paden, Summers, Taylor, Hines, Brown, Johnson, Harness, Hulum, Clark, Anthony, Bailey, Bell (65th), Burnett, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Jackson (11th), James-Jones, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Thompson) The "Crown" Act; authorize to prohibit discrimination based on natural or protective hairstyles. Business and Commerce; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 688: (Representative Sanford) Justice court; revise jurisdiction and filing fees. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 689: (Representatives Porter, Harness, Gibbs (72nd)) Justice court judges; authorize to run as nonpartisan. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 690: (Representative Massengill) Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 691: (Representatives Shanks, Hulum, Clark, Summers) Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 692: (Representative Shanks) Requests for DNA testing; clarify that they are excepted from bar on second or successive motions for post-conviction relief. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 693: (Representative Massengill) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 694: (Representative Massengill) Commercial Driver's License; require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 695: (Representative Massengill) MHSAA; prohibit from requiring member school from charging more than \$2.00 for admission into athletic events. Education.

H. B. No. 696: (Representative Massengill) Women's Veterans' Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 697: (Representatives Massengill, Remak) Mississippi Aviation Safety Act; create. Transportation.

H. B. No. 698: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Electric/hybrid vehicles; repeal sections of law authorizing annual tax on. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 699: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Blue; designate as the state color of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 700: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Transportation.

H. B. No. 701: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Transportation.

H. B. No. 702: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Steverson, Remak) Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Transportation.

H. B. No. 703: (Representatives Harness, Holloway (76th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Jackson (45th), Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens) Appropriation; MDA to provide funding to Alcorn State for expansion of research and production of shiitake mushrooms. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 704: (Representative Creekmore IV) Appropriation; Tallahatchie River Authority for production of documentary series focusing on counties through which the river runs. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 705: (Representatives Harness, Johnson, Bell (65th)) Nuclear generating plants; repeal provisions of law that provides ad valorem tax exemption for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 706: (Representatives Harness, Johnson, Bell (65th)) Nuclear generating plants; revise distribution of payments made in-lieu ad valorem taxes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 707: (Representative Shanks) Occupational Licensing Review Commission; revise membership and authority of members of. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 708: (Representative Johnson) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 709: (Representative Johnson) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 710: (Representative Johnson) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 711: (Representative Johnson) TANF benefits; provide child care and transportation for applicants during initial orientation meetings. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 712: (Representative Harness) Youthful Offender Law; enact. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 713: (Representative Eubanks) Abortion trafficking; create penalties for the crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 714: (Representative Eubanks) MRNA vaccinations; prohibit use of in food products and livestock intended for human consumption. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 715: (Representative Johnson) TANF funds; prohibit use of for college scholarships for persons not receiving TANF benefits. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 716: (Representative Johnson) TANF block grant; DHS shall transfer 30% of each year to CCDF for child care vouchers. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 717: (Representative Johnson) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 718: (Representative Johnson) TANF funds; prohibit providing to any person whose income is more than 200% of poverty level. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 719: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Clark, Butler-Washington, Gibbs (36th), Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), James-Jones) Charter school payments; require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. Education.

H. B. No. 720: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Clark, Hines, Butler-Washington, Gibbs (36th), Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), James-Jones, Nelson) State Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee; revise makeup to require a person 35 or younger to serve as nonvoting member on. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 721: (Representatives Felsher, Aguirre, Anderson (122nd), Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bennett, Boyd (37th), Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore IV, Currie, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Fondren, Ford (54th), Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway (76th), Hulum, Keen, Ladner, Lott, Mangold, McCarty, McKnight, Morgan, Newman, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Roberson, Rushing, Smith, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Yancey, Yates) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 722: (Representative Horan) Judicial districts; revise. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 723: (Representative Horan) Sheriffs and district attorneys; authorize clothing allowance for investigators and victim assistance coordinators. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 724: (Representative Horan) Expungement; clarify expungement of pardoned convictions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 725: (Representative Horan) Sororities and fraternities; prohibit IHL Board from requiring to accept persons with gender reassignment. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 726: (Representative Horan) Pre-trial intervention; authorize workforce training as a condition for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 727: (Representative Eubanks) Sales tax; exempt sales of baby/toddler clothing, diapers, diaper bags and rash creams and baby wipes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 728: (Representative Barton) Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 729: (Representative Eubanks) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 730: (Representative Sanford) Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 731: (Representatives Powell, Kinkade, Carpenter, Hale, Harris, Keen, Mangold, Mattox, Morgan, Pigott, Tubb, Wallace) Sale of game animals; prohibit unless permitted by an act of the Legislature. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 732: (Representatives Kinkade, Bounds, Carpenter, Fondren, Hale, Harris, Keen, Mangold, Mattox, Morgan, Pigott, Powell, Tubb, Wallace) Wildlife;

provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 733: (Representatives Kinkade, Bounds, Carpenter, Fondren, Hale, Harris, Keen, Mangold, Mattox, Morgan, Pigott, Wallace) Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 734: (Representative Eubanks) Child pornography; replace term in Mississippi Code with "child sexual abuse material". Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 735: (Representative Eubanks) Abortion; prohibit mail orders for medicines for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 736: (Representative Eubanks) Food labeling; require any food containing an mRNA vaccines to be clearly and conspicuously labeled. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 737: (Representative Harness) Teachers, retired; authorize to be employed full time and continue receiving retirement allowance. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 738: (Representatives Harness, Holloway (76th), Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th), Butler-Washington) Bonds; authorize issuance for housing improvements at Alcorn State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 739: (Representatives Harness, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th), Butler-Washington) Task Force to Study Restoration of Adequate Funding to Alcorn State University; create. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 740: (Representative Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance for various projects in Bolivar County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 741: (Representative Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Pace and Benoit with park improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 742: (Representative Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Cleveland in paying costs of Airport Terminal Road extension. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 743: (Representative Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rosedale with downtown improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 744: (Representatives Summers, Karriem, Sanders, Thompson, Hulum) Mississippi Child Poverty Task Force; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 745: (Representatives Harness, Hulum) "Supplemental Salary Pay for Law Enforcement Act of 2024"; establish. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 746: (Representative Harness) Public defenders; increase compensation for. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 747: (Representative Bennett) Conservatorship; prioritize relatives and revise notice requirements. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 748: (Representative Shanks) Income tax; extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 749: (Representative Shanks) Taxation; extend repealer on income and ad valorem tax credits for certain contributions to charitable and foster care organizations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 750: (Representative Shanks) State Grand Jury Act; codify and extend repealer. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 751: (Representatives Shanks, Remak) Commercial motor vehicles; extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program. Transportation.

H. B. No. 752: (Representative Shanks) Public Service Commission; extend repealer on its creation and powers and duties. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 753: (Representative Shanks) State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 754: (Representative Shanks) State Port Authority and other ports; extend repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

H. B. No. 755: (Representative Shanks) Parole; extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility. Corrections.

H. B. No. 756: (Representative Shanks) Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on. Corrections.

H. B. No. 757: (Representative Shanks) State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable. Corrections.

H. B. No. 758: (Representative Shanks) Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility; extend repealer on. Corrections.

H. B. No. 759: (Representative Shanks) Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990; extend repealer on. Corrections.

H. B. No. 760: (Representatives Shanks, Anthony) MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 761: (Representative Shanks) Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense CBD oil for medical purposes. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 762: (Representative Shanks) Medicaid; extend repealers on list of covered services and assessments on certain health care facilities. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 763: (Representative Shanks) Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in certain counties. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 764: (Representative Shanks) State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 765: (Representatives Shanks, McLean) MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on. Education.

H. B. No. 766: (Representative Shanks) Teacher Loan Repayment Program; extend repealer on. Education.

H. B. No. 767: (Representative Shanks) Capitol Complex Improvement District; extend date on which revisions to boundaries take effect. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 768: (Representatives Shanks, Aguirre) Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 769: (Representative Shanks) Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 770: (Representative Shanks) MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 771: (Representative Shanks) Public Records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 772: (Representative Shanks) Trip Optimizer System; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 773: (Representative Shanks) Elected State and District Officers; extend repealer on authority to exceed salary cap for professionals employed by. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 774: (Representatives Felsher, Eure, Grady, Bell (65th), Hulum, McKnight, Nelson, Aguirre) MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act; create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting. Gaming.

H. B. No. 775: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Scott) Prior authorization; impose certain requirements on health insurance issuers regarding. Public Health and Human Services.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. 2001(Second Extraordinary Special Session): Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Nelson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Bolden, which motion prevailed.

Representative Clark moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of The Honorable Philip Halbert "Hal" Neilson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of LuAnn Sasser Bailey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Ralph "Ed" Flaskamp, Mamie Dean Coker, Carolyn Mae Barrett, Hiram Jack Coker, H. W. "Hank Florey", Doug Harper, Joy Giles, Marie Speed Wilder, Ashley Browne, Carter Bryant Fisher, Charlene Raley, and Laurine Carlisle, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Morgan and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joel Thomas Pounds, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Minnie Belle Broom, Marvin D. Kyle, David Calvin Robbins, and Vera "Annette" Wigley, which motion prevailed.

Representative Read moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Moree Haddox English, which motion prevailed.

At 4:12 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 30, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

(TWENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Michael Wilbanks, Thaxton Baptist Church, Thaxton, MS.

Rep. Luther-Waldo led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Steverson.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, January 30, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills (2024 Second Extraordinary Session) on January 30, 2024 :

H. B. 1: Project Atlas Fund; create. (signed 10:35 a.m.)

H. B. 2: Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects. (signed 10:36 a.m.)

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 776: (Representatives Turner, Hulum) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise certain provisions regarding authority of municipalities and counties under. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 777: (Representatives Powell, Aguirre, Hulum) Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. State Affairs.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAMING

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

H. B. No. 774: MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act; create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CASEY EURE, Chairman

Head Page, Ben Adams, introduced the following Pages for the week:

Breelyn Cain	Collinsville, MS
Madison Ragain	Madison, MS
Kaylee Wallace	McComb, MS
Mary Bennett Waller	Meridian, MS
Addyson Warden	Collinsville, MS

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James "JD" Reeves, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Derrel Granger, Sr., and Kitty Lofton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Beverly Jewel Lawson Hankins, Frances Elizabeth Jackson Hopper, and Charles Starrett Chapman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Fondren moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edward Pugh and Nekeunyah Pugh, and Tammy Camp, which motion prevailed.

At 2:19 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

(THIRTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Timothy Plummer, Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Terry, MS.

Rep. Holloway, G led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2140: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 778: (Representatives Denton, Harness) Assault weapons; prohibit sale of to any person under age 21 years. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 779: (Representative Denton) Sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public offices or employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 780: (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 781: (Representative Denton) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Education.

H. B. No. 782: (Representative Denton) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 783: (Representatives Aguirre, Nelson) Child custody; require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 784: (Representative Horne) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 785: (Representative Horne) Ad valorem taxation; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 786: (Representative Horne) Water well contractors; exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or with at least 20 years experience. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 787: (Representative Horne) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 788: (Representative Horne) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 789: (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 790: (Representative Yancey) Mississippi Vapor Directory; authorize creation of by the Attorney General. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 791: (Representative Yancey) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 792: (Representative Horne) Fireworks; require to be located within a permanent structure. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 793: (Representative Horne) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 794: (Representative Horne) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 795: (Representative Yancey) Water Quality Accountability Act; create. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 796: (Representative Crawford) State park fee; authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 797: (Representative Crawford) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Education.

H. B. No. 798: (Representative Crawford) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Education.

H. B. No. 799: (Representative Crawford) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 800: (Representatives Denton, Harness) Domestic violence protection order; authorize chancery court to issue temporary. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 801: (Representative Denton) Automatic expungement; authorize for certain crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 802: (Representatives Denton, Harness) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the former Rosa A. Temple High School. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 803: (Representatives Denton, Harness) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Rules.

H. B. No. 804: (Representative Denton) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 805: (Representative Denton) Child support; revise factors for award of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 806: (Representative Denton) Home inspectors; authorize home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 807: (Representative Denton) Concealed firearm; clarify prohibition for those declared mentally incompetent by courts. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 808: (Representatives Harness, Clark, Denton, Thompson) Housing of state offenders in regional facilities and county jails; increase amounts paid by DOC to counties for. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 809: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Butler-Washington, Thompson, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens,

Jackson (45th)) Appropriation; IHL to strengthen environmental science research and extension programs at Alcorn State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 810: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Butler-Washington, Thompson, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th)) Appropriation; IHL for support of horticulture research and extension programs at Alcorn State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 811: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Butler-Washington, Thompson, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Osborne, Paden, Mickens, Jackson (45th)) Appropriation; IHL for repairs and renovations of facilities on campus of Alcorn State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 812: (Representatives Harness, Denton, Butler-Washington, Thompson) Appropriation; IHL for growth of new regional health care and medical sciences facilities of Alcorn State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 813: (Representatives Denton, Harness) Elected officials; increase surety bond required for certain. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 814: (Representative Horne) Municipal annexation/deannexation; require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 815: (Representative Crawford) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 816: (Representative Bell (65th)) Mississippi Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 817: (Representative Currie) Canadian Prescription Drugs Importation Program; require State Department of Health to establish. Drug Policy; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 818: (Representatives Turner, Arnold, Foster, Anthony) Insurance; revise the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Program, the MS First Responders Health and Safety Act and the Municipal and County Fire Funds. Insurance.

H. B. No. 819: (Representative Turner) Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from prelicensing requirements. Insurance.

H. B. No. 820: (Representative Turner) Independent dispute resolution; create for certain situations between large health insurers and large health systems. Insurance.

H. B. No. 821: (Representatives Scoggin, Remak) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions related to, including collaboration requirement. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 822: (Representative Lamar) CCID inferior court; clarify appeals from and repeal appointment of temporary judges. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 823: (Representatives Faulkner, Hall) Memorial bridge; designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge." Transportation.

H. B. No. 824: (Representative Harness) Joint state-county work programs; require DOC to reimburse counties for offenders participating in. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 825: (Representatives Harness, Paden) Sheriff designated as chief corrections officer for housing state offenders; increase supplement to salary of. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 826: (Representatives Harness, Paden) Vocational education programs; require to be established in every school district or shared operation between multiple districts. Education.

H. B. No. 827: (Representative Summers) Counties and municipalities; require to update zoning ordinances every 10 years. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 828: (Representatives Summers, Karriem, Taylor, Thompson, Brown, Sanders, Hulum, Denton, Johnson, Jackson (45th), Nelson) Trust in Law Enforcement Act; require Department of Public Safety to create public database on officer misconduct. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 829: (Representative Scott) Teacher salary supplement; provide to those with five or more years experience in successful districts willing to relocate to an "F" designated school. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 830: (Representative Banks) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 831: (Representative Banks) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 832: (Representative Banks) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 833: (Representative Banks) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 834: (Representative Banks) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; bring forward section of law authorizing for members and certain former members of Legislature. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 835: (Representative Massengill) Concrete trucks; increase maximum gross weight of. Transportation.

H. B. No. 836: (Representative Massengill) Utility-type vehicles and side-by-sides; authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. Transportation.

H. B. No. 837: (Representative Massengill) Utility type vehicles and side-by-sides; authorize operation of on public nonstriped and gravel roads. Transportation.

H. B. No. 838: (Representative Scott) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Education.

H. B. No. 839: (Representative Scott) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Education; Appropriations A.

H. C. R. No. 16: (Representative Fondren) Jimmy Buffett; commend and celebrate the life and legacy of iconic song writer and businessman and express sympathy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 17: (Representatives Oliver, Aguirre, Bell (21st), Blackwell, Boyd (37th), Burch, Calvert, Carpenter, Estrada, Grady, Hale, Hall, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hurst, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McMillan, Morgan, Newman, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Rushing, Shanks, Stepp, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Waldo, Wallace, Lancaster) Texas state sovereignty and the Mexican borders; express Mississippi's support of Governor Abbott. Rules.

H. R. No. 18: (Representative Pigott) Emma Cameron; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2024. Rules.

H. R. No. 19: (Representative Pigott) Emma Watts; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Dixie National 2024. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

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

H. B. No. 539: Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MISSY MCGEE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 777: Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

Rep. McGee called up:

H. B. No. 539: Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 539.** On motion of Rep. McGee the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Crawford, Eubanks, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Cockerham moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lillie Mae Robinson, James Michael Cockerham, and Debra Shannell Allen, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Gene Norris Howell, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Fred Bell, and Paula Chaffin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dane Broome, which motion prevailed.

Representative Powell and the Entire House Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Marilyn Baker, which motion prevailed.

At 2:18 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 1, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

(THIRTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Colonel Puckett, Chaplain, MS National Guard.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourning the passing of former Natchez Mayor and MDOT Executive Director Larry "Butch" Brown and recognizing his public service.

S. C. R. No. 505: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of George County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone who was lost in the line of duty.

S. C. R. No. 506: Extend sincerest sympathy of Mississippi Senate to surviving family of former Senator John G. Corlew.

S. C. R. No. 507: "Omega Psi Phi Day"; designate March 9, 2024, in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 508: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of legendary Mississippi Blues-Rock Musician Greg "Fingers" Taylor.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the loss and commend the life of Luster Bayless, legendary Costumer to John Wayne.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2140: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Public Health and Human Services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

H. B. No. 295: Search warrant; authorize electronic application for and issuance of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 634: Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

H. B. No. 775: Prior authorization; impose certain requirements on health insurance issuers regarding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

Representative Crawford entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 539: Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

Rep. Eure called up:

H. B. No. 774: MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act; create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Eure:

AMEND by deleting Section 5 of the bill and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
" SECTION 5. The gross revenue of a licensed gaming establishment, including a platform that operates an online sports pool, online race book or both on behalf of the holder of a gaming license, which is derived from the activities described

in Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall be subject to a fee of twelve percent (12%) of the amount of such revenue and shall not be subject to any fees imposed and/or authorized under Section 75-76-177, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 75-76-195, Mississippi Code of 1972, and/or the authority of a local and private law of the State of Mississippi. Fees paid by a licensee under this section shall be allowed as a credit against the income tax liability of the licensee for that taxable year.

On or before the last day of each month all fees collected by the Department of Revenue during that month under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the Department of Revenue to the State Treasurer to be deposited in the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund created in Section 65-1-179, Mississippi Code of 1972."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 186 by inserting "(1)" after "Section 5" and before the word "Gross".

AMEND FURTHER by inserting the following after line 189:

"(2) (a) The gross revenue derived from any wager placed for an online sports pool and/or online racebook shall be considered gross revenue for the licensed gaming establishment located forty (40) miles or less from the location in which the wager was placed for purposes of any fee imposed and/or authorized under Section 75-76-177 and/or Section 75-76-195 and any fee authorized under the authority of a local and private law under the State of Mississippi. If more than one (1) licensed gaming establishment is located within a forty (40) mile distance, then the revenue shall be considered gross revenue of the licensed gaming establishment that is located nearest the location in which the wager was placed.

(b) A platform, on behalf of the holder of a gaming license in this state, shall use the geofencing or geolocation services required by this act to determine the location in which the wager is being placed."

Rep. McKnight offered a motion to table the foregoing amendment.

The foregoing amendment was tabled by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bell, C, Bennett, Cockerham, Eubanks, Foster, Jackson, K, Sanford, Yates, Young. Total-10.

Necessary for passage--57

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 774**. On motion of Rep. Eure the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Arnold, Bennett, Bounds, Burch, Crawford, Crudup, Evans, Johnson, Luther-Waldo, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Varner, Yancey. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Barnett, Ford, J, Jackson, K, Ladner, Osborne, Young. Total-7.

Present--Boyd, R, Holloway, G. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--67

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Deborah Kay Hester, which motion prevailed.

At 2:59 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 2, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

(THIRTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Speaker White.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend recognition to United States Senator Cindy Hyde Smith as first woman elected to represent Mississippi in Washington, D.C.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 840: (Representative Eubanks) MS Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 841: (Representative Powell) Municipal ordinance for granting of utility franchise or use of streets; remove municipal electorate approval of. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 842: (Representatives Burnett, Nelson, McLean) The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team; create within the State Medical Examiner's Office. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 843: (Representative Burnett) Noninstructional and hourly school employees; compensate at usual rate whenever district temporarily closes schools. Education.

H. B. No. 844: (Representative Currie) State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing. Corrections.

H. B. No. 845: (Representative Yancey) Charitable organizations; require IRS forms filed annually with Secretary of State to be for the most recent fiscal year end. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 846: (Representative Yancey) Chancery clerk fees; conform recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 847: (Representative Yancey) Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 848: (Representative Yancey) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 849: (Representative Evans) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 850: (Representative Evans) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 851: (Representative Evans) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 852: (Representative Evans) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; revise residency requirement. Judiciary B; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 853: (Representative Evans) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 854: (Representative Evans) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 855: (Representative Evans) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 856: (Representative Evans) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 857: (Representative Evans) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 858: (Representative Evans) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Insurance; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 859: (Representative Evans) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 860: (Representative Sanford) Runoff elections; revise the time for holding those that occur during the week of Thanksgiving. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 861: (Representative Evans) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 862: (Representative Evans) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 863: (Representative Evans) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Business and Commerce; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 864: (Representative Evans) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 865: (Representative Evans) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that may be charged for services. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 866: (Representative Evans) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 867: (Representative Owen) Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release. Education.

H. B. No. 868: (Representatives Rushing, Summers, Nelson, Mickens, Crudup, James-Jones, Butler-Washington) "Property Cleanup Revolving Fund"; establish. Municipalities; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 869: (Representative Burch) Giglio letter; require prosecutors to give law enforcement officers an opportunity to be heard before sending. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 870: (Representative Burch) Simple assault fines and penalties; revise for deposits in certain funds. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 871: (Representative Turner) Balance billing; exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on. Insurance.

H. B. No. 872: (Representative Rosebud) Fresh Start Act of 2019; revise applicability of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 873: (Representatives Mansell, Harris, Hurst, Lott, McMillan, Remak, Varner, Waldo, Nelson, Zuber, Hulum, Mangold, Crawford, McLean) Purple Alert; establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive disabilities. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 874: (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony) Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale of MHP and MBN officers. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 875: (Representative Horan) DUI; bring forward all provisions regulating. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 876: (Representative Lancaster) Alcoholic beverages; revised definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 877: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Summers, Butler-Washington, Jackson (45th), James-Jones, Nelson) Food Deserts; require State Department of Health to track in Mississippi. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 878: (Representatives Grady, Hale) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer with local law enforcement agency and draw retirement and work full time. Appropriations A; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 879: (Representatives McCray, Burnett, Nelson) Appropriation; DFA to assist God's Living Word Ministry in Walls with construction of a community family life center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 880: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Deer hunting; prohibit using dogs for. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 881: (Representative Crawford) "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; create to provide incentives for installation of changing tables in restrooms. Public Property; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 882: (Representative Crawford) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the Pass Christian School District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 883: (Representative Crawford) Indigenous Peoples' Day; declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. Rules.

H. B. No. 884: (Representative Crawford) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 885: (Representative Crawford) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 886: (Representative Newman) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 887: (Representative Hulum) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Education.

H. B. No. 888: (Representatives Turner, Arnold, Foster) Insurance mitigation; revise various provisions related to. Insurance.

H. B. No. 889: (Representatives Remak, Boyd (19th), Currie, Estrada, Hale, Kinkade, Stepp, Yancey, Keen) Contracts; noncompete provisions in health care provider contracts are void and unenforceable. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 890: (Representative Haney) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 891: (Representative Haney) Officers who may administer oaths; authorize chiefs of police and sheriffs. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 892: (Representative Haney) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Disability Connection. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 893: (Representatives Haney, Crawford) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 894: (Representative Scott) Highway privilege tax on buses and carriers of property; authorize distribution to cities and towns for roads and bridges. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 895: (Representative Haney) Sales tax; revise time for exemption on retail sales of clothing and school supplies. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 896: (Representatives Waldo, Lancaster, Massengill, Stepp) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc to with constructing a farmers market building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 897: (Representatives Bell (65th), Nelson) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District for increased mental health services for students throughout district. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 898: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Harness, Mangold, Porter) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance with various projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 899: (Representative Harness) Interception of communications; authorize sheriffs to use devices for with approval of DA and circuit court judge. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 900: (Representatives Rushing, Crawford) "The Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act"; create. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 901: (Representatives Morgan, Holloway (76th), Massengill, McMillan, Turner) Theft of street, road or highway signs; provide penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 902: (Representatives Morgan, Holloway (76th), Boyd (19th), Byrd, Hale, Haney, Kinkade, Ladner, Massengill, McMillan, Newman, Rushing, Shanks, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace) Squatted vehicles; prohibit modification to motor vehicles which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 903: (Representatives Felsher, Boyd (19th), Denton) Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 904: (Representative Felsher) "Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund"; revise deposits for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 905: (Representative Felsher) Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. Education.

H. B. No. 906: (Representatives Byrd, Creekmore IV, Felsher, Kinkade, McLean, Morgan, Scoggin, Tubb) Professional music therapists; provide for licensure by State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 907: (Representatives Scoggin, Anthony, Summers) MS Childcare Teachers Shortage Study Committee; create. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 908: (Representative Watson) Sales tax; bring forward certain section of law authorizing various exemptions. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 909: (Representative Watson) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 910: (Representative Watson) Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 911: (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 912: (Representative Watson) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 913: (Representative Banks) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Insurance.

H. B. No. 914: (Representative Banks) Perpetual care cemeteries; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 915: (Representative Watson) Mississippi Center for Legal Services; require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 916: (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. Insurance.

H. B. No. 917: (Representative Watson) Workers' compensation commission; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. Insurance.

H. B. No. 918: (Representative Watson) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. Insurance.

H. B. No. 919: (Representative Watson) Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. Insurance.

H. B. No. 920: (Representative Rosebud) Elections; prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 921: (Representative Rosebud) Bonds; create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 922: (Representative Sanford) Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 923: (Representative Sanford) Election commissioners; revise terms and election cycles for those in Districts Two and Four. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 924: (Representative Rosebud) Mobile barbershops; authorize licensed barbers to operate. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 925: (Representative Felsher) Wireless devices; restrict use of by students during instructional time and prohibit social media access. Education.

H. B. No. 926: (Representative Rosebud) Department of Human Services; create a board of directors to assist and oversee the executive director in governing the department. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 927: (Representative Rosebud) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 928: (Representative Rosebud) Mental health screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. Public Health and Human Services; Education.

H. B. No. 929: (Representatives Rosebud, Hines, Anthony) State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. Corrections.

H. B. No. 930: (Representative Rosebud) DOC discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. Corrections; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 931: (Representative Eubanks) Illegal aliens; create crime of entry into the state by. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 932: (Representative Eubanks) Monuments and displays; prohibit construction of or removal from or on the State Capitol grounds unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 933: (Representative Mims) Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 934: (Representative Yancey) Consumer reports; limit redisclosure to third party. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 935: (Representative Yancey) County boards of supervisors; may designate board attorney to serve as hearing officer in disputes regarding delinquent solid waste fees. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 936: (Representative Yancey) Solicitations by charitable organizations; define term "monetary donations" for purposes of laws regulating. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 937: (Representatives Barnett, Burch, Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Massengill, Oliver, Owen, Sanford, Tullos) Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 938: (Representative Scott) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2024"; create. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 939: (Representative Scoggin) Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 940: (Representatives Massengill, Remak) MS Transportation Commission; revise publication and bid requirements for Design-Build projects and allow use of alternate contracting methods. Transportation.

H. B. No. 941: (Representative Summers) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 942: (Representatives Turner, Arnold) Fireworks; extend time for selling and revise penalties related to. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 943: (Representative Banks) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Insurance; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 944: (Representative Banks) Alcoholic beverages; require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content testing device available. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 945: (Representative Banks) Power lines; prohibit a person from placing objects on. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 946: (Representative Horne) Newborn screening program; include cytomegalvirus (CMV) in conditions tested for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 947: (Representative Powell) Utility Service; prohibit governmental entity from enacting any regulation that restricts the use of any appliance based on the type of. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 948: (Representatives Harness, Paden) Probation officers; limit number of caseloads that are supervised by. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 949: (Representatives McCray, Paden, Summers, Scott, Denton, Thompson, Nelson) Early voting; authorize. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 950: (Representative Tullos) Catastrophic injury; limit noneconomic damages for. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 951: (Representative Scott) Rural hospital transfer to major hospital; prescribe certain conditions on such transfer when doctor deems medically necessary. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 952: (Representative Scott) African American Resident Physician Scholarship Program; establish. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 953: (Representative Scott) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 954: (Representative Scott) Assistant teachers; provide "C," "D" and "F" districts with additional positions. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 955: (Representative Banks) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Judiciary A; Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 956: (Representative Scott) Certificate of need; direct issuance for an existing ambulatory surgical center. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 957: (Representative Scott) Mississippi Tele-emergency Services Grant Program; create. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 958: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; expand eligibility to include individuals entitled to benefits under federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 959: (Representative Scott) Division of Medicaid; apply for waivers to eliminate waiting period for certain services. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 960: (Representative Scott) Medicaid eligibility; provide coverage of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 961: (Representative Scott) Medicaid; provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 962: (Representative Scott) Specialty Doctors to Rural Hospitals Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 963: (Representative Scott) Legal holidays; designate June 19 as Juneteenth Freedom Day. Rules.

H. B. No. 964: (Representative Scott) Municipal executive committee; revise procedure for filing vacancies of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 965: (Representative Scott) Voting rights; restore to people who have been released from incarceration. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 966: (Representative Scott) Municipal executive committee; prohibit members of from campaigning for candidates on the municipal primary election ballot. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 967: (Representative Scott) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 968: (Representative Scott) Marijuana; civil penalty for simple possession of 30 grams or less. Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 17: (Representatives McCray, Paden, Summers, Scott, Denton, Hines, Nelson, Thompson, Watson) Constitution; amend to conform initiative signature requirements to current congressional districts. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 18: (Representatives McCray, Paden, Summers, Scott, Denton, Thompson, Nelson) Constitution; amend to require early voting 10 days before every election. Apportionment and Elections; Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 19: (Representative Eubanks) State of Mississippi; declare as "Second Amendment Sanctuary" state. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 20: (Representative Eubanks) States' rights; reaffirm and offer support to Texas in defending its southern border. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 21: (Representative Evans) Constitution; amend to provide that members of the Legislature for the first time after January 1, 2025, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Constitution; Apportionment and Elections.

H. C. R. No. 22: (Representative Rosebud) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements to be from each congressional district for initiative petition. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 23: (Representatives Turner, Arnold) Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 24: (Representative Banks) Constitution; amend to provide for the right to personal reproductive decisions. Constitution.

H. R. No. 20: (Representatives James-Jones, Banks, Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Hines, Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Porter, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Foster) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; commend and congratulate on the occasion of Delta Days at the Capitol. Rules.

H. R. No. 21: (Representatives Cockerham, Jackson (11th), Butler-Washington, James-Jones, Foster) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2024. Rules.

H. R. No. 22: (Representatives Nelson, Butler-Washington, Foster, McCray) Nita P. Martin; commend upon being named the first African-American Chief Executive Officer of Central Mississippi Realtors and contributions to real estate industry. Rules.

Representatives Carpenter and Mattox moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Orman, Sandra Diane Coleman, Lenoir Stanley, Luke Doehner, and James Bryan Clausel, which motion prevailed.

At 9:11 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 5, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

(THIRTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Dean Williams, Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Madison.

Rep. Ford, J led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourning the passing of former Natchez Mayor and MDOT Executive Director Larry "Butch" Brown and recognizing his public service. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 505: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of George County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone who was lost in the line of duty. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 506: Extend sincerest sympathy of Mississippi Senate to surviving family of former Senator John G. Corlew. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 507: "Omega Psi Phi Day"; designate March 9, 2024, in Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 508: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of legendary Mississippi Blues-Rock Musician Greg "Fingers" Taylor. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend recognition to United States Senator Cindy Hyde Smith as first woman elected to represent Mississippi in Washington, D.C. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the loss and commend the life of Luster Bayless, legendary Costumer to John Wayne. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 969: (Representatives Sanders, Hulum, Thompson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Bolivar County with the Terrene Landing River Park project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 970: (Representative McGee) Medicaid; extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 971: (Representative Zuber) Appropriation; clarify use of Gulf Coast Restoration Funds and Capital Expense Funds for certain projects in Ocean Springs. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 18: Emma Cameron; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 19: Emma Watts; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Dixie National 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 20: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; commend and congratulate on the occasion of Delta Days at the Capitol. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 21: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Representative McGee called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 539:** (Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mansell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Albert "Glen" Holmes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas "Tim" Waldrup, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Haney and Hulum moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Purvis McBride, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jarvis Dearman, which motion prevailed.

At 4:12 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

(THIRTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Ricky Van O'Quinn.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 972: (Representative Rushing) Public purchasing; increase threshold for purchases without competitive bidding. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 973: (Representative Creekmore IV) Mental Health Employee Retention Loan Repayment Program; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 974: (Representative Creekmore IV) State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS. Public Property.

H. B. No. 975: (Representative Creekmore IV) State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to purchase certain real property in Tupelo, MS, on behalf of. Public Property.

H. B. No. 976: (Representative Barton) Podiatric medicine and podiatrist; revise definition of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 977: (Representative Carpenter) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 978: (Representative Carpenter) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing of claims. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 979: (Representative Kinkade) Appropriation; Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 980: (Representative Bell (65th)) Board of Dental Examiners; provide that the state-at-large position shall be appointed from nominations by the Mississippi Dental Society. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 981: (Representative Creekmore IV) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary architecture firms. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 982: (Representative Creekmore IV) In-state tuition; provide that 12 months of residency in MS shall constitute eligibility for. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 983: (Representative Creekmore IV) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 984: (Representative Rushing) Use tax; revise provisions regarding use of funds distributed to municipalities/counties for infrastructure assistance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 985: (Representative Yancey) State employees; authorize to use major medical leave for their mental health care or treatment. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 986: (Representative Kinkade) Real Estate Commission; grant discretion to issue license after felony conviction of crimes of moral turpitude. Business and Commerce; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 987: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Driver's licenses or identification cards of those on probation or parole; indicate as such on. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 988: (Representatives Creekmore IV, McCarty) Increasing Reading Efficiency and Accountability Development (iREAD) Pilot Program; establish to increase literacy achievement outcomes. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 989: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Waldo, Lancaster) State vegetable; designate sweet potato as. Rules.

H. B. No. 990: (Representative Creekmore IV) Tobacco tax; tax vapor products and use revenue for certain mental health purposes. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 991: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Hall) "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. Transportation.

H. B. No. 992: (Representative Yancey) CON; capital expenditures in any amount made by hospitals shall not require issuance of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 993: (Representatives Yancey, Deweese) Design Professionals; declare certain provisions in contracts for services void and establish standard of care. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 994: (Representative Scoggin) MTAG Program; revise eligibility requirements and cap on award amounts. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 995: (Representatives Carpenter, Keen, Mattox) EMS Memorial; Health Department shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Public Property.

H. B. No. 996: (Representative Kinkade) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Potts Camp Railroad Bridge and Bypass Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 997: (Representative Harness) Marijuana; reduce penalties for possession of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 998: (Representative Ladner) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 999: (Representatives Ladner, Currie) Jury duty; exempt members of the Legislature from. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1000: (Representative Deweese) Corporations and LLCs; authorize notice of dissolution by electronic mail only. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1001: (Representatives Carpenter, Hall) Veterans cemeteries; authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act. Military Affairs.

H. B. No. 1002: (Representative Carpenter) Radar; authorize DPS to authorize CTED law enforcement officers to use on public roadways for commercial vehicles. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1003: (Representatives Carpenter, Hulum, Hall, Byrd, Crawford) Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for. Ways and Means.

H. C. R. No. 25: (Representative Shanks) Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term. Rules.

H. R. No. 23: (Representative McGee) Miss Vivian O'Neal; commend upon winning Miss Mississippi 2023. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 331: Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

Head Page, Dru Black, introduced the following pages for the week:

Kameron Jeffreys	Raymond, MS
John Lewis	Clinton, MS
Mary Landrum Love	Starkville, MS
Ginny Mae Purvis	Raymond, MS
Kristen Smith	Terry, MS
Zyane White	Bolton, MS
Jakobe Williams	Clinton, MS

Representative Pigott introduced the President of 4-H Mississippi, John Clayton Kitchens, and the 4-H officers.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 21: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2024.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Representative Cockerham introduced members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, and presented House Resolution 21.

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

H. R. No. 18: Emma Cameron; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2024.

H. R. No. 19: Emma Watts; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Dixie National 2024.

H. R. No. 20: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; commend and congratulate on the occasion of Delta Days at the Capitol.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 777: Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell:

AMEND on line 1036 by inserting the following after the period:

"However, notwithstanding an election instituting the prohibition laws in a county, the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages shall be lawful in a municipality located in such county if the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages was lawful in such municipality before January 1, 2025, and the municipality has not voted after January 1, 2025, for instituting prohibition."

AMEND further on line 1036 by striking "However" and inserting in lieu thereof "In addition"

AMEND further on line 1078 by inserting the following after the period:

"However, notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages shall be lawful in a municipality located in such county if the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages was lawful in such municipality before January 1, 2025, and the municipality has not voted after January 1, 2025, for instituting prohibition."

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 777.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lancaster, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Arnold, Barnett, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Burch, Evans, Ford, J, Haney, Hood, Ladner, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Newman, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Varner. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Currie, Eubanks, Lamar, Mattox. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Representatives Deweese and Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sherry Jenkins Wall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Julius Clyde "Jay" Dyson, William Curtis Dendy, Ronja Kaye Lancaster, Carol Ann Burgess, Jesse Richard Brooks, Mary Ella Jennings Lancaster, Rebecca Anne Arledge, and Heather Paige Holt and Zaidyn Wayne Cousin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Matt Root, and Jimmy King, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barney L. Bairfield, and Tommy Dan Holyfield, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Vickie Sue Tankersley, which motion prevailed.

At 2:53 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

(THIRTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Alvin Carter, Beulah Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Leland.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

Representatives Mangold and Pigott introduced Emma Cameron, Miss Rodeo America 2024, and presented House Resolution 18.

Representatives Mangold and Pigott introduced Emma Watts, Miss Dixie National 2024, and presented House Resolution 19.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

H. B. No. 1004: (Representatives Horan, McLean) Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1005: (Representative Tullos) Safeguarding Teens From Out Of State (abortion) Procedures Act; create felony for assisting minors in procuring abortion. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1006: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Recreation crab licenses; limit to license holders rather than households. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1007: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Oyster tags; authorize the printing of by the catcher. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1008: (Representative Carpenter) Child passenger restraint devices; provide that noncompliance with requirement of shall constitute a primary traffic violation. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1009: (Representative Carpenter) Election commissioners; remove petition requirement to qualify to run for office. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1010: (Representatives Carpenter, Remak) Appropriation; Department of Employment Security for funding Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1011: (Representative Carpenter) Legislative compensation schedule; revise. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1012: (Representative Carpenter) PERS; new public safety employees may receive retirement allowance with 25 years of service. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1013: (Representatives Carpenter, Summers, Anthony) Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program; create. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1014: (Representative Carpenter) Aldermen and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. Municipalities; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1015: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold, Keen, Mattox) DPS; authorize inspectors to assist other officers. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1016: (Representative Carpenter) Public schools; allow to employ or accept the service of chaplains. Education.

H. B. No. 1017: (Representative Calvert) Alternative nicotine; clarify prohibition on school property. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1018: (Representative Calvert) Drug and alcohol treatment; require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1019: (Representatives Sanford, Summers) Expert citizen teachers; provide rate of compensation for those employed in critical teacher shortage areas. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1020: (Representatives Sanders, Taylor, Osborne, Karriem) Law enforcement agency; authorize to purchase equipment with certain proceeds. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1021: (Representative Zuber) Pawnbrokers; authorize Commissioner of Banking to establish by rule a process allowing certain purchased and/or pledged goods to be stored off premises. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1022: (Representative Scott) "African-American Male Success Academy"; require State Dept. of Ed. to establish to cultivate diversity of social skills and academic success. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1023: (Representative Horan) DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1024: (Representative Horan) DHS; authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1025: (Representative Horan) Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from. Corrections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1026: (Representative McGee) Medicaid; make various technical amendments to the program. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1027: (Representative Horan) Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize profits from inmate hobbycraft activities to be deposited into. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1028: (Representatives Carpenter, Keen, Kinkade, Mattox) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; revise to remove eight rounds requirement. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1029: (Representative Calvert) Adoption; authorize original birth certificate to be provided to certain adoptees and birth parent contact preference forms. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1030: (Representative Creekmore IV) DHS; authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds. Public Health and Human Services; County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1031: (Representative Carpenter) MS Management and Reporting System Revolving Fund; require administration to report purchasing needs to legislative committees. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1032: (Representative Carpenter) Unemployment compensation benefits; revise duration of. Workforce Development; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1033: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold) Counties; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1034: (Representative Byrd) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1035: (Representative Horan) Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act". Apportionment and Elections.

H. C. R. No. 26: (Representative Shanks) Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 27: (Representative Carpenter) Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead; commend for philanthropic work and leadership. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

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

H. B. No. 443: Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

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

H. B. No. 970: Medicaid; extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MISSY MCGEE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

S. B. No. 2140: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

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

H. B. No. 43: Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 300: Department of Wildlife; authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 526: Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 331: Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 331.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Harness, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, B, Anthony, Bell, C, Boyd, A, Butler-Washington, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Fondren, Ford, J, Gibbs, J, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Holloway, K, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, McCarty, McCray, McGee, Nelson, Powell, Rosebud, Tubb, Yates. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Boyd, R, Denton, McLean, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, K, Hulum, Karriem, Porter. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--56

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 18: Emma Cameron; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2024.

H. R. No. 19: Emma Watts; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Dixie National 2024.

H. R. No. 20: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; commend and congratulate on the occasion of Delta Days at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 21: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2024.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Butler-Washington moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Belinda Lynn Griffin, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Anderson (110th), Barton and Fondren moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Myrna Carol Ladnier Dennis, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wilson "Sleepy" Harris, and Mildred L. Harris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rickey Black, and William Roberts (Bob) Wilson, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard "Ricky" Keith Marie, Charles W. Benefield, Leonard "Laddie" Debord, Kathy Brock, and Albert Necaie, which motion prevailed.

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eva Jean Gipson Ford, and Kevin Demond Gentry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Arnold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Janet Marie Sparks, and Virginia Pounds Goddard, which motion prevailed.

At 2:42 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 8, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

(THIRTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Lee Carson, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Carthage.

Rep. Holloway, K led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1036: (Representative McKnight) Fentanyl; increase penalties for possession of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1037: (Representatives Currie, Turner, Boyd (19th)) Deficit appropriations; revise process for state agencies to avoid the need for. (PEER bill). Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1038: (Representative McKnight) Kratom; add to Schedule III of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1039: (Representative Shanks) Sales of nonalcoholic beverages or lemonade by minors, certain; prohibit certain regulation of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1040: (Representative Ladner) Municipal annexation; require an election to be held in the proposed annexed territory. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1041: (Representatives Currie, Turner) Fentanyl delivery resulting in death; remove "knowledge" requirement. (PEER bill). Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1042: (Representatives Currie, Turner) Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; require study of by MDE to include certain effects.(PEER bill). Education.

H. B. No. 1043: (Representatives Currie, Turner) ABC Warehouse Construction Fund; prohibit expenditure of monies from until cost of project is determined.(PEER bill). Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1044: (Representative Creekmore IV) Mental health facilities; provide for licensure of certain, and provide for Medicaid coverage for services provided by the facilities. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1045: (Representatives Fondren, Kinkade) Balloons; prohibit intentional releasing or discarding of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1046: (Representatives Denton, Yates) Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1047: (Representatives Remak, Arnold, Blackwell, Boyd (19th), Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Currie, Hall, Keen, Lott, Mansell, Mattox, McCray, McLean, McMillan, Newman, Smith, Stepp, Waldo, Lancaster, Crawford) Parental rights; authorize fundamental to direct upbringing of children. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1048: (Representative Ford (54th)) Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1049: (Representative Currie) Annual supplement that may be added to salaries of sheriffs; remove cap on. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1050: (Representatives Osborne, Sanders, Taylor, Karriem) Mississippi Students Voicing Opinions in Today's Elections (VOTE) Act; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1051: (Representative Sanford) Absentee ballot; provide process to cure if signatures on application and envelope do not correspond. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1052: (Representatives Clark, Osborne, Brown, Gibbs (36th), Hines, Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new student housing building at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1053: (Representatives Clark, Osborne, Brown, Gibbs (36th), Hines, Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1054: (Representative Clark) Age of majority; revise. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1055: (Representative Arnold) Law enforcement officers; regulate payment for nonexempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1056: (Representatives Arnold, Burch) Law enforcement officers; entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1057: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Nelson, Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, James-Jones) MS Eminent Scholars Grant Program; increase maximum annual award amount. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1058: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Nelson, Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, James-Jones) MS Resident Tuition Assistance Grant; increase annual awards under. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1059: (Representatives Remak, Burnett, Hall, Harris, Keen, Kinkade, McCray) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Olive Branch with improvements to historic Maples Methodist Church building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1060: (Representatives Remak, Burnett, Hall, Harris, Keen, Kinkade, McCray) Performance bonds; increase threshold amount in public works contracts. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1061: (Representatives Morgan, Blackwell, Bounds, Carpenter, Felsher, Hawkins, Keen, Kinkade, Lott, Pigott, Tubb) Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1062: (Representative Zuber) Pawnbrokers; authorize to pass credit and debit card processing charges to customers. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1063: (Representative Powell) Excavation; revise procedures and require white lining in certain stances. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1064: (Representative Ladner) Gold and Silver; authorize as legal tender. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1065: (Representative Harness) Parole eligibility; revise for minors who committed offenses while under the age of 18. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1066: (Representative Ford (54th)) MS Whistleblower Reward Act; create. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1067: (Representative McGee) Genetic counselors; provide for licensure and regulation of by State Board of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1068: (Representative McGee) County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1069: (Representative Crawford) Prescription drugs; require pharmacists to dispense to patients unless certain circumstances exist. Drug Policy; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1070: (Representative Crawford) State employees; authorize to buy back leave time used while taking FMLA leave. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1071: (Representative Crawford) Student absenteeism; excuse those related to an exceptional student's disability. Education.

H. B. No. 1072: (Representative Burch) Aggravated trafficking; any person trafficking in Schedule I or II controlled substances of eighty or more dosage units is guilty of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1073: (Representative Burch) Contributing to the delinquency of a minor; revise elements for crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1074: (Representative Summers) Terroristic threats; increase penalties when made against an airport. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1075: (Representatives Sanford, Osborne, Taylor, Sanders, Karriem) Criminal justice system; prohibit discrimination by certain state and local governmental entities. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1076: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Charter schools; authorize state universities and community colleges to charter and revise various other provisions. Education.

H. B. No. 1077: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Houston Palestine Water Association for making improvements to the water system. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1078: (Representatives Turner, Arnold) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1079: (Representative Turner) Clean claim; clarify requirements for. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1080: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Summers, Brown, Holloway (27th)) Open top vehicles and carriers; require to be covered with tarp while transporting certain items on public roadways. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1081: (Representative Hurst) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; authorize governing authorities of certain qualified resort areas to allow package retailer's permits. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1082: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Mantachie Volunteer Fire Department for maintaining an existing building and constructing a new building. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1083: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Mooreville-Richmond Water Association for upgrades and improvements to its water systems. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1084: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Bell (21st), Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd (37th), Brown, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Creekmore IV, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Foster, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Grady, Hale, Hall, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Hood, Horan, Hurst, Jackson (11th), James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Waldo, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Watson, Zuber) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1085: (Representatives Holloway (76th), Gibbs (72nd), Bell (65th), Mickens, Thompson) Towing of vehicles; create a procedure. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1086: (Representative Sanford) Land partitions; revise provision that regulate. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1087: (Representative Sanford) Ballot harvesting; include certain definitions in prohibition on. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1088: (Representatives Horan, Owen) Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1089: (Representative Horan) Indigent counsel; increase compensation for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1090: (Representative Bell (65th)) Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. Drug Policy.

H. R. No. 24: (Representative Varner) Florence High School Varsity Dance Team; commend upon winning 3A-5A State Championships in Hip Hop and Pom. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

H. B. No. 80: Presumption of death; create for missing persons who have undergone a catastrophic event causing imminent peril. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 286: Sexual Battery; remove statute of limitations when DNA evidence is discovered. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 904: "Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund"; revise deposits for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 763: Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in certain counties. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 26: Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 26: Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

AMEND on line 330 after the period and add the following: "or if the resolution would change the required vote of the bill to his/her vote requirement of the resolution shall be same as would be required for adoption of the bill."

ADOPTED

Representative Clark entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Shanks the yeas and nays were taken and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Anderson, J, Evans, Osborne, Summers, Watson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Scott. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Newman, Rosebud. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McGee called up:

H. B. No. 970: Medicaid; extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 970. On motion of Rep. McGee the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Creekmore, Mims. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2140: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Creekmore: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2140**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Cockerham, Currie, Ladner. Total-4.

Present--Gibbs, J, Holloway, G. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 295: Search warrant; authorize electronic application for and issuance of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on lines 6, 11, and 17 by adding the word "felony" after the word "any" AMEND FURTHER after line 38 by adding the following as a new subsection: "(7)" an application for any felony warrant or signature made pursuant to this section shall contain a statement that the application is being made for a felony criminal investigation.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 295**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Creekmore. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

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

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 634: Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 634. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Blackmon, Scott. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Byrd called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 331:** (Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

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

S. B. No. 2140: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Doris Evelyn Erkhart Parker, and Diane H. Goodman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Cockerham moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Miller, and Della Reid-Allen, which motion prevailed.

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Representative Mansell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Willerma "Bill" Toler Hood, which motion prevailed.

At 3:06 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 9, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

TWENTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

(THIRTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1091: (Representatives Tullos, Byrd) Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1092: (Representative Yancey) Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1093: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Carpenter) Appropriation; Health Department for design and construction of Emergency Medical Services Memorial. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1094: (Representatives Fondren, Arnold, Blackwell, Estrada, Varner) Financial literacy curriculum; require State Board of Education to create for all MS students in Grades 6-12. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1095: (Representative Banks) Judges; add to the 7th judicial circuit court district. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1096: (Representative Banks) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1097: (Representative Banks) State holidays; designate additional legal holidays and days of recognition and observation. Rules.

H. B. No. 1098: (Representative Banks) Appropriation; Jackson Municipal Airport Authority for improvements at international airport. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1099: (Representative Banks) Appropriation; Department of Public Safety for making improvements at and supporting operations of Mississippi Forensics Laboratory. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1100: (Representatives Yancey, Crawford) Minors; prohibit health care providers and institutions from providing health care to without parental consent. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1101: (Representative Mims) Mississippi Enhanced Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1102: (Representatives Cockerham, Anthony) DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1103: (Representatives Waldo, Lancaster, Massengill, Rushing, Stepp) Alcoholic beverages; authorize certain municipalities designated as qualified resort areas to regulate certain matters regarding the sale of. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1104: (Representative Yancey) State Board of Dental Examiners; clarify powers and duties relating to practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1105: (Representative Yancey) Limited Liability Company; remove prohibition on using the words "partnership" and "limited partnership" when providing a name for. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1106: (Representatives Roberson, Mickens) National board certified occupational therapists and school psychologists; require salary supplement for public education employees. Education.

H. B. No. 1107: (Representatives Roberson, Boyd (37th), Massengill) U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the purpose of graduation. Education.

H. B. No. 1108: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem, Sanders, Osborne) Victim Assistance Coordinator; authorize an additional coordinator for the Seventh Circuit Court District. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1109: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem, Osborne) Regional correctional facilities; require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders before utilizing private facilities. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1110: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem, Osborne) Workforce training, certain; provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. Corrections; Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1111: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem) Starkville High School AP Government Class of 2019 Motor Voter Act; create to establish the procedure for the automatic registration of voters. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1112: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem, Osborne) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1113: (Representatives Taylor, Karriem, Osborne) Nonviolent offenders, certain; require Department of Corrections to house within a 100 mile radius of offenders' release residences. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1114: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders, Karriem) Practice of medicine or dentistry; allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1115: (Representatives Taylor, Sanders, Karriem, Holloway (76th), Osborne, Hulum, Thompson) Federal funds; Governor can not return to federal government as long as there is still a demonstrable need for those funds in Mississippi. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1116: (Representative Bounds) Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1117: (Representative Bounds) Public Utilities Staff; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Public Utilities.

H. R. No. 25: (Representatives Thompson, Sanders, Summers, Brown, Faulkner, Gibbs (36th), Karriem, Osborne, Taylor) Dr. Portia E. Ellis; commend service as State Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Rules.

H. R. No. 26: (Representative Steverson) Ripley High School Golf Team; commend upon winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 27: (Representatives Read, Arnold, Barton, Carpenter, Hulum) National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer; commend on election to lead American Legion and welcome to Gautier, MS. Rules.

Representative Shanks called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. C. R. No. 26:** (Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term.) was adopted, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Clark moved that AMENDMENT NO. 1 be tabled, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

AMEND by deleting lines 327 through 330 in their entirety and inserting the following:
"27A. A conference report that has been adopted by both houses may be amended by a concurrent resolution authored by the chair of the first-named committee of referral in either house and adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting in each house, unless a higher number of votes is required by Section 64, 66, 253 or 273 of the Mississippi Constitution."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. C. R. No. 26**. On motion of Rep. Shanks the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the resolution was adopted title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Hobgood-Wilkes, Wallace, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

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

H. C. R. No. 26: Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term.

At 9:11 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 12, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

(FORTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor David Long, First Baptist Church of Mantachie.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K,

Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1118: (Representatives Turner, Arnold) Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1119: (Representatives McMillan, Morgan) Sixteenth section lands; authorize long-term supply agreement for sale of certain forest products other than timber. Forestry; Education.

H. B. No. 1120: (Representatives McMillan, Morgan) Sixteenth section lands; authorize additional means of providing notice of sale of timber products and electronic bidding. Forestry; Education.

H. B. No. 1121: (Representative Sanford) State officers; make minor, nonsubstantive changes regarding swearing in of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1122: (Representative Osborne) Solitary Confinement Reform Act; enact. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1123: (Representative Burch) MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1124: (Representatives Lott, Burch) First Responders Funeral Benefits Trust Fund; create for those killed in line of duty. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. C. R. No. 28: (Representatives Lott, Barton, Burch) Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing. Rules.

Rep. Wallace called up:

H. B. No. 443: Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time.

On motion of Rep. Wallace **H. B. No. 443:** (Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time.) was recommitted to the Committee on Constitution, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Beckie Day, which motion prevailed.

Representative Nelson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eli Grayson, and Carl Hollingsworth, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David DeOrnellas , Paul Rogers, Cathy Dianne Bracey, Ann Williamson, Herman Carl Kleinke, III, Arvis Cook Holt, and Rita Pace Slaton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edna Earle Guynes, which motion prevailed.

At 4:15 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

(FORTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Ray Coleman, Mt. Burner Baptist Church, Port Gibson.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 26: Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term.

S. C. R. No. 515: Mourn the passing and recognize legal career of former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice James L. Robertson.

S. C. R. No. 516: Recognize Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice Leslie D. King for "60 Courageous Judges Award."

S. C. R. No. 517: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Margaret Allen-Bingham first female superintendent of correctional facility in MS.

S. C. R. No. 518: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Tropical Rock legend Jimmy Buffett.

S. C. R. No. 519: Congratulate Ole Miss "Rebels" 2023 Football Team for historic season and dominating Peach Bowl victory.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1125: (Representative Arnold) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Ways and Means.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. B. No. 124: Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 365: Mississippi Musicians Month; designate the month of March each year as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Head Page, Camille Waller, introduced the following pages for the week:

Mar'Quita Adams	Gulfport, MS
Bailee Allen	Tupelo, MS
Abbey Berch	Hazlehurst, MS
Eryka Childs	Aberdeen, MS
Olivia Cook	Pelahatchie, MS
Reagan Cooper	Clinton, MS
Rayden Davis	Purvis, MS
Jack DuPont	Waveland, MS
Nikolas Ellis	Pass Christian, MS
London Fortenberry	Clinton, MS
Kilby Green	Clinton, MS
Addison Nash	Brandon, MS
Jackson Pearce	Gulfport, MS
Kage Pickett	Petal, MS
Mary Everett Robinson	Brandon, MS
Juliana Weems	Carriere, MS
Jason Zehnpfennig	Pass Christian, MS

Representative Holloway G introduced special guests from Alcorn State University for Purple and Gold Day at the Capitol.

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 43: Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 43. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Home, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Young. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Fondren called up:

H. B. No. 526: Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 526.** On motion of Rep. Fondren the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Boyd, A, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hurst, Smith. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Rosebud, Sanford, Young. Total-4.

Present--Denton, Holloway, G, Tullos, Yates. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Horan called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 295:** (Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Coach Lanny Gooch, and Marty Allen Collums, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Currie and Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of R. E. Nettles, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Albert Lawrence "Larry" Jackson, which motion prevailed.

At 2:40 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

(FORTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Caleb Cangelosi, Pear Orchard Presbyterian, Ridgeland.

Rep. Ford, J led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2276: Clinic building at 1308 Belk Boulevard; transfer to Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 515: Mourn the passing and recognize legal career of former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice James L. Robertson. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 516: Recognize Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice Leslie D. King for "60 Courageous Judges Award." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 517: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Margaret Allen-Bingham first female superintendent of correctional facility in MS. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 518: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Tropical Rock legend Jimmy Buffett. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 519: Congratulate Ole Miss "Rebels" 2023 Football Team for historic season and dominating Peach Bowl victory. Rules.

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S. B. No. 2276: Clinic building at 1308 Belk Boulevard; transfer to Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Appropriations A.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1126: (Representatives Ford (73rd), Nelson, Byrd) "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content. Technology; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1127: (Representative Zuber) Strengthen Mississippi Homes Act; create and provide fund for. Insurance; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1128: (Representatives Lamar, Massengill, Steverson) Lottery and Sports wagering; revise certain provisions regarding distribution of proceeds and revenue from. Gaming; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1129: (Representative Mims) Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1130: (Representative Turner) Living Donor Protection Act; create. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1131: (Representative Lamar) Transparency and Accountability of Patient Premiums Invested in Dental Care Act; create. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1132: (Representative Ford (54th)) Prescription drugs; authorize to ne imported into the State of Mississippi to provide highest potential for cost savings to the state. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1133: (Representatives Hale, Keen, McCray) Municipal annexation; require an election be held on the question of. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1134: (Representatives Hale, Hall, Keen, McCray) Radar speed detecting equipment; authorize use by sheriffs and deputies. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1135: (Representative Wallace) Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1136: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Education.

H. B. No. 1137: (Representatives Yancey, Nelson, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (27th), James-Jones, Anthony, Butler-Washington, Yates, Mickens) Opioid antagonists; authorize community organizations and others to receive and administer. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1138: (Representative Bennett) Sales tax; exempt sales tangible personal property and services to the Mississippi Aquarium in Gulfport. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1139: (Representatives Carpenter, Pigott) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1140: (Representative Ford (54th)) Public Records Act; revise time limitations for producing a competitive sealed proposal. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1141: (Representative Summers) Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; revise certain provisions related to wage history. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1142: (Representative Creekmore IV) DHS; authorize to use a combination of reporting systems to lower the department's error rate and avoid federal fines. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1143: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster, Mickens) Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1144: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Lancaster, Mickens, Foster) Diagnostic and supplemental breast exams; prohibit insurers from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1145: (Representative Bell (21st)) Unemployment compensation; increase maximum weekly benefit amount. Workforce Development; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1146: (Representatives Johnson, Porter, Clark, Hines) Medicaid; direct Division of Medicaid to apply for federal waivers to expand Medicaid eligibility. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1147: (Representative Aguirre) Health care providers; authorize lien against claims by patients and damages recovered by patients' lawsuit or settlement. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1148: (Representative Aguirre) Marital property; exclude intellectual property of a spouse as. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1149: (Representative Carpenter) Counties; authorize to only maintain electronic format of law books in county courtrooms and public county law libraries. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1150: (Representatives Hale, Hines, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, McCray, Newman, Remak) MS Emergency Drinking Water Network Act; create. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1151: (Representatives Hale, Anthony, Hall, Keen, McCray) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for and remove certain limiting language. Insurance; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1152: (Representatives Hale, Anthony, Hall, Keen, McCray) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1153: (Representative Scoggin) Tobacco; prohibit sale to persons under. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1154: (Representative Summers) The Right to Contraception Act; create. Public Health and Human Services; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1155: (Representatives Karriem, Scoggin) "Mississippi University for Women"; change name of to "The W" with official nomenclature as "Wynbridge State University of Mississippi". Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1156: (Representatives Summers, Nelson, Hulum, Anthony) Polling places; prohibit from being closed within sixty days before an election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1157: (Representative Scott) STEM Pilot Program; require SDE to create in certain school districts for students in Grades 4-8. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1158: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Hinds County for funding expenses of the Public Defender's Office. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1159: (Representative Turner) Counties, municipalities, school districts, Jr. colleges, political subdivisions; authorize pooling of risks to purchase property insurance. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1160: (Representative Turner) State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; authorize to determine all benefits and exclusions. Insurance; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1161: (Representative Lamar) Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1162: (Representatives Lamar, McLean) Child sexual abuse; revise statute of limitations for claims. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1163: (Representative Lamar) Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1164: (Representative Hale) Public publishing; exempt the purchase of any textbook from requirements of. Education; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1165: (Representative Turner) Mississippi Small Business Assistance Revolving Loan Program; establish. Business and Commerce; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1166: (Representative Turner) Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to adopt rules and regulations regarding certain provider reimbursement rates. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1167: (Representative Yancey) Marriage and family therapists; revise requirements for licensure. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1168: (Representatives Yancey, Hulum) Mississippi Law on Notarial Acts; revise to allow notaries to perform remote online notarization. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1169: (Representative Yancey) Parental consent for medical treatment and instruction in human sexuality; require for students in K-12 notwithstanding federal regulations. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1170: (Representatives Yancey, Bell (21st), Deweese, Horan, Newman, Powell, Roberson, Shanks, Zuber) PERS Board; require to make investment decisions with sole purpose of maximizing returns. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1171: (Representative Zuber) Check cashers and MS Credit Availability licensees; authorize to pass credit/debit cards fees to customers. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1172: (Representative Calvert) Circuit court; prohibit from allowing candidates to speak to the public during court terms. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1173: (Representative Powell) Mississippi Coach Safely Act; create to require certain youth coaches to take injury mitigation and information course. Public Health and Human Services; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1174: (Representatives McGee, Crudup) Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. Municipalities.

H. B. No. 1175: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Career and Technical Education building at Forrest County Agricultural High School. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1176: (Representative Byrd) Ballot box; prohibit the opening of and counting of votes until all of the polling places have closed. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1177: (Representative Byrd) Dyslexia screenings; reimburse parents and school districts for comprehensive psycho-educational evaluations. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1178: (Representative Byrd) ESA; authorize use of a diagnosis of dyslexia as a qualifier to determine eligibility for receipt of. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1179: (Representative Byrd) "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school." Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1180: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Dynamic Dyslexia Design; The 3-D School and Evaluation Center with construction of a new building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1181: (Representatives Nelson, James-Jones) Public schools; require a brief period of quiet reflection at the opening of every school day. Education.

H. B. No. 1182: (Representatives Nelson, Butler-Washington, McCray) School breakfast and lunch program; authorize districts to provide at no cost to students. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1183: (Representatives Nelson, James-Jones) Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1184: (Representatives Nelson, Butler-Washington) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Constitution.

H. B. No. 1185: (Representatives Nelson, Summers, Brown, Butler-Washington, Foster, Jackson (45th), McCray) Headlights; require motorist to use in adverse driving conditions due to adverse weather or other conditions. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1186: (Representatives Nelson, James-Jones) Voter roll purge; require Secretary of State to post notice of each time the purge occurs. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1187: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Pigott, Porter) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Southwest Mississippi Community College with campus improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1188: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Johnson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with stormwater infrastructure projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1189: (Representative Roberson) Medicaid; allow reimbursement for services provided to developmentally disabled child by qualified nurse who is guardian of the child. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1190: (Representative Roberson) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1191: (Representative Roberson) Districts of Innovation; bring forward. Education.

H. B. No. 1192: (Representative Roberson) Virtual public schools; authorize operation by certain educational providers or locally sponsored virtual public schools. Education.

H. B. No. 1193: (Representative Roberson) Teachers; authorize SBE to impose a fine for breach of contract by appointed superintendents, principals and licensed employees. Education.

H. B. No. 1194: (Representative Roberson) Expulsions; authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to. Education.

H. B. No. 1195: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Virtual Public School Program; bring forward. Education.

H. B. No. 1196: (Representatives Roberson, Boyd (37th), Ford (73rd), McLean) Sextortion; create crime of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1197: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1198: (Representative Newman) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with U.S. Highway 80 lighting project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1199: (Representative Cockerham) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Wildlife Mississippi. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1200: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Department of Marine Resources; revise administrative hearing procedure for. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1201: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Child abuse; require mandatory minimums and arrests for severe child abuse. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1202: (Representative Yancey) Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1203: (Representative Powell) Patient's Right to Informed Health Care Choices Act; extend repealer and make certain changes in. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1204: (Representatives Byrd, Smith, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Boyd (37th), Calvert, Lott, Tubb) MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia; revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1205: (Representatives Pigott, Gibbs (36th), Mickens, Lancaster, Varner) Sales tax; reduce rate to 1.5% for retail sales of fencing material and cattle trailers to farmers for agricultural purposes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1206: (Representative Kinkade) Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, racoons and bobcats with dogs and guns. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1207: (Representatives Holloway (76th), Anthony, Foster) Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". Public Property.

H. B. No. 1208: (Representative Calvert) Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1209: (Representatives Keen, Anderson (122nd), Carpenter, Hale, Hall, Harris, Hawkins, Kinkade, Mattox, Remak) Shoplifting; provide minimum penalties of imprisonment for all convictions of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1210: (The Entire Membership) The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1211: (Representative Yancey) Criminal justice agencies; bring forward sections that regulate. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1212: (Representative Yancey) Excess state funds; remove limit on maximum amount that may be invested in bonds assumed, issued or guaranteed by. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1213: (Representatives Denton, Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Karriem, Mickens, Thompson) Living Donor Protection Act; create. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1214: (Representatives Steverson, Jackson (11th)) Joint Legislative Study Committee on Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and Other Digital Assets; create. Banking and Financial Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1215: (Representatives Hale, Bell (65th), Anthony, Rosebud) MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; revise definition of first responders under. Insurance; Appropriations A.

H. C. R. No. 29: (Representative Shanks) State of the State address of Governor Reeves; call joint session. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 30: (Representative Shanks) National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary in 2025. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 31: (Representatives Banks, Summers) Pamela D. C. Junior; commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

H. B. No. 697: Mississippi Aviation Safety Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 940: MS Transportation Commission; revise publication and bid requirements for Design-Build projects and allow use of alternate contracting methods. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 702: Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 751: Commercial motor vehicles; extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STEVE MASSENGILL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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

H. B. No. 302: "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 939: Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. B. No. 365: Mississippi Musicians Month; designate the month of March each year as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 365. On motion of Rep. Shanks the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Crudup, Young. Total-3.

Present--Creekmore. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Holloway, G called up:

H. B. No. 124: Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 124. On motion of Rep. Holloway, G the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Hines requested that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following:

H. B. No. 124: Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 26: Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Oliver Houston Hopkins, Jr. , William Roberts "Bert" McRee, Junior Dewayne Talbert, Raymond Lavon Martin, Sarah Alice Albritton, Patricia Ann Sisson, Shelia Darlene Gilbert, Jewell McNeil, Marlon Lamar "Little Bud" Robinson, Rachel Ann Altieri, Andy David Mathis, James Jackie Belcher, Anita Kay Livingston, Michael Daniel Tew, William David West, Bobby Gene Yarbrough, Jr. , Deloris Ann Oglesby, Alenda Ruth Fleming, Ann D. Callahan, James Prentiss Raley, Donald Ray Moore, Rosa Mary Galistel, Marcus "Uncle Mark" Moss, Inez May, William Allen Harris, Jr. , Walter "Red" Wilkins, and Tommie Lou Long, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bell D, Massengill and Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Miss Olivia Page Pounders, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Burch and Lott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlotte Pearl Loper, and Rebecca "Becky" Maples, which motion prevailed.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Printess Garner, which motion prevailed.

At 2:18 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 15, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

(FORTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Tony Montgomery, Greater St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson.

Rep. Butler-Washington led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1216: (Representatives Morgan, Pigott) Memorial highways; designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1217: (Representative Sanford) Abandoned Motor Vehicle; revise to include landowners with proper representation for tax commission inquiries. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1218: (Representative Yates) Municipal elected officers; authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1219: (Representative Yates) Child support; authorize DPS and CPS to share information about noncustodial parents. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1220: (Representatives Yates, Summers) Tax forfeited property; authorize Secretary of State to reimburse local governments for tree removal and cleanup costs. Municipalities; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1221: (Representative Yates) Marital consent; increase age of female to same age of males for. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1222: (Representative Yates) Laser hair removal; restrict the practice of to certain health professionals. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1223: (Representative Yates) Court interpreters; technical revisions to program administered by Administrative Office of Courts. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1224: (Representative Yates) Court administrators; revise manner for establishing office and revise Administrative Office of Courts to evaluate prospective hires. Judiciary A; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1225: (Representative Yates) State Auditor; authorize to review and investigate municipalities under certain prescribed conditions. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1226: (Representative Yates) CCID inferior court; authorize additional judges and clarify appeals from. Judiciary A; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1227: (Representative Cockerham) Election commissioners; revise the compensation of. Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1228: (Representative Creekmore IV) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with signage project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1229: (Representative Roberson) Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; bring forward statutes creating ESA Program. Education.

H. B. No. 1230: (Representative Roberson) Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1231: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with road improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1232: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to Claiborne County with security improvements to county law enforcement and detention facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1233: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvements to recreational facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1234: (Representative Sanford) Tenancy by the entirety with rights of survivorship; create rebuttable presumption when deed to both spouses. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1235: (Representatives Byrd, James-Jones, Sanders, Waldo) Ad valorem tax; revise exemption for university, college, community or junior college foundation property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1236: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1237: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Sales tax; phase out on retail sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1238: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Collegiate voters; require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Universities and Colleges; Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1239: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1240: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Distinctive motor license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the Moss Point School District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1241: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Unnatural intercourse law; revise to remove "mankind" from. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1242: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for infrastructure and site development at Sharkey County Industrial Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1243: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Yazoo County for a drainage project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1244: (Representatives James-Jones, Johnson, Paden, Summers, Nelson, Bell (65th), Clark, Holloway (27th), Scott) Affidavit ballot; allow to serve as voter registration in certain situations. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1245: (Representatives James-Jones, Johnson, Paden, Nelson, Bell (65th), Clark, Foster, Holloway (27th), Scott) Jury duty; reinstate person's name to master list once voting rights restored upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1246: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Humphreys County for roadway, curb and gutter improvements in Westgate Subdivision. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1247: (Representatives James-Jones, Butler-Washington, Paden, Summers, Nelson, Bell (65th)) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1248: (Representative Eubanks) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Education.

H. B. No. 1249: (Representative Eubanks) Ranked-choice voting; prohibit. Apportionment and Elections; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1250: (Representative Eubanks) School classrooms; authorize Christian Bible to be kept in and enforce daily recitation of pledge. Education.

H. B. No. 1251: (Representative Lamar) Children with disabilities; require LEAs to provide services to private schools and home schooled students at the place of enrollment. Education.

H. B. No. 1252: (Representative Horan) Implied consent laws; authorize nonadjudication for violation under certain conditions. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1253: (Representative Horan) Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1254: (Representative Hall) Mississippi Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Promise Grant Program; create. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1255: (Representatives Hall, Carpenter) Defense Research and Development Program; create. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1256: (Representative Hall) Appropriations; IHL, Student Financial Aid, for JROTC scholarships to community colleges. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1257: (Representatives Hulum, Yancey) Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1258: (Representative McGee) 16th section land; authorize local school board to grant an extension to holder of a long-term lease in good standing. Education.

H. B. No. 1259: (Representatives Byrd, Smith) Conditions for state offenders to serve sentences in county jails; delete repealer on. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1260: (Representative Yancey) Texting software providers; require to ensure certain encryption and notification features when transmitting text messages. Technology.

H. B. No. 1261: (Representatives Yates, Deweese) Department of Public Safety Headquarters; transfer facility in Jackson, MS to UMMC. Public Property.

H. B. No. 1262: (Representative Sanford) Court of Appeals; bring forward statute establishing boundaries of districts. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1263: (Representative Horan) Criminal justice omnibus bill; enact. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1264: (Representative Turner) Homeless encampments; prohibit on public property and define as a public nuisance on private property. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1265: (Representative Yancey) Pharmacists; authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or contracts. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1266: (Representative Yancey) Living Donor Protection Act; create. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1267: (Representatives James-Jones, Nelson, Paden, Butler-Washington, Johnson, Summers, Bell (65th), Clark, Holloway (27th), Scott) Political communication; require to contain disclaimer if generated by artificial intelligence algorithms. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1268: (Representative Porter) MS Project Health Data Privacy Act; create to prohibit unauthorized disclosure of consumers' health information. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1269: (Representative Creekmore IV) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1270: (Representative Zuber) Regional mental health commissions; revise the membership of certain. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1271: (Representatives Deweese, Barnett, Bell (21st), Felsher, Ford (73rd), Haney, Hawkins, McKnight, Powell, Tubb) Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1272: (Representative Hall) Hometown Heroes Homeloan Guaranty Program; establish. Housing; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1273: (Representative Horan) Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions relating to. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1274: (Representative Bell (21st)) Office of Workforce Development; authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1275: (Representative Clark) Confederate flag; remove depictions of from the rotunda of the Mississippi State Capitol building. Rules.

H. B. No. 1276: (Representative Shanks) Study committee on certain first responders receiving insurance upon retirements eligibility; create. Insurance; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1277: (Representatives Porter, Harness) Justice court; increase jurisdiction to \$5,000.00. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1278: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Motor vehicle liability policy; require to cover certain newly licensed persons for 60 days. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1279: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1280: (Representatives Powell, Aguirre, Anderson (122nd), Felsher, McGee, McKnight, Yates) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine and distilled spirits to be made to residents in this state. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1281: (Representative Bounds) Dumping dead wildlife; person shall have hunting license revoked for one year. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1282: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Satanic displays and symbols; prohibit on public property. Public Property.

H. B. No. 1283: (Representative Scoggin) Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions. Education; Appropriations A.

H. C. R. No. 32: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 28: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Blackmon, Holloway (27th)) Jack and Jill of America's Legislative Day at the Capitol; recognize February 19, 2024. Rules.

H. R. No. 29: (Representative Mickens) Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team; congratulate upon winning the 2023 Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 30: (Representative Anderson (110th)) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

H. B. No. 922: Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1035: Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1121: State officers; make minor, nonsubstantive changes regarding swearing in of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

H. B. No. 934: Consumer reports; limit redisclosure to third party. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1105: Limited Liability Company; remove prohibition on using the words "partnership" and "limited partnership" when providing a name for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 313: Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 445: Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1089: Indigent counsel; increase compensation for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 873: Purple Alert; establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive disabilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 28: Jack and Jill of America's Legislative Day at the Capitol; recognize February 19, 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 29: Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team; congratulate upon winning the 2023 Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 29: State of the State address of Governor Reeves; call joint session. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 28: Jack and Jill of America's Legislative Day at the Capitol; recognize February 19, 2024.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 29: State of the State address of Governor Reeves; call joint session.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Osborne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Johnson, Taylor, Young. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J, Hines, Karriem. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 29: Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team; congratulate upon winning the 2023 Class 4A State Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Representative Mickens introduced The Louisville High School Football Team, House Resolution 29.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 80: Presumption of death; create for missing persons who have undergone a catastrophic event causing imminent peril.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 80. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 286: Sexual Battery; remove statute of limitations when DNA evidence is discovered.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 286. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1004.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Hobgood-Wilkes, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 904: "Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund"; revise deposits for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 904.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 302: "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 302.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Brown, Haney. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, McCarty, Young. Total-4.

Present--Karriem, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

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

H. B. No. 302: "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward.

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 939: Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 939.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

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

H. B. No. 939: Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of.

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 300: Department of Wildlife; authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees.

Rep. Kinkade moved that **H. B. No. 300:** (Department of Wildlife; authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees.) be recommitted to the Committee on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 28: Jack and Jill of America's Legislative Day at the Capitol; recognize February 19, 2024.

H. R. No. 29: Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team; congratulate upon winning the 2023 Class 4A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Lamar moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Scott Richey, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Deweese and Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Colonel Orville Gaston Robertson, which motion prevailed.

At 2:50 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 16, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

(FORTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Rex Yancey.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Turner, Young. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Turner and Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Representative Denton entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 286: Sexual Battery; remove statute of limitations when DNA evidence is discovered.

At 9:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 19, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

(FORTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Chuck Blackwell.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1284: (Representatives Pigott, Anderson (122nd), Bell (21st), Blackwell, Boyd (19th), Boyd (37th), Burch, Byrd, Carpenter, Creekmore IV, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Keen, Kinkade, Lott, Mangold, Massengill, McKnight, McMillan, Morgan, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Stepp, Tubb, Varner, Waldo, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Lancaster, Turner, McLean) Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create to prohibit acquisition of forestry and agricultural lands. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 1285: (Representative Blackmon) Writ of Habeas Corpus; require court to respond no more than 14 days. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1286: (Representative Steverson) Motor vehicles; provide procedure for licensing rental fleets. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1287: (Representatives Arnold, Turner, Hall) Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway." Transportation.

H. B. No. 1288: (Representative Arnold) Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1289: (Representatives Remak, Mattox, Arnold, Sanders, Taylor, Hulum, Osborne, Anderson (110th), Bailey, Boyd (19th), Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs (36th), Hawkins, Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Jackson (11th), Jackson (45th), Karriem, Mickens, Thompson) Voting rights; restore to all felons after satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1290: (Representative Yancey) Charity Protection Act; create. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1291: (Representative Currie) Department of Corrections; authorize to create a statewide work release program at facilities that house state inmates. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1292: (Representative Currie) Child custody; create rebuttable presumption that equal (50-50) joint custody is in best interest of the child. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1293: (Representative Bell (65th)) Board of Dental Examiners; provide that the state-at-large position shall be appointed from nominations by the Mississippi Dental Society. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1294: (Representative Currie) Central bank digital currency; restrict use of in Mississippi. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1295: (Representative Currie) School counselors; exclude from ASCA requirements. Education.

H. B. No. 1296: (Representative Currie) Department of Revenue; require to provide an interactive taxpayer receipt web-based application on its website. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1297: (Representatives Butler-Washington, Gibbs (72nd), James-Jones, Summers, Bell (65th), Holloway (27th), Nelson, Paden) Crimes of exposing another to contagious diseases and endangerment by bodily substance; revise elements and penalties. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1298: (Representatives Kinkade, Anderson (122nd), Carpenter, Keen, Mattox, Powell, Roberson, White, Yancey, McMillan) Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1299: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation, The Piney Woods School to assist with campus improvements. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1300: (Representative Blackmon) "The Mississippi Clean State Act"; create to authorize automatic expungement of certain convictions. Judiciary B; Constitution.

H. B. No. 1301: (Representative Bell (21st)) Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding retainage. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1302: (Representative Remak) Medicaid estate recovery; prohibit application of to obtain funds from ABLE accounts. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1303: (Representatives Yates, Anthony, Hulum, Karriem, Mickens, Denton) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of. Business and Commerce; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1304: (Representatives Pigott, Carpenter, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Keen, Ladner, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, Morgan, Scoggin, Shanks, Tubb, Wallace) Grain graders; provide process for certification of. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 1305: (Representative Hood) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiry about whether death was a result of seizure or epilepsy. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1306: (Representative Hood) Antique boats; exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1307: (Representative Hood) School transportation; authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. Education.

H. B. No. 1308: (Representatives Hood, Summers, Hulum) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Tourism; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1309: (Representative Hood) Auto insurance; policy held by lienholder or secured party not invalidated by intentional act of vehicle owner. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1310: (Representative Hood) School employees; revise rate for payment for unused leave to unlicensed employees upon retirement. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1311: (Representatives Mims, Foster) Community and junior colleges; authorize board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1312: (Representative McLean) Major medical leave; expand authorized purposes for the use of by state employees. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1313: (Representative Hood) Nonresident hunting and fishing license; authorize for nonresident natives of Mississippi. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1314: (Representative Hood) Charity Protection Act; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1315: (Representative Hood) MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1316: (Representative Hood) Public purchasing; require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1317: (Representative Hood) MS Guardianship and Conservatorship Act; bring forward. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1318: (Representative Hood) Excused absence; permit for students participating in roping or barrel horse events. Education.

H. B. No. 1319: (Representative Hood) Homeowner's insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1320: (Representative Hood) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1321: (Representative Byrd) Public purchasing law; revise to increase the threshold required for competitive purchasing on certain purchases. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1322: (Representatives Byrd, James-Jones, Sanders, Smith, Waldo) Broadband; revise the definition of "equipment used in the deployment of broadband technologies" for certain purposes. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1323: (Representative McKnight) Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1324: (Representatives Barnett, Deweese) Home Inspector Regulatory Board; revive and provide that MS Real Estate Appraisal Board shall regulate home inspectors. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1325: (Representative Barnett) Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1326: (Representative Wallace) Absentee ballots; revise the deadline for submitting. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1327: (Representative Wallace) Lobbying law; require registration statement to include information about foreign adversaries and foreign principals. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1328: (Representatives Hines, Paden, Jackson (45th)) "Mississippi Delta Medical Apprenticeship Program" (MS DMAP); establish to provide career pathways for students in the Delta. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1329: (Representative Creekmore IV) Physician records; require to be retained for minimum period of time. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1330: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Hawkins) Union County Heritage Museum; designate as the official state barbeque museum. Rules.

H. B. No. 1331: (Representatives Kinkade, Carpenter, Keen, Tubb) White-tailed deer; prohibit restricting translocation of between permitted enclosures. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1332: (Representatives Hines, Paden, Jackson (45th)) Appropriation; IHL for making restorations and renovations on certain projects at JSU, ASU and MVSU. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1333: (Representative Shanks) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; require K-9 teams and motorcycle officers to be certified. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1334: (Representative Bailey) Tax assessors; revise certain provisions regarding authority to inspect property and demand data. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1335: (Representatives Porter, Harness) Registry identification card; establish electronic format of and provide certain designation for on driver's license upon request. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1336: (Representative Porter) Unserialized firearms ("ghost guns"); create crime of possession of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1337: (Representatives Porter, Harness) Justice courts; increase limit of jurisdiction to \$15,000.00. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1338: (Representatives Porter, Harness) Justice court jurisdiction; increase to \$20,000. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1339: (Representative Barnett) Legal summons, orders and citations; revise procedure for publishing. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1340: (Representative Felsher) Gaming Commission; authorize to collaborate with DHS to collect child support from gaming winnings. Gaming; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1341: (Representatives Felsher, McLean, Hall) Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. Education.

H. B. No. 1342: (Representatives Owen, Ford (73rd)) Controlled substances; bring forward sections for unlawful possession of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1343: (Representative Owen) Scrivener's affidavit; revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1344: (Representative Yancey) Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1345: (Representative Yancey) Parental consent; require for mental and behavioral services provided to unemancipated minors notwithstanding federal regulations. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1346: (Representative Haney) Radar; authorize use by sheriff and deputies for enforcing speed limits within school zones. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1347: (Representative Turner) Insurance; revise various provisions regarding. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1348: (Representatives Byrd, James-Jones, Sanders) Local governments; provide option to publish notices on their websites in addition to newspapers. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1349: (Representative McGee) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1350: (Representatives McGee, Lancaster, Foster) Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare supplements. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1351: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen) Child placed in foster care; clarify that youth court must be consulted before placement is revised. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1352: (Representative Hood) Telephone solicitors; prohibit calls regarding Medicare supplements and to consumers opting out of all calls. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1353: (Representative Bounds) Horseracing; include in equine liability. Agriculture.

H. B. No. 1354: (Representatives Lamar, White, Clark) Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1355: (Representative Read) State agencies; Personnel Board and LBO shall develop salary funding levels for. Appropriations A; State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1356: (Representative Read) Telework; revise certain provisions regarding use of by employees of state service agencies. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1357: (Representatives Read, McGee) Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds. State Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1358: (Representatives McLean, Crawford) "Sex"; define terms use in any Mississippi statute. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1359: (Representative Aguirre) Serial bonds or single term bonds; authorize counties and municipalities to issue. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1360: (Representatives Remak, Harris, Keen, McCray, Stepp) Local governments; authorize to publish notices on their websites in addition to newspaper notices. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1361: (Representatives Butler-Washington, Gibbs (72nd), James-Jones, Holloway (27th), Nelson) Mississippi Paid Family and Medical Leave Act; establish. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1362: (Representative Anthony) Fresh Start Act; revise to prohibit licensing authority from requiring disclosure of certain information. Business and Commerce; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1363: (Representative Wallace) Internet; create civil liability for distribution of child pornography and obscene matter by commercial entities. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1364: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Ranked-choice voting; prohibit. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1365: (Representative McLean) Obstructing public streets and roadways; increase penalties for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1366: (Representative Haney) Mississippi Principal and Income Act of 2013; revise provisions relating to partial liquidation. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1367: (Representatives Waldo, Blackmon, Holloway (27th), McCarty, Stepp, Thompson, Varner, Nelson) State Health Plan; require co-pay for certain services under. Insurance; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1368: (Representative McLean) State school and school district accountability system; eliminate certain criteria for measuring performance under. Education.

H. B. No. 1369: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reduce fee for tag with the word "Adoption" used in the design of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1370: (Representatives McMillan, Boyd (19th), Estrada, Ford (73rd), Hawkins, Holloway (76th), Mansell, Smith, Varner, Zuber) Trespass; clarify elements of. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1371: (Representatives McMillan, Hawkins, Hulum, Hurst, Mansell, Varner, Waldo) Law enforcement officers and firefighters; certain shall receive one additional year of creditable services in PERS for every 5 years of service. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1372: (Representatives McMillan, Holloway (76th), Blackmon, Estrada, Hawkins, Holloway (27th), Mansell, Varner, Waldo) Retirees; may be employed full time in critical need or shortage position with PERS employer and draw full benefits. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1373: (Representatives Bell (65th), Hulum, Rosebud) Pilot Work Release Program; authorize sheriffs of any county to participate in and remove 25 limit on number of participants for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1374: (Representative Ladner) Stolen property; create crime for the sale of and require payment made to the owner of the property. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1375: (Representative Butler-Washington) Search warrant; prohibit issuance of for information relating to menstrual health data. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1376: (Representative Creekmore IV) Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1377: (Representatives Aguirre, Anthony, Bell (21st), Boyd (37th), Burnett, Hale, Hall, Hawkins, Mattox, Rosebud, Turner, Varner) MS Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; require Dept. Of Banking to issue memo authorizing new maximum loan amount and revise amount calculation. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1378: (Representatives Remak, Arnold, Banks, Blackwell, Carpenter, Crudup, Grady, Hall, Harris, Hawkins, Hulum, Keen, Mattox, Morgan, Newman, Pigott, Scoggin, Stepp, Varner, Waldo, Watson, Byrd, Crawford) Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1379: (Representatives Barton, Roberson) "Students Safe at School Act"; create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations. Education.

H. B. No. 1380: (Representative McLean) Child abuse; provide that babies born who test positive for controlled substances shall be considered. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1381: (Representatives McLean, Clark, Hall, Horan, Johnson, McCarty, Owen, Porter, Roberson, Yates) Licensure; revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1382: (Representative McLean) Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1383: (Representative McLean) Bail; make certain amendments related to the extradition of a principal. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1384: (Representative McLean) Bail bonds; provide when discharged. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1385: (Representative Tubb) Disruptive students; prescribe procedures for alternative placement and eventual reintegration into traditional school setting. Education.

H. B. No. 1386: (Representative Haney) Municipal general election ballots; provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1387: (Representative Haney) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer for another employer and draw retirement allowance and work full time. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1388: (Representative Yates) Divorce and alimony; bring forward statutes relating to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1389: (Representative Yates) Divorce; authorize when marriage is deemed irretrievably broken. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1390: (Representative Owen) Grand jury; clarify procedures for recusal of district attorney. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1391: (Representative Owen) Textbooks; revise provisions related to adoption and procurement of by school districts and the inclusion of open resource material. Education.

H. B. No. 1392: (Representative Paden) Department of Child Protection Services; require to create a transition-aged youth aftercare housing program for young adults who were in foster care. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1393: (Representative Paden) Department of Corrections; authorize to establish Reentry Housing Program. Corrections.

H. B. No. 1394: (Representative Porter) Conservatorship; authorize court to allow petitioner seeking approval of minor settlement to perform conservator's duties. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1395: (Representative Porter) Community and junior colleges; authorize the board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1396: (Representatives Porter, McLean, Hulum, Nelson, Mickens) Community Eligibility Provision of National School Lunch Program; require certain school districts to apply for. Education.

H. B. No. 1397: (Representative Porter) Mississippi Education Supports for Schools Grant Program; establish to provide funds to eligible school districts for classroom resources. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1398: (Representatives Porter, McCarty) Community school; authorize implementation under the administration of a district of innovation and establish grant fund. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1399: (Representative Rosebud) Polling place; prohibit facility that serves alcohol and serves as from serving alcohol for the 30 days before election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1400: (Representative Sanford) Absentee voting; revise various provisions of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1401: (Representative Rosebud) Polling place; prohibit facility that sells alcoholic beverages to be used as. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1402: (Representative Sanford) School buses; prohibit from stopping in areas of low visibility when receiving and discharging school children. Education; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1403: (Representatives Sanford, Mickens) Justice Court; revise filing fees. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1404: (Representatives Sanford, Anthony) Runoff elections; revise time for holding to four weeks. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1405: (Representatives Summers, Nelson, Brown, Butler-Washington, Banks, McCray) Downtown Jackson Revitalization Coalition; create with national, state and local stakeholders. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1406: (Representatives Tullos, Hulum) Absentee voting; revise various provisions of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1407: (Representative Turner) Proof of motor vehicle insurance; require before motor vehicle owner may renew registration. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1408: (Representative Turner) Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1409: (Representative Turner) Commissioner of Insurance; repeal requirement of to publish annual statements. Insurance; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1410: (Representative Turner) Insurance reimbursement rates; revise certain provisions. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1411: (Representative Waldo) GPS; authorize law enforcement to use for certain crimes. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1412: (Representative Yancey) CON; exempt acute care hospitals in rural medically underserved areas from CON requirement to expand services to certain areas. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1413: (Representative Yancey) Insurers; require to exchange certain information with the MS Department of Human Services regarding delinquent child support. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1414: (Representative Yancey) CON; increase minimum dollar amounts of capital expenditures that require issuance of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1415: (Representative Yancey) Mississippi Tobacco Harm Reduction Act of 2024; create. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1416: (Representative Yancey) Water Quality Accountability Act; create. Public Health and Human Services; Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1417: (Representative Eure) Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1418: (Representative Eubanks) State of Mississippi; not required to recognize any mandates, orders or laws by any entity that is not a state or federally elected official or body. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1419: (Representatives Ford (54th), Mickens) Board of Medical Licensure; revise licensure status, definitions, procedures, fines and temporary practice authority. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1420: (Representative Ford (54th)) Public procurement laws; exempt certain contracts for museums. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1421: (Representative Ford (54th)) Public purchasing; increase threshold for bidding and revise provisions related to reverse auctions. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1422: (Representative Ford (73rd)) CON; Health Department shall issue for beds in a community living program for developmentally adults in Madison County. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1423: (Representative Hurst) Election commissioners; bring forward code sections related to. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1424: (Representative Hurst) Resolution board; revise membership of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1425: (Representative Hurst) Poll managers; remove requirement to be a qualified elector in county where polling place is located. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1426: (Representative Hurst) Primary election ballot; provide that unopposed candidate name shall not be printed on. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1427: (Representative Hurst) Elections contests; revise provisions of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1428: (Representatives Hurst, Rushing, Tullos, Stepp, Varner, Shanks, Remak, Ford (73rd), Hobgood-Wilkes, Waldo, Crawford) "SAFER Act"; create to regulate public buildings. Public Property; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1429: (Representative Hurst) Ballot box examination; revise procedures related to. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1430: (Representative Hurst) Poll manager; provide that both political parties must be represented by. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1431: (Representative Hurst) Municipal executive committee; require county executive committee to appoint. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1432: (Representative Carpenter) Memorial bridges; designate bridges on U.S. Hwy 72 in Alcorn County, near Burnsville, MS, as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridges." Transportation.

H. B. No. 1433: (Representative McKnight) Firearms; enhance penalties when used during gang related criminal acts. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1434: (Representative Roberson) School accountability model; bring forward provisions related. Education.

H. B. No. 1435: (Representative Horan) Judicial districts; bring forward circuit, chancery and county courts. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1436: (Representative Lancaster) CON; certain health care facilities that relinquished CON for inpatient psych services may have those beds licensed as separate entity. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1437: (Representative Roberson) Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Drug Policy; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1438: (Representative Yates) Child support; revise percentages for payment. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1439: (Representative Ladner) Riparian rights; revise what may be included in. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1440: (Representative Horan) Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1441: (Representatives Horan, McLean) Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1442: (Representative Ladner) Signature verification personnel; require to be designated by the Secretary of State. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1443: (Representative Ladner) Mandatory recount of votes; provide for in certain situations. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1444: (Representative Yates) Capitol police; clarify jurisdiction to include violations of municipal codes and ordinances. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1445: (Representative Horan) Expungement and voting rights; bring forward sections regulating. Constitution; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1446: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi School Safety Task Force; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1447: (Representative Roberson) SAVED; create study committee to determine establishing model school for failing schools in the Mississippi Delta. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1448: (Representative Roberson) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1449: (Representative Roberson) The "Mississippi Student Freedom Act"; create to establish Magnolia Scholarship Accounts for certain eligible students. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1450: (Representatives Roberson, McLean, Hulum) Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members. Education.

H. B. No. 1451: (Representative Roberson) Mississippi Airport Critical Needs Grant Program; create. Ports, Harbors and Airports; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1452: (Representative Roberson) School choice; establish opportunity scholarships and open enrollment for public school students. Education.

H. B. No. 1453: (Representatives Roberson, McCarty, McLean, Owen) "Investing in the Needs of Students to Prioritize, Impact and Reform Education (INSPIRE) Act of 2024"; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1454: (Representative Owen) Conditions for parole eligibility; extend date of repeal on. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1455: (Representative Owen) Work initiative; remove cap on number of inmates who may participate in and revise certain reporting requirements for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1456: (Representatives Owen, McCarty) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1457: (Representative Owen) Right to counsel; authorize State Defender to provide where there is a constitutional right. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1458: (Representative Owen) Lower Pearl River Restoration Trust Fund; authorize monies in the fund to be used to hire administrator for. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1459: (Representative Owen) MS Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; bring forward. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1460: (Representatives White, Oliver, Boyd (19th)) Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program; bring forward for possible amendment. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1461: (Representative Yancey) Vape directory; require Department of Revenue to maintain and publish. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1462: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Fishing; residents who are 65 or older not required to pay fee at any state park or wildlife management area. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1463: (Representative Holloway (76th)) "Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway"; specify parameters of location for designation. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1464: (Representative Crawford) Face masks; prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. Education.

H. B. No. 1465: (Representative Crawford) Voter identification; clarify that only MS driver's license shall be acceptable license. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1466: (Representative Crawford) Sexual battery; remove the statute of limitations for. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1467: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1468: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Medicaid; nonopioid drugs for pain management will not be disadvantaged with respect to coverage on preferred drug list. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1469: (Representative Creekmore IV) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Law; bring forward section of. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1470: (Representative Jackson (11th)) Preeclampsia; Health Department prepare materials about complications of pregnancy due to, which providers shall provide to pregnant women. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1471: (Representative Powell) BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1472: (Representatives Fondren, Lott, Shanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Boyd (37th), Crawford, Currie, Felsner, Ford (54th), Ford (73rd), Grady, Hale, Hurst, Mansell, Mattox, McLean, McMillan, Morgan, Pigott, Sanford, Tubb, Varner, Waldo, Owen) Historical monuments; counties and municipalities fined \$10,000 per month for certain violations regarding. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1473: (Representative Lamar) Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1474: (Representative Lamar) Student-athletes; revise various provisions under the Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1475: (Representative Hall) "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2024"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. Education.

H. B. No. 1476: (Representative Hall) MS Airport Critical Needs Grant Program; create. Transportation; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1477: (Representative Hall) Veterans parks; create grant program to assist municipalities and counties with improvement to. Municipalities; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1478: (Representative Hall) Alternative nicotine products; prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1479: (Representative Hall) Real Estate Commission; grant discretion to issue license after felony conviction of crime of moral turpitude. Business and Commerce; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1480: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. Constitution.

H. B. No. 1481: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Officer-involved deaths; require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1482: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Child support; authorize certain unemancipated minors to bring suit against parents for. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1483: (Representative Anderson (110th)) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1484: (Representative Kinkade) Municipally owned or operated electric utility; revise provisions relating to adequacy of service and receivership. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1485: (Representatives Evans, Hines) Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income". Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1486: (Representative Summers) Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; require to evaluate toxic air pollutants and contaminants and revise air quality standards. Conservation and Water Resources.

H. B. No. 1487: (Representative Yates) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1488: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Permit Freedom Act; create to require clear criteria and appeals process on permits to engage in constitutionally protected activity. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1489: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Barton, Arnold, Hines, Mickens, Carpenter) Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1490: (Representative Currie) Advance practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including the collaborative agreement requirement. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1491: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Department of Archives and History; revise board of trustees of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1492: (Representative Creekmore IV) Municipalities and counties trails program; create and issue bonds to provide funds for. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1493: (Representative Porter) Licensed child care facilities; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1494: (Representative Creekmore IV) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with central business district improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1495: (Representative Creekmore IV) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Union County with improvements to the Union County Courthouse. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1496: (Representative Creekmore IV) Intervention court; require circuit courts to establish by a certain date. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1497: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Crawford, Ladner) COVID-19 mRNA vaccinations; prohibit until Health Department conducts study and determines they are safe. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1498: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Anderson (122nd), Blackwell, Burch, Byrd, Crawford, Estrada, Hawkins, Hurst, McKnight, Newman, Pigott, Powell, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Tubb, Varner, Yancey) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require notice of proposed rule to include cost. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1499: (Representative Boyd (19th)) "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2024"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. Education.

H. B. No. 1500: (Representative Eubanks) Election commissioners; require to conduct an audit of ballots in certain precincts. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1501: (Representative McCray) Initiative process; revise certain provisions relating to the Constitution.

H. B. No. 1502: (Representatives Arnold, Bell (21st), Calvert, Gibbs (36th), Hawkins, Keen, Lancaster, Mattox, McMillan, Pigott, Smith, Hall, Oliver, Aguirre, Bounds, Boyd (19th), Burch, Crawford, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Fondren, Ford (73rd), Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hurst, Kinkade, Lamar, Lott, Massengill, McKnight, Morgan, Newman, Roberson, Sanford, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Yancey) Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize to protect rights to firearms. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1503: (Representative Powell) Applications for certificate of public convenience and necessity for new transmission facilities; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1504: (Representative Powell) Campaign finance; revise various provisions of laws related to. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1505: (Representative Burnett) Growth and Prosperity Act; bring forward section of law of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1506: (Representative Crawford) Vaccine exemption; authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. Public Health and Human Services; Education.

H. B. No. 1507: (Representative Crawford) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1508: (Representative Crawford) Squatters rights; clarify that such is not protected under state law. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1509: (Representative Crawford) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1510: (Representative Crawford) Immunization and vaccination of preventable disease requirements for school children; exempt based on religious tenets. Public Health and Human Services; Education.

H. B. No. 1511: (Representative Crawford) Ivermectin; authorize pharmacists to provide to adults pursuant to collaborative pharmacy practice agreement. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1512: (Representative Crawford) Health insurers; prohibit from denying a claim solely because person is not vaccinated. Insurance; Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1513: (Representative Crawford) Electronic driver's license and driving permits; remove authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to issue. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1514: (Representative Crawford) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Education.

H. B. No. 1515: (Representative Crawford) COVID-19 vaccines; require Attorney General to investigate pharmaceutical companies' promotion and distribution. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1516: (Representative Crawford) COVID-19; require notice to family when death may have been caused by vaccine and authorize autopsy. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1517: (Representative Crawford) Agencies, departments and institutions; require each to post organizational structure on official websites of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1518: (Representative Crawford) Gold and silver; authorize as legal tender. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1519: (Representative Cockerham) Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1520: (Representative Cockerham) Child support; regulate retroactive child support by DHS. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1521: (Representative Newman) "Safe Dormitories Act"; establish. Universities and Colleges.

H. B. No. 1522: (Representative Newman) Public utilities; require owners or operators of to be responsible for maintaining underground lines up to the meter. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1523: (Representative Burnett) Tourism project sales tax incentive program; delete prohibition against gaming establishments, bring forward sections of law. Tourism; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1524: (Representative Burnett) CON; Health Department shall issue for construction of an acute care hospital in Tunica County. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1525: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1526: (Representative Hines) Mental health; authorize Department of Mental Health to establish minimum standards and services for privately-owned providers. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1527: (Representatives Hines, Nelson, Butler-Washington) HIV medications; prohibit health plans and Medicaid from subjecting to protocols that restrict dispensing of. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1528: (Representative Owen) Absentee voting; revise various provisions of. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1529: (Representative Nelson) Misdemeanor crimes; require automatic expungement of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1530: (Representative Nelson) Acquittals and dismissals; require automatic expunction of records of. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1531: (Representative Morgan) Wooden pellets; authorize to use for fuel. Forestry.

H. B. No. 1532: (Representative Morgan) Harvest reporting program for white-tailed deer; establish. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1533: (Representative Morgan) Bioenergy; considered carbon neutral when produced from biomass. Forestry.

H. B. No. 1534: (Representative McKnight) Screening and approval program for retail sale of products containing certain substances; establish. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1535: (Representative McLean) Midwifery; provide for licensure and regulation of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1536: (Representative McLean) Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1537: (Representative McLean) Sexual offense; provide immunity for reporting. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1538: (Representative McLean) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide free contraceptive supplies. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1539: (Representative McLean) Medicaid; provide coverage for neonatal circumcision procedures. Medicaid; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1540: (Representative McLean) Sexual acts between incarcerated persons and law enforcement; prohibit. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1541: (Representative McLean) Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1542: (Representative McLean) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1543: (Representative James-Jones) Pedestrian crosswalk or skybridge; conduct study to determine feasibility of constructing at Mississippi Valley State University. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1544: (Representative Johnson) Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1545: (Representative Karriem) Mississippi Development Authority; authorize to sell certain real property for less than fair market value. Public Property; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1546: (Representative Mangold) Outdoor recreational premises; include use of ATVs and off-road vehicles. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1547: (Representative Mattox) Restitution; require first monies collected by court from defendant to be allocated to. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1548: (Representative McCarty) Cardiac emergency response plan; require local school district to implement. Education.

H. B. No. 1549: (Representative Hurst) Runoff elections; revise time for holding to five weeks. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1550: (Representative Hurst) Elections; bring forward code sections related to residency for. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1551: (Representative Shanks) Countywide elected officials, certain; prohibit from receiving additional compensation outside of what is statutorily permitted. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1552: (Representative Hood) UCC filings; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1553: (Representative Hood) Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1554: (Representative Hood) Parole eligibility; authorize for certain youth who committed offense while under age 18 and received life or life without parole sentence. Corrections; Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1555: (Representative Hood) Open season on deer; extend to February 28 for hunting with both primitive weapons and guns without dogs. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1556: (Representative Harris) Assistant district attorneys; increase number in DeSoto County. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1557: (Representative Shanks) Crime Stoppers Programs; establish requirements and designate Commissioner of Public Safety as Director of Advisory Council. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1558: (Representative Hood) Social media platforms; require owners or operators of to regulate advertisement of tobacco and nicotine products. Technology.

H. B. No. 1559: (Representative Hood) Termination of parental rights; revise various provisions relating to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1560: (Representative Hood) Governmental tort immunity; bring forward sections. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1561: (Representative Powell) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain, revise certain provisions regarding package retailer's permits. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1562: (Representative Bennett) State Public School Building Fund; reenact. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1563: (Representative Bennett) Payment of teacher salaries; payable in equal installments as determined by the local school board based upon terms of contract. Education.

H. B. No. 1564: (Representative Bennett) Assistant teachers; provide \$5,000.00 salary increase to minimum annual salary for. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1565: (Representative Bennett) CapABLE curriculum; implement in public schools to provide instruction on disability inclusion and character education. Education.

H. B. No. 1566: (Representative Bennett) Teachers; provide \$4,000 increase to minimum annual salary for. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1567: (Representative Bell (21st)) Workforce development; revise various provisions related to. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1568: (Representatives Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, Summers, Foster) Jackson State University; authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1569: (Representative Bell (65th)) Contractor liens; revise provisions relating to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1570: (Representative Bell (65th)) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; exempt tag for supporters of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA from minimum purchase requirement. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1571: (Representative Barnett) Unfair Cigarette Sales Law; increase allowable markup on cigarettes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1572: (Representative Arnold) Medical cannabis; prohibit possession of open container while operating a motor vehicle or in any public place. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1573: (Representative Arnold) Child care; create exemption to State Department of Health licensure for certain church facilities. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1574: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) White-tailed deer; provide certain provisions relating to the taking of during the closed season. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

H. B. No. 1575: (Representative Aguirre) Cybersecurity; local governmental and commercial entities substantially complying with certain standards not liable for incidents connected to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1576: (Representative Aguirre) Mississippi Savings Initiative; create. Banking and Financial Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1577: (Representative Aguirre) Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1578: (Representative Haney) Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund; revise to expand access for certain eligible entities and commercial property investments. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1579: (Representative Haney) Business Improvement Districts Act; make various revisions concerning. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1580: (Representative Hall) Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; bring forward sections that regulate. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1581: (Representative Hall) Bingo products; clarify regulations for. Gaming.

H. B. No. 1582: (Representative Hall) MS Employment Protection Act; revise penalties for violations of. Business and Commerce; Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1583: (Representatives Hale, Keen, Hall) Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act; create. Energy.

H. B. No. 1584: (Representatives Hood, Hall) Memorial Highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 9 in Webster County as the "Warrant Officer William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr., Memorial Highway. Transportation.

H. B. No. 1585: (Representative Hood) Circuit courts; retain jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1586: (Representative Lamar) Judicial districts; bring forward chancery, circuit and county. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1587: (Representative Bell (65th)) Circuit judges; add to seventh district. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1588: (Representative Bell (65th)) Assistant district attorneys; add to the Seventh Circuit Court District. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1589: (Representative Lamar) Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1590: (Representative Zuber) PERS; reconstitute membership of board and rescind scheduled employer's contribution increase. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1591: (Representative Zuber) Insurance exchange; authorize Commissioner of Insurance to establish. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1592: (Representative Zuber) Lottery tickets; authorize alcohol package retailer's permit holders to be lottery retailers and sell. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1593: (Representative Yancey) Pharmacy benefit managers; revise provisions relating to. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1594: (Representative Yancey) Kratom products; prohibit persons under 21 from purchasing, and prohibit entering premises of retailer who sells. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1595: (Representative Denton) Tax liens; provide for time within which the Department of Revenue may take action to collect. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1596: (Representative Denton) Residency requirements; revise for candidates for municipal, county or county district offices. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1597: (Representative Denton) Crimes related to public funds; bring forward code sections related to. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1598: (Representative Currie) Civil commitment; respondent in county with a crisis stabilization unit shall be taken to and retained there if bed is available. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1599: (Representative Currie) Department of Corrections; require to procure data collection and reporting system for certain prison, probation and post release info. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1600: (Representative Currie) Post-Release Reentry Services Pilot Program; authorize the establishment of. Corrections; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1601: (Representative Currie) Prescriptions drugs; prohibit licensing boards from prohibiting practitioners from prescribing for off-label use. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1602: (Representative Deweese) Override of step therapy or fail-first protocol; require insurer to decide within certain time. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1603: (Representative Eure) Organ procurement organizations; records and proceedings of PEER review committees are confidential and not discoverable. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1604: (Representative Roberson) Comprehensive Career and Technical Education Reform Act; revise certain portions of regarding industry certification and grants. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1605: (Representative Hall) Families' Bill of Rights Act; create. Education.

H. B. No. 1606: (Representative Ford (73rd)) The Title IX Preservation Act; enact. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1607: (Representatives Ford (73rd), McLean, Anthony, Crawford, Byrd, Hall) Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1608: (Representative Cockerham) State employees; provide for paid leave for caregivers of child to care for child after birth, adoption or foster placement. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1609: (Representatives Karriem, Wallace, Shanks, Summers, Thompson, Mickens, Faulkner, Denton) Voting rights; restore for certain disqualifying crimes. Constitution.

H. B. No. 1610: (Representative Crawford) Licensing boards; prohibit from disciplinary or threatening discipline of health care providers for exercising free speech rights. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1611: (Representatives McMillan, Clark, Mansell, Yancey, Byrd) Emergency license and registration procedure when a state of emergency is declared; authorize counties and municipalities to establish. County Affairs.

H. B. No. 1612: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Pharmacy benefit managers; revise provisions relating to. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1613: (Representative Hood) Felony DUI; authorize nonadjudication of. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1614: (Representative Bell (21st)) Insurance exchange; authorize Commissioner of Insurance to establish. State Affairs.

H. B. No. 1615: (Representative Bennett) Public procurement laws; exempt certain purchases and contracts for landmark buildings from. Public Property; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1616: (Representative Bennett) Public purchasing law; revise certain provisions related to schools and school districts. Education; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1617: (Representatives Boyd (37th), McLean, Mickens, Gibbs (36th)) County industrial development authorities certain; revise certain provisions regarding. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1618: (Representative Deweese) PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition. Appropriations C.

H. B. No. 1619: (Representative Lamar) Salaries of state officers; bring forward sections that regulate. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1620: (Representative Lamar) Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1621: (Representative Lamar) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise certain provisions of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1622: (Representative Steverson) Towing of commercial vehicles; regulate the nonconsensual towing of by towing and recovery services. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1623: (Representative Steverson) Tourism project sales tax incentive program; bring forward sections of law relating to. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1624: (Representatives Fondren, Felsher, Kinkade) Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1625: (Representative Faulkner) Corporate breach of security; require reports to the Attorney General. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1626: (Representative Evans) Aggravated DUI; provide alternative penalty for persons under a certain age. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1627: (Representatives Deweese, McMillan, Anthony, Denton, Mangold, Carpenter) Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations; exempt from insurance regulation. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1628: (Representative Carpenter) Trauma care system; increase certain assessments and fees to fund. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1629: (Representatives Carpenter, Hobgood-Wilkes, Barton, Arnold, Hines, Mickens) Ambulance service providers; provide for minimum rate of reimbursement under any policy of accident and sickness insurance. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1630: (Representative Carpenter) Veterans benefits and services; require certain employers to display poster created and distributed by State Veterans Affairs Board regarding. Military Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1631: (Representatives Carpenter, Hobgood-Wilkes) Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies. Public Health and Human Services; Insurance.

H. B. No. 1632: (Representative Carpenter) Ambulance services; health insurance policies shall cover treatment of enrollees in place and transporting to an alternate destination. Public Health and Human Services; Insurance.

H. B. No. 1633: (Representative Carpenter) Donation of leave by school employees; include certain pregnancy related complications as eligible conditions for. Education.

H. B. No. 1634: (Representative Calvert) Asset forfeiture; require hearing to challenge. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1635: (Representative Creekmore IV) Medication aides; provide for certification of by State Department of Health. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1636: (Representative Creekmore IV) Trauma Care Systems Fund; revise composition of and eliminate Escrow Fund. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1637: (Representative Creekmore IV) Radiological health services; revise fees charged by State Board of Health for providing. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1638: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Foster) Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1639: (Representative Creekmore IV) Delta Regional Health Authority; create task force on the establishment of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1640: (Representatives Creekmore IV, Felsher, Foster) Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1641: (Representative Lamar) Public records; exempt public body's records containing client information concerning economic development projects. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1642: (Representative Lamar) Tax credits, various; bring forward sections of law relating to. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1643: (Representative Lamar) Public contracts for energy efficient services; bring forward section of law relating to. Energy.

H. B. No. 1644: (Representative Yates) Ambulance services providers; contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1645: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; City of Jackson to construct a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1646: (Representative Gibbs (36th)) City of West Point; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1647: (Representatives Lamar, White) Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1648: (Representative Lancaster) Electronic bids; authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1649: (Representative Mansell) Anesthesiologist assistants; provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1650: (Representative Eubanks) Vaccinations; provide for standard procedures for obtaining medical exemption from any required. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1651: (Representative Owen) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1652: (Representative Eubanks) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise provisions relating to the collaborative relationship requirement. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1653: (Representative McKnight) Electronic automatic renewals and continuous service offers; require business to provide online link and other methods to cancel. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1654: (Representative Hood) Publicity rights; authorize for persons whose images are used to sell products. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1655: (Representatives Felsher, Yates) Candidate qualifications; revise process for. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1656: (Representative Kinkade) Sales tax; divert portion of revenue from certain business activities in Marshall County to the county. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1657: (Representative Boyd (19th)) CON; remove health services and all facilities except nursing homes, home health and long-term care hospitals from requirement for. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1658: (Representative Sanford) County and municipal executive committee agreements; revise. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1659: (Representatives Anderson (122nd), Fondren) Public Trust Tidelands; revise various provisions related to. Marine Resources.

H. B. No. 1660: (Representative Lamar) Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1661: (Representative Carpenter) Mississippi Bullion Depository; establish. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1662: (Representative Bell (21st)) Workforce development; revise certain provisions related to. Workforce Development.

H. B. No. 1663: (Representative Barnett) Property data collector; authorize licensure under the Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board. Business and Commerce.

H. B. No. 1664: (Representative Powell) Acceptance or offer of gifts; revise provisions relating to. Public Utilities.

H. B. No. 1665: (Representatives Lamar, Yates) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize incentive for development of property in. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1666: (Representative Bounds) Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission; revise composition of. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. B. No. 1667: (Representative Sanford) Purple Paint Notice; authorize for trespass violations. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1668: (Representative McCarty) Mississippi Teacher Residency Program; require Legislature to fund for fiscal year 2025. Education.

H. B. No. 1669: (Representative McCarty) Assistant teachers; revise qualifications for employment. Education.

H. B. No. 1670: (Representative McCarty) MAEP; clarify classification of exceptional children in preschool for reporting and purposes of funding teacher units. Education.

H. B. No. 1671: (Representative McCarty) Early Learning Collaboratives; expand to provide in every school district by the start of the 2028-2029 school year. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1672: (Representatives McCarty, McLean) "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program"; revise to expand eligibility. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1673: (Representative McCarty) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1674: (Representative McCarty) National Board certified teachers; provide \$4,000 annual salary supplement for those employed in certain geographical areas. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1675: (Representative Aguirre) Unclaimed property; prescribe process to be used by certain cooperatives with regard to disposition of. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1676: (Representative Yancey) Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of. Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1677: (Representative Horan) Administrative forfeiture; reenact section repealed on July 1, 2018, amend to provide for substitute notice requirements. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1678: (Representatives McGee, Foster) Baby safety devices; require to be inspected and approved by Health Department before use by emergency medical services provider. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1679: (Representative Ford (54th)) Insurance; require officer to share information on at scene of accident. Insurance.

H. B. No. 1680: (Representative Crawford) Students with disabilities; require school district to provide written notification to parents regarding any modification or access to benefits. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1681: (Representatives Smith, Hale, Hall) Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway." Transportation.

H. B. No. 1682: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Certified nurse aides (CNAs); transfer administration of certification from Health Department to Board of Nursing. Public Health and Human Services.

H. B. No. 1683: (Representative Owen) MS Charter School Act of 2013; bring forward for purposes of possible amendments. Education.

H. B. No. 1684: (Representative Carpenter) Mississippi Bullion Depository; establish and authorize fractional reserve currency. Banking and Financial Services.

H. B. No. 1685: (Representative Hobgood-Wilkes) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1686: (Representative McCarty) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. Education.

H. B. No. 1687: (Representative Fondren) Personal lines residential property insurance policy; provide option for policy that only covers unpaid principal balance on collateral. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1688: (Representative McGee) Community health workers; provide for certification of by Health Department and for Medicaid reimbursement for services of. Medicaid.

H. B. No. 1689: (Representative Sanford) Election crime; create for dissemination of a deep fake within 90 days of an election. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1690: (Representatives Stepp, Boyd (37th), Byrd, Carpenter, Estrada, Eubanks, Faulkner, Gibbs (36th), Hall, Harris, Hines, Holloway (27th), Horan, Jackson (45th), James-Jones, Lancaster, Lott, Massengill, Mattox, McMillan, Pigott, Powell, Remak, Thompson, Tubb, Waldo) Fire trucks; require to be marked with blue lights in addition to red and white lights. Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1691: (Representative Felsher) Department of Child Protection Services; authorize to make care payments to fictive kin whom a child is placed with. Judiciary A.

H. B. No. 1692: (Representative Felsher) State JROTC Coordinator; exempt from qualification requirements of the State Personnel Board. Education.

H. B. No. 1693: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state-at-large. Apportionment and Elections.

H. B. No. 1694: (Representative McCarty) State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan; revise to require state to provide 50% of cost of plan for certain dependents. Insurance; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1695: (Representative McCarty) Department of Mental Health; establish grant program to assist with crisis stabilization unit expenses. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1696: (Representatives McCarty, James-Jones) Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District. Education.

H. B. No. 1697: (Representatives Foster, Grady, Burch, Carpenter, Eure, Felsher, Ford (73rd), Hawkins, Hulum, Hurst, Lott, Mansell, McKnight, Zuber, Nelson, Mickens, Faulkner, Anthony) Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize payment to family up to 30 days. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1698: (Representative Felsher) Income tax; allow Department of Human Services to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1699: (Representative Powell) Corporation franchise tax; bring forward section of law relating to returns. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1700: (Representative McCarty) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1701: (Representative Lamar) Taxes, various; bring forwards sections of law authorizing and providing for distribution of revenue. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1702: (Representative McCarty) Teachers; provide \$2,000 annual salary supplement to those employed in designated geographically critical teacher shortage area. Education; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1703: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1704: (Representatives Read, Boyd (19th)) Appropriations; revise certain FY 2024 appropriations and direct transfers. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1705: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Read) Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds in the treasury. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1706: (Representatives Boyd (19th), Read) Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1707: (Representatives Read, Boyd (19th)) 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1708: (Representative Turner) Pharmacy Benefit Managers; provide rules for those who administer the State Health Plan. Drug Policy.

H. B. No. 1709: (Representative Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Cleveland with improvements to the Cleveland Municipal Airport. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1710: (Representative Bell (21st)) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1711: (Representative Hood) Sixth Chancery Court District; add a judge for the. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1712: (Representative Hood) Chancery and circuit judicial districts; bring forward sections that create all. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 1713: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Bolivar County with Town of Alligator water and sewer project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1714: (Representative Paden) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with Town of Jonestown water and sewer project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1715: (Representative Rushing) Citizens for Economic Development Act; create. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1716: (Representative Barton) Jackson County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1717: (Representatives Mickens, Paden) Mississippi Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act; establish tax credit program. Housing; Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1718: (Representative Lancaster) City of Amory; reenact and extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax and authorize election for additional 1%. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1719: (Representative Lancaster) City of Houston; extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurants tax for tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1720: (Representatives Waldo, Lancaster, Massengill, Stepp) City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1721: (Representative Bounds) Neshoba County; increase contribution amount made to Philadelphia Transit. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1722: (Representative Steverson) Town of Walnut; authorize tax on hotels/motels, restaurants for parks and recreational facilities. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1723: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Porter) Pike County; authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize certain lease-purchase arrangement. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1724: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Franklin County with road improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1725: (Representatives White, McGee, Scott, McCray, Karriem, McLean, Summers, Denton) Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act. Medicaid.

H. C. R. No. 33: (Representative McLean) Women's Rights; reaffirm regarding biological differences and protections for women. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 34: (Representatives Powell, Massengill, Lancaster) Constitution; amend to provide that only U.S. citizens are allowed the opportunity to vote. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 35: (Representative Taylor) Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes. Constitution; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

H. C. R. No. 36: (Representative Blackwell) Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 37: (Representative McCray) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current districts. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 38: (Representative McLean) Constitution; amend to provide that only U.S. citizens are allowed the opportunity to vote. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 39: (Representative Karriem) Constitution; amend to provide that a person convicted of embezzlement in the amount of \$5,000 or more shall not be a qualified elector. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 40: (Representatives Arnold, Boyd (19th)) Constitution; amend to provide that an individual who has been convicted of a felony is not a qualified elector. Constitution.

H. C. R. No. 41: (Representative Lamar) Northwest MS Community College Cheer Team; commend for winning 2024 UCA/UDA College Cheerleading National Championship, Open All-Girl Division. Rules.

H. R. No. 31: (Representative Byrd) Logan Aaron Butler; commend upon being awarded Eagle Scout honor by the Boy Scouts of America. Rules.

H. R. No. 32: (Representative Byrd) Parker A. Howard; commend and congratulate upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America. Rules.

H. R. No. 33: (Representative Byrd) Hayden Charles Morgan; commend upon being named an Eagle Scout. Rules.

H. R. No. 34: (Representatives Summers, Clark, Sanford) Suffrage bills; require the Rules Committee to establish factors for passage of. Rules.

H. R. No. 35: (Representative Foster) Mississippi TRIO Day at the State Capitol; declare February 21, 2024 as, for observance. Rules.

H. R. No. 36: (Representative Nelson) Recovery Davy 2024 at the Mississippi State Capitol; observe on February 22, 2024. Rules.

H. R. No. 37: (Representatives Hulum, Johnson, Clark, Hines, Osborne, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell (65th), Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Hall, Harness, Hawkins, Holloway (76th), Jackson (45th), James-Jones, Karriem, McCray, McKnight, Mickens, Nelson, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson) Ameshya Williams Holliday; commend for being the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the WNBA. Rules.

H. R. No. 38: (Representative Lamar) Phil Pinstein; commend life and legacy of. Rules.

H. R. No. 39: (Representative Calvert) Zauria Clark; commend upon being named 2023 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 24: Florence High School Varsity Dance Team; commend upon winning 3A-5A State Championships in Hip Hop and Pom. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 27: National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer; commend on election to lead American Legion and welcome to Gautier, MS. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Representative Hulum introduced The National Council of Negro Women and congratulated them on celebrating their 50th year anniversary in Mississippi.

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

H. R. No. 24: Florence High School Varsity Dance Team; commend upon winning 3A-5A State Championships in Hip Hop and Pom.

H. R. No. 27: National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer; commend on election to lead American Legion and welcome to Gautier, MS.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

At 4:16 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

(FIFTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Revered Shane Banks, Associate Minister, Summit Missionary Baptist Church.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Eubanks.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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

H. B. No. 1304: Grain graders; provide process for certification of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1284: Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create to prohibit acquisition of forestry and agricultural lands. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

S. B. No. 2276: Clinic building at 1308 Belk Boulevard; transfer to Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 1149: Counties; authorize to only maintain electronic format of law books in county courtrooms and public county law libraries. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

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

H. B. No. 299: Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEN MORGAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

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

H. B. No. 564: Urban renewal project powers; revise definition of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

Head Page, Jazsica Smoots, introduced the following pages for the week:

Olivia Case	Brookhaven, MS
Gabriella Cedeno	Madison, MS
Sydney Clayton	Brandon, MS
McKenzie Cummings	Jackson, MS
Dorian Domino	Jackson, MS
Ainsleigh Evans	Monticello, MS
Carter Evans	Brookhaven, MS
Hagan Evans	Monticello, MS
Taylor Evans	Brookhaven, MS
Ava Henry	Philadelphia, PA
Eden Hill	Jackson, MS
James Hill, II	Jackson, MS
Sarah Hudson	Laurel, MS
Kara Ishee	Soso, MS
Sara Jefcoat	Soso, MS
Kahlen, Milstead	Brookhaven, MS
Adelaide Reed	Senatobia, MS
Zachary Staub	Gulfport, MS
Mason Summers	Jackson, MS
Kye Webb	Pontotoc, MS

Representatives Clark and Hines introduced President Jerryl Briggs and guests of Mississippi Valley State University for Green and White Day at the Capitol.

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 2276: Clinic building at 1308 Belk Boulevard; transfer to Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2276.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

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

S. B. No. 2276: Clinic building at 1308 Belk Boulevard; transfer to Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 292.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Ladner, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 763: Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in certain counties.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 763.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Barnett, Eure, Rosebud. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 697: Mississippi Aviation Safety Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 697.** On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford,

Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Eubanks, Gibbs, J. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 940: MS Transportation Commission; revise publication and bid requirements for Design-Build projects and allow use of alternate contracting methods.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 940. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 751: Commercial motor vehicles; extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 751. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hawkins, Taylor. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 438.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--89.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Jackson, L. Total-2.

Present--Hines, Rosebud, Summers. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1089: Indigent counsel; increase compensation for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1089.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Crawford. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Denton, Eubanks, Haney, Hood, Keen, Mattox.
Total-6.

Present--Holloway, G, Kinkade, Oliver, Smith. Total--4.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND after line 151 by inserting the following:

"(9) The Department of Mental Health shall provide annual training to chancery and circuit court clerks to inform them about statutory procedures for civil commitments."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1088.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Eubanks. Total-2.

Present--Gibbs, J, Holloway, G. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Nelson called up:

H. B. No. 873: Purple Alert; establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive disabilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 873.** On motion of Rep. Nelson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady,

Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 922: Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 922.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Brown, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Scott, Taylor. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, McKnight. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Holloway, G. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Tullos called up:

H. B. No. 1035: Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act".

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1035.** On motion of Rep. Tullos the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway,

K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bennett, Brown, Clark, Crawford, Currie, Denton, Hobgood-Wilkes, Karriem, Ladner, Osborne, Scott. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Watson. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Crudup, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--69

Representative Taylor entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 922: Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan.

Representative Karriem entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1035: Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act".

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 24: Florence High School Varsity Dance Team; commend upon winning 3A-5A State Championships in Hip Hop and Pom.

H. R. No. 27: National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer; commend on election to lead American Legion and welcome to Gautier, MS.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Banks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wylma King, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronald John Bankston, Jr., Sharon Shivers, and Sherry Dewett, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jeanette Foster, Cindy Stamps Vince, Hamilton Carl Bush, Jr. , Grover C. Cato, and Donald Thomas Reid, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Britt, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert Daniel "Dan" Coit, and Robert E. Pearson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Billy Dean Blansett, Tommy "Buff" Owings, and Charles Clifford Anderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bertha Drake, which motion prevailed.

Representative Watson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frances Houston Chatman, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Albert Necaize, which motion prevailed.

Representative Read moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Zimmerman, and Erwin Zimmerman, which motion prevailed.

At 3:30 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

(FIFTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Christopher Traylor, Little Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Corinth.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2140: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

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

H. B. No. 628: Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 653: Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1641: Public records; exempt public body's records containing client information concerning economic development projects. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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

H. B. No. 768: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1021: Pawnbrokers; authorize Commissioner of Banking to establish by rule a process allowing certain purchased and/or pledged goods to be stored off premises. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1062: Pawnbrokers; authorize to pass credit and debit card processing charges to customers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1102: DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE AGUIRRE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

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

H. C. R. No. 23: Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Be Adopted.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 35: Mississippi TRIO Day at the State Capitol; declare February 21, 2024 as, for observance. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 36: Recovery Davy 2024 at the Mississippi State Capitol; observe on February 22, 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1287: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1288: Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 74: Memorial highways; designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway". Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 75: Memorial highway; designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 120: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 619: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 823: Memorial bridge; designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 991: "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1216: Memorial highways; designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 310: Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STEVE MASSENGILL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

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

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

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

H. R. No. 35: Mississippi TRIO Day at the State Capitol; declare February 21, 2024 as, for observance.

H. R. No. 36: Recovery Davy 2024 at the Mississippi State Capitol; observe on February 22, 2024.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Representative Foster introduced Mississippi TRIO Day at the State Capitol, House Resolution 35.

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1121: State officers; make minor, nonsubstantive changes regarding swearing in of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1121. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1105: Limited Liability Company; remove prohibition on using the words "partnership" and "limited partnership" when providing a name for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1105. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 313: Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 313. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Haney, Hulum, Summers, Young. Total-5.

Present--Crudup, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 1304: Grain graders; provide process for certification of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1304. On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 1284: Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create to prohibit acquisition of forestry and agricultural lands.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1284.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Crawford, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Paden, Scott, Summers, Watson, Young. Total-6.

Present--Brown, Clark, Crudup, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Thompson. Total--10.

Necessary for passage--50

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 1149: Counties; authorize to only maintain electronic format of law books in county courtrooms and public county law libraries.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on lines 51 and 95 by deleting the word "solely" and by inserting in lieu thereof "solely".

AMEND further the title on line 4 by deleting the word "solely" and by inserting in lieu thereof "SOLELY".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1149**. On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Scott, Watson. Total-2.

Present--Brown, Holloway, G. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Morgan called up:

H. B. No. 299: Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 27 and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly:

" SECTION 2. Section 29-3-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

29-3-45. (1) (a) The board of education shall, by order placed upon its minutes, enter into an agreement with the State Forestry Commission for the general supervision and management of all lands classified as forest lands and of all timber or other forest products under the control of the board on sixteenth section lands, and lieu lands which have not been so classified. However, any school board may contract with private persons or businesses for the reforestation of sixteenth section lands and may contract with a registered forester to be paid from the 16th Section Interest Fund for a review of any forestry management decision or forestry practice including the sale of timber for sixteenth section forest land provided that any implementation of a forestry management decision or forestry practice to be taken as a result of the review described in this subsection shall be subject to the approval of both the commission and the Secretary of State. When such agreement has been entered into, no timber or other forest products shall be sold from any of the sixteenth section lands or lieu lands except such as have been marked or approved for cutting by the State Forestry Commission's employees. The Forestry Commission, or its designated employee, shall fix the minimum total cash price or minimum price per unit, one thousand (1,000) feet or other measure, at which the marked timber or other forest products shall be sold. The sales may be made for a lump sum or upon a unit price as in the opinion of the board may be calculated to bring the greatest return. Sales shall be made upon such other terms and conditions as to manner of cutting, damages for cutting of unmarked trees, damages to trees not cut and other pertinent matters as the board of education shall approve.

(b) The State Forestry Commission shall have the sole authority and control in scheduling of all cutting and harvesting of timber or other forest products when such timber stands or other forest products are determined by the State Forestry Commission to be economically ready for cutting and harvesting.

(c) Should a school board disagree with the Forestry Commission concerning the time of cutting and harvesting, the board may make an appeal to the Forestry Commission at a regular monthly scheduled meeting of the commission. If the school board is not satisfied after the appeal to the commission, the board may then appeal to the Secretary of State who will make the final decision as to the time for cutting and harvesting. In the event that the local school board is divested of its management authority under subsection (3) hereof, the Secretary of State after due consultation with the Forestry Commission shall retain the right to make final decisions concerning the management and sale of timber and other forest products.

(d) It is hereby made the duty of the State Forestry Commission, from time to time, to mark timber which should be cut from the lands, to determine what planting, deadening or other forestry improvements should be made, giving due consideration to food and habitat for wildlife, and to report to the appropriate board of education. The State Forestry Commission and the board of education shall supervise the cutting of any timber or harvesting of other forest products sold from the lands herein designated and shall have authority to require any timber-cutting operations on the lands to cease until proper adjustment is made, whenever it shall appear that timber is being cut in violation of the terms of the sale. In the event that it is desired to lease any of such lands or standing timber for turpentine purposes, such lease shall only cover such trees as the State Forestry Commission shall designate, and the commission through its employees shall approve the number of faces, method of chipping and boxing of such timber, and shall fix a minimum total cash price or minimum price per unit.

(e) No sale of any timber, turpentine or other forest products lease shall be made until notice of same shall have been published once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in at least one (1) newspaper published in such county. The first publication of such notice shall be made not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date fixed for the sale, and the last publication shall be made not more than seven (7) days prior to such date. If no newspaper is published in such county, then such notice shall be given by publishing the same for the required time in some newspaper having a general circulation in such county and, in addition thereto, by posting a copy of such notice for at least twenty-one (21) days next preceding such sale at three (3) public places in such county. The managing board may also publish additional notices at school offices, in trade publications, or at any other location, in any other media, or by any other means it finds likely to result in competitive bids. The board may allow for submission of electronic bids.

(f) Notwithstanding the above provision pertaining to the sale of any timber, turpentine or other forest products, in the event that timber must be cleared from an existing road or existing utility right-of-way, the public notice requirement may be waived. Prior to waiver of the public notice requirement, the State Forestry Commission must make a finding that, due to the small area of timber to be cleared, a public notice sale would not be in the best interest of the local board of education. If the State Forestry Commission makes such a finding, then it shall set the value of the timber to be paid to the local board of education by the party requesting the timber be removed.

(g) Provided, however, in the case of damage by fire, windstorm or other natural causes which would require immediate sale of the timber, because the time involved for advertisement as prescribed herein would allow decay, rot or destruction substantially decreasing the purchase price to be received had not such delay occurred, the advertisement provisions of this section shall not apply. The local board of education, with a written recommendation from a designated employee of the State Forestry Commission filed in the minutes of the local board of education, shall determine when immediate sale of the timber is required. When the board of education shall find an immediate sale necessary for the causes stated herein, it shall, in its discretion, set the time for receipt of bids on the purchase of the timber, but shall show due diligence in notifying competitive bidders so that a true competitive bid shall be received.

(2) (a) A local board of education having control of the sixteenth section lands in the Hurricane Katrina Disaster of 2005 shall be granted emergency powers to take any and all actions of a reasonably prudent trustee acting under emergency conditions to recover damaged timber, prevent further loss or damage to timber, and to minimize economic loss. All such actions shall be taken in consultation with and shall be subject to the prior approval from the Secretary of State and the State Forestry Commission. The emergency powers shall be as follows:

(i) Contract with any individual or entity for management advice, sale of timber, clearing of damage to timber producing lands, transporting of timber, repairing access roads to timber lands, conducting aerial spraying, or taking any other type of action to prevent further loss of timber or diminution in value of existing timber as the result of the incident which necessitated the declaration of a natural disaster. In contracting with any individual or entity, the local board of education shall use its best efforts to ensure that all costs incurred are reasonable and that a fair price is received for all sales.

(ii) Enter into agreements with any individual, private company, or other governmental entities for the pooling of resources, or the sharing of costs so as to maximize the mitigation of loss and minimize the expense of mitigating the loss of timber.

(iii) Apply for any state, federal, or private party grant or nonrepayable funds to cover costs associated with emergency management contracts, sale timber, including loss for diminution of value, transporting of timber, replanting of timber, repairing access roads to timber, conducting aerial spraying, or reimbursement for any other action taken to prevent further timber damage, as well as mitigating the loss of funds due to damage.

(b) The emergency powers granted herein shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date of designation as a disaster area due to Hurricane Katrina. The emergency powers may be extended for one (1) additional one-year period upon prior written approval from the Secretary of State.

(c) The emergency powers shall also apply to the management of timber by the Secretary of State pursuant to subsection (3) of this section.

(d) In the event a local board of education is unable to acquire the services of the State Forestry Commission or the Secretary of State to meet an immediate need to salvage, remove or take other appropriate action on damaged timber, the local board of education shall unilaterally be granted the authority to take such actions as necessary regarding the management or sale of timber or other forest products.

(e) In exercising emergency powers, a local board of education or the Secretary of State shall exercise the general powers of a trustee with the same general restrictions and general liabilities of a trustee and shall exercise the care and skill of an ordinary prudent person to protect the beneficiaries of the trust under such emergency circumstances.

(f) Any contractor with a local board of education or the Secretary of State shall be entitled to rely on representations by such board of education or the Secretary of State as to who has authority to enter contracts for the management or sale of timber or other forest products, and reliance on such representations shall not be grounds for voiding any contract.

(3) (a) In the event that any member of a local board of education may have a personal interest, either direct or indirect, in the decisions regarding the management or sale of timber or other forest products or in a contract for the sale of timber or other forest products from sixteenth section school lands under the jurisdiction and control of the board, then the board of education shall automatically be divested of all authority and power to manage and sell timber or other forest products on sixteenth section lands under its control and jurisdiction. The divestiture shall extend for the period of service, and for one (1) year thereafter, of the board member having a direct or indirect personal interest in the sale or decision to sell timber or other forest products.

(b) During the time in which any local board of education may be divested of authority and power to manage and sell timber and other forest products, such authority and power shall be vested in the Secretary of State, as supervisory trustee of sixteenth section lands. Upon the appointment or election of a member of a local board of

education who may have such an appointment or election of a member of a local board of education who may have such an interest in decisions and contracts regarding the management and sale of timber or other forest products, the board of education shall immediately notify the Secretary of State in writing. Likewise, the board shall give written notification to the Secretary of State within thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any such divestiture period. Any contractor with a local board of education or the Secretary of State shall be entitled to rely on representations by such board or the Secretary of State as to who has authority to enter contracts for the management or sale of timber or other forest products, and reliance on such representations shall not be grounds for voiding any contract.

(c) The laws providing for the management and sale of timber and other forest products by local boards of education shall apply to the management and sale of timber and other forest products by the Secretary of State. The Mississippi Forestry Commission shall provide the Secretary of State with advice and services in the same manner as provided to local boards of education.

(d) The Secretary of State shall be paid all monies derived from the sale of timber or other forest products and shall promptly forward the same to the superintendent of education for such school district with instructions for the proper settlement, deposit and investment of the monies. Such local school board shall reimburse the Secretary of State for all direct costs relating to the management and sale of timber or other forest products, and in the case of a sale of timber or other forest products, the Secretary of State may deduct such direct cost from the proceeds of sale. The Secretary of State shall furnish an itemized listing of all direct cost charged to the local school district."

AMEND further the title on line 4 by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO AMEND SECTION 29-3-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANAGING BOARD MAY POST ADDITIONAL NOTICES AND MAY ALLOW FOR SUBMISSION OF ELECTRONIC BIDS;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 299**. On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1298. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Horan, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Barnett, Burch, Currie, Eubanks, Eure, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horne, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Oliver, Owen. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Sanford, Steverson. Total-3.

Present--Faulkner, Holloway, G, James-Jones, Massengill, Tullos. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 628: Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 628. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

On motion of Rep. Ford, K unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 628: Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to.

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 653: Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 653.** On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Owen, Sanford. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Bounds, Kinkade, Nelson, Summers. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Ford, K unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 653: Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of.

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1641: Public records; exempt public body's records containing client information concerning economic development projects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1641.** On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing,

Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Osborne. Total--1.

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

Present--Evans, Faulkner. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Ford, K unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1641: Public records; exempt public body's records containing client information concerning economic development projects.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2276: Clinic building at 1308 Belk Boulevard; transfer to Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mavis Roberts Thornhill, and Beth Hall Barnes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Josephine Harris Sanders, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Luther Ray Dykes, Pearl Maskew, and James Grimes, which motion prevailed.

Representative Shanks moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kathryn Shamburger, which motion prevailed.

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Don Richard Hodges, John Pat Blakely, Era Faye McDonald, Diane Smith Slocum, Reverend William Ladell Strickland, and John David Nester, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hood and Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Baldy" Collins, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mansell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Jacquelyn Evans, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles "Peck" Brown, Jr. , and Larry Ward, which motion prevailed.

At 3:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 22, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

(FIFTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Larry Weems, Sr., Davis Temple Church of God in Christ.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2059: Biomass and Bioenergy with carbon capture technology; define.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

H. B. No. 1087: Ballot harvesting; include certain definitions in prohibition on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1404: Runoff elections; revise time for holding to four weeks. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1156: Polling places; prohibit from being closed within sixty days before an election. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

H. B. No. 845: Charitable organizations; require IRS forms filed annually with Secretary of State to be for the most recent fiscal year end. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1257: Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1269: Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1000: Corporations and LLCs; authorize notice of dissolution by electronic mail only. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

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

H. B. No. 585: "Dignity and Safety for Incarcerated Women Act"; enact. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 755: Parole; extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 756: Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 759: Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

H. B. No. 1696: Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1670: MAEP; clarify classification of exceptional children in preschool for reporting and purposes of funding teacher units. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1669: Assistant teachers; revise qualifications for employment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1194: Expulsions; authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

H. B. No. 1015: Implied consent laws and investigation of traffic accidents; authorize the CTED within DPS to enforce. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1196: Sextortion; create crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1390: Grand jury; clarify procedures for recusal of district attorney. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1454: Conditions for parole eligibility; extend date of repeal on. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 783: Child custody; require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1162: Child sexual abuse; revise statute of limitations for claims. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1342: Controlled substances; bring forward sections for unlawful possession of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 724: Expungement; clarify expungement of pardoned convictions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

Representative Varner introduced the Florence High School Varsity Dance Team, House Resolution 24.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 35: Mississippi TRIO Day at the State Capitol; declare February 21, 2024 as, for observance.

H. R. No. 36: Recovery Davy 2024 at the Mississippi State Capitol; observe on February 22, 2024.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative McMillan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Bobby" Sanders, which motion prevailed.

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

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Vivian Robinson, Jr. , Olean Brock Ivy Whitt, Harry Kay Collins, Henry Forsythe, Carolyn Gardner Holland, Aaron Dennis Avera, Harrison Lee Cook, Sr. , Johnny Wayne Roark, Fagan Augusta "Sonny Man" Spivey, Clarence Edward McDonald, Jr. , Rennie Michele Neal Brewer, Doris Johnson Lewis, Wilma Maxine Holloman Riley, India Shezette Rowell , Calvin A. Farner, Terry E. Beckman, Jr. , Michael Leonard Touchstone, Nora Voncile Cranford Bufkin, Miss Daisy Ruth Bryant, Frances Marion Green, Tim Kelly, Tommy Clay Shcrimpshire, Sr. , James Harlon "Buddy" Long, Bobby Lee Scott, Karen Michelle Davis Henke, Mamie Lois Richardson Carmichael, Millard Earl Jones, Linda Legore Sanders, Garret Donald Rowell, Linda James, Bobby Eugene Peavy, Marie G. Sisson, and Tina Reena Keenan-Bonner, which motion prevailed.

At 2:10 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, February 23, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

THIRTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

(FIFTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Kevin Ware, Collis Hill Church of Christ Holiness, Terry.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives McCarty and Owen.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 29: State of the State address of Governor Reeves; call joint session.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2059: Biomass and Bioenergy with carbon capture technology; define. Forestry.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 29: State of the State address of Governor Reeves; call joint session.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2140: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

At 9:08 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, February 26, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTIETH DAY, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

(FIFTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Lanford Porter, Apostolic Restoration Church, Jackson.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 922:** (Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1035:** (Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act".) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 4:15 PM, Rep. Shanks moved that the House stand in recess for the Joint Assembly at 5:00 PM, and also moved that the House would stand adjourned upon dissolution of the Joint Assembly until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Andrew Ketchings,

Clerk

JOINT SESSION

The hour of 5:00 PM having arrived, which was set by **H. C. R. No. 29** for a Joint Session of the Legislature to hear a message from Governor Tate Reeves, the Joint Assembly convened in the House Chamber and was called to order by Speaker White.

Speaker White yielded the gavel to Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann, who presided over the Joint Assembly.

A committee composed of Representatives Fondren, Hurst and Oliver and Senators Blackwell, DeBar and Simmons (13th) escorted Governor Tate Reeves and First Lady Elee Reeves to the Speaker's stand.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

Governor Tate Reeves addressed the Joint Session as follows:

Thank you, Lieutenant Governor Hosemann and Speaker White.

To the members of the legislature and other elected officials – thank you. Thank you for what you do every single day to make Mississippi an even better place to live, to work, and to raise a family. Together, over the last four years, we've accomplished mission after mission for our state. And I have no doubt that by continuing to work together, Mississippi's best days are in front of us.

I would also like to thank the person who has been at the center of my life for over 23 years, my wonderful wife and our state's amazing first lady, Elee. Elee has been a source of strength and inspiration for me over the years and especially during my time as governor. She is a terrific mom, an excellent first lady, and a tremendous ambassador for our state. I'm lucky to have her in my life every single day, and I thank God that she is.

Before I go any further, it is with a heavy heart that I recognize the honorable service and tremendous sacrifice of Chief Warrant Officer Zemek and Chief Warrant Officer Abbott. Please join me in a moment of silence and prayer for their many friends and family.

Thank you. This tragic accident is yet another reminder that the freedoms we hold dear are not free. And a huge thank you to all of our brave men and women in uniform that champion freedom both domestically and abroad.

I will warn you this is going to be a boring speech.

It's got no hot buttons, virtually no conflict, no drama.

What I'm about to do tonight is to go over a game plan. It's not going to excite the newspaper reporters. It's probably not going to end up in anybody's campaign ads. But it is going to make a difference for Mississippi and for our fellow Mississippians.

We have just completed a heated campaign year in our state.

We know that some of you support the policies championed by Joe Biden.

We know that I am what Biden calls an extremist MAGA Republican.

And maybe over the next few weeks, you may be asked to pick which side you are on.

But not by me. And not tonight.

I am not going to focus on our differences. After 2023, we all know what they are.

I am here tonight instead to challenge you as a Legislature to waste no time on the things that divide us, and instead spend your energy this year on things that unite us.

Our state has many challenges. We also have many opportunities. In fact, we have more opportunities than we have ever had before. The task in front of us is whether we can roll up our sleeves and meet these challenges before these opportunities pass us by.

You are limited by our Constitution to 125 legislative calendar days. Time is of the essence. Let's not waste any of those days.

I am going to present you tonight with a list of tasks we must do together, to put Mississippi in position to attract even more great careers. All across our state, there are children in elementary school and middle school and high school whose future rides on our ability to get this done.

We have attracted more private investment in the first month of this term than we had in the 120 months before I became Governor. And believe me when I tell you that all this movement toward Mississippi has gotten noticed. The people who decide where to locate or expand companies in America see the activity and they are checking us out. Success creates more success and momentum breeds even more momentum.

We have an opportunity to make just a few strategic decisions that can yield major results – and not just improvements far into the future, but right now in the present.

Most of you know me well. Most of us have known each other a long time. You may not think I'm that smart, but I can tell you I am a lot smarter than I was just four years ago. And what I'm smarter about is what it takes to attract new jobs to our state. Recruiting new industry has been my number one priority and it takes up the bulk of my time. It's given me a new more detailed perspective on what we have to offer – and what we need to do.

For the last year, I traveled the state to say that Mississippi has momentum. In my inaugural address, I articulated our mission: Mississippi Forever. Committing ourselves

to the work so that – together – we can make Mississippi a vibrant, prosperous home for all her sons and daughters – forever.

Today, I want to talk a bit more about our vision for the next four years and this state we all take pride in. I want to articulate my ambition for where we can go, which rests on the fundamental nature of who we are.

We all have pride in the Mississippi spirit, and we all know what that means. Sure, it means that we're hospitable, God-glorifying, and resilient. But it also means that we have discipline and work ethic. This is a state whose economy does not rest on the wizardry of finance or the volatile next-big-thing. This is a state that is based on timeless economies. Agriculture and Forestry. Manufacturing and Industry. Tradesmen, craftsmen, cultivators, and workers dominate our land.

We make things – real things. We make fridges and fighter jets. We make cars and sow cotton. We make bullets and grow soybeans. You can touch our work, and know that highly-trained, capable, proud Mississippi hands made those products.

As long as I have been alive, our country and the western world have been steadily drifting away from this work. We've been happy to outsource that labor to others in far-off places. And what has it brought us? What has the bizarre combination of globalization and inflation given us that is better than the work of the hands?

We have a crisis of purpose and abundant despair in America. Anxiety, isolation, and addiction are on the rise. Everyone recognizes that our culture of outsourcing, apathy, and idleness is slowly killing us. The West is recognizing what we've lost, and Mississippi is poised to be the big winner in the realignment of our coming time.

In every C-suite in America, they know the need to reshore key industries. They know that we need to bring the work of making things home. For our economy and more importantly our national spirit, we cannot only be a nation of importers.

In all that time, Mississippi never stopped making real things. And now, as our national culture catches up to where we've been – we can say with our chest poked out that this is Mississippi's time.

We can take advantage of this moment and create unimagined wealth, prosperity, and purpose for our state. We can make Mississippi the new American capital of manufacturing, industry, and agribusiness. Mississippi can be the headwaters of America's supply chain if we are bold.

It is not just the advantage of our hard-working people. World-class Mississippi businesses currently move parts and products around the world thanks to our unique logistics advantage. You can reach 90% of the US population with the shortest average drive and flight times from North Mississippi. Memphis, just to our North, is a global hub for air cargo and transportation served by FedEx and UPS. We are surrounded by water on three sides. In those waters are more than a dozen river ports and ports that are accessible to the Gulf of Mexico. We have deep-water ports at Gulfport and Pascagoula.

We have unique advantages in aviation and aerospace. The Stennis Space Center is overflowing with opportunities for commercial space business. Our abundant and rural aviation assets offer the promise of experimentation and innovation.

Let's take full advantage of the immovable asset that is our location. There is literally no better place to make things in America for Americans than right here in Mississippi.

To ensure the world cannot deny it, we must continue to invest in our infrastructure to make our logistics second to none.

One of Mississippi's greatest economic and logistical assets is our ports. We need to develop a plan of action to address our ports' backlog maintenance and capacity projects. Investing in our critical ports from Vicksburg (which handles 14 million tons of freight annually) to Gulfport (where the global maritime shipping industry requires increased channel depth) will yield economic dividends all across our state. We will attract more companies, create more jobs, and secure even more private investment.

We must also continue to invest in our airports to meet the demands of industry. By increasing capacity of our hangers through the Airport Improvement Loan Fund, we can take additional steps to attract global interest in our state.

And just like we did by creating an Office of Workforce Development, I am also calling on the legislature to establish and fund a state rail authority, whose purpose would be to steward our state's investments in our rail network. This authority would be an all-encompassing one-stop-shop for all things railroad and would tailor strategies to better develop rail in regions across the state.

Ports, airports, rail – and roads. As good stewards of taxpayer dollars, we should help the Mississippi Department of Transportation increase their efficiency by giving them authority to use alternative delivery methods in completing their construction projects. We have invested hundreds of millions of dollars in MDOT's maintenance and capacity road-building projects over the last four years, and we should continue these investments, with a plan for the future. Speed to market is critical, and that is why MDOT must use these resources to quickly develop a strategy to evaluate needed improvements at our top site development locations around the state.

World-class logistics infrastructure means world-class speed-to-market. Products move faster. Money flows back faster. More money circulates in our economy. That is the key to our future.

It also means we must have sites that are ready to go for large-scale investment. This is how we are shattering records for economic development. Over the last several years, we have worked with local communities to have 30 sites primed and ready – at all times – for immediate uplifting investment. We have invested over \$100 million dollars in our site development program in the last three years and this year we must fully fund that program to continue our record-breaking achievements.

We must take full advantage of the Mississippi Miracle and ensure our workforce grows beyond most-improved and into the most-undeniable. You know how drastically we have improved our schools, and that the nation's education-reformers are all asking how they do what has been done in Mississippi. We've gone from bad to good. Now we must discover how to go from good to great.

We must be innovative. We must be open to new and different models. We should fund students, not systems. We should trust our parents, not bureaucrats, and we should embrace education freedom.

One example of how we can help accomplish this is by expanding a model that has worked on the campus of Mississippi University for Women – the Mississippi School for Math and Science.

To build on this model, I propose that we create 12 Mathematics and Engineering Magnet Schools throughout the state. By establishing eight Pre-K through 8th grade schools and three more high schools, we can help to ensure Mississippi kids are given the education required to be successful in an increasingly technological economy.

In fact, there is already a great location for one of these schools right across the street from this beautiful building – the old Central High School. Imagine hundreds of talented kids from all backgrounds learning the skills they need to be successful as engineers,

computer scientists, and technicians at major tech companies like AWS. It would be good for our capital city and it would be great for those kids.

We should also help connect our students with the high-paying jobs our companies need filled. I call on the Legislature to enact an apprenticeship education model for our high school seniors. Students could receive academic credit in a hybrid environment versus the traditional classroom-only setting. Our kids could 'earn and learn' – meeting graduation requirements while being paid to develop the skills needed for their career.

Mississippi kids are our future. And by providing them with a cutting-edge education, we will ensure Mississippi's future remains bright.

It begins in the elementary, middle, and high school classrooms. Then we reach our potential by unleashing Mississippi innovation and research.

We have great minds across many disciplines, but we must double-down when it comes to manufacturing and industrial innovation and invention. We are in a competition for recruitment and retention of talent, and Mississippi has to lead the way. Today, I ask the legislature to establish an incentive program to retain and attract top researchers in relevant fields at our universities. We must win the talent war in order to outpace our competition.

We also need to renew our focus on commercializing these innovations. Right now, across our state, great minds are gathered together. In the halls of our universities. At the US Army's Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg. Most people, I'm sure, would be shocked to know that there are more PHD's per capita in that town than any other place in America. At the Stennis Space Center, where innovation beyond anything this planet has ever seen is happening every day.

Mississippi has to take that research and transform it into wealth-generation for our communities. When we learn that art better, everyone can enjoy the spoils that come from the marriage of invention and hard work. We have more highly-credentialed research talent per capita than anywhere in the country. We need to deploy our resources with precision and intensity to seize that opportunity and turn research and innovation into prosperity for our people.

One organization critical to this mission is Innovate Mississippi. With the support of the Mississippi Development Authority, Innovate is administering the deployment of \$86 million dollars in federal SSBCI funds. By doubling our investment into their operating budget, we can support the cluster strategy of development demanded by the manufacturers of today and make sure we are leveraging every opportunity to promote technology entrepreneurs in our state.

There is no sector that demands the innovation, workforce, logistics, and ambition that Mississippi can provide like energy. Mississippi must become masters of all energy—from pipelines to turbines and everything in between. As automation and growth unlock more human potential than ever before, there has never been a demand for abundant energy like this. As the spread of previously unimaginable computing power puts more pressure on our national grid, the demand for domestic sources of energy will be limitless. Large manufacturing and data center investments are getting larger and more expensive. The thirst for All-Of-The-Above Energy has never been greater.

We must and will do it all – from oil derricks on our Coast to solar panels in the Delta. I don't care if it's green wind power or black crude oil or anything in between. It's going to be made in Mississippi. All of the above and as much as we can do. As long as it is reliable, resilient, and affordable.

We have so much to offer to America's energy economy. Biomass from wood and agricultural fiber. We have companies working to unlock the potential of hydrogen and

wind due to our abundant land and unique salt domes. We have permitted over two gigawatts of industrial solar production in the last few years. And of course, old reliable, natural gas still powers most of our energy portfolio and it is clean, affordable, and dependable. And we are proud of it.

We should also look at attracting the next innovation. We should attract manufacturing for key components and assembly of small modular nuclear reactors and expedite permitting and regulatory approvals for their rapid deployment within Mississippi. If we can be bold to position ourselves at the front of that wave, Mississippi industry and families will enjoy the rewards for many generations.

And of course my ambition is that this spirit of innovation and pride will carry over into our work in state government. We must transform the way our work is done inside the halls of government. We must unlock the potential that new technologies provide for us to do more with less. We need to reduce the bureaucratic measures that make it impossible for innovation to occur. We have so many layers of red tape between the scoping of a project and implementation that state employees are beleaguered and disillusioned. They have nearly given up on innovation, because our system seems designed to discourage it. We must reform the processes for procuring new technologies or risk falling behind. The economy for public sector technology is robust and competitive. We should do everything in our power to take full advantage of the reduction in cost and improved services to be better for our customers – the people of Mississippi.

I call for the creation of a task force whose goal is to improve technology within and across state government. By improving technology and ensuring it's implemented in a way that matches actual workflow, we can streamline processes at agencies, reduce the time it takes to complete tasks, share information more easily, and provide more efficient, effective services for Mississippians.

At the end of the day, that's who all this work is for. We're all here in this grand building, with all this tradition and ceremony, but we cannot do this for ourselves. That would be a sorry mission. We do all this for the people who selected us for this work. And at the end of the day, they demand only a few things from us.

First, they demand the lowest possible burden on them. That means committing to interfering with their lives as little as possible. We must not convince ourselves that we can solve everyone's problems, because we know that every intervention in our systems causes countless other ripples. We must be prudent and cautious. We must demand low taxes and regulations. I renew my call to ensure the tax burden on Mississippians is as low as we can possibly afford. Their money circulating in their towns will do more than any additional government program ever could.

And finally, they demand that we provide for safety – law and order. They have entrusted to us a monopoly on force. Our law enforcement officers have to run our streets, not those who use force for brute power or personal gain. That is why we must invest in our public safety efforts and use our resources strategically.

Earlier this month, I was proud to stand alongside our state, local and federal law enforcement partners as we announced Operation Unified – an initiative whose goal is to root out drug traffickers and violent criminals in Jackson.

Working together, we are sending a message to those looking to harm others that their actions will not be tolerated. Together, we are showing criminals that Mississippi will never rest until they are brought to justice and behind bars.

Our law enforcement officers are already making significant progress. To date, Operation Unified has taken 360 criminals off the streets, and we've seized 162 firearms and over 34,000 grams in illegal drugs - including fentanyl, meth, and cocaine.

Our law enforcement officers are true heroes and none of this would be possible without them. They are putting themselves in harm's way every single day to keep us safe, and together, I know we can make real progress in delivering the safety and protection Jacksonians deserve. I'm proud of their work, and I know you'll support them throughout this important mission and beyond.

Ultimately, if we handle these fundamentals, I know that the people of Mississippi will have cause to say we've done our jobs well. We are at our best when we focus on achieving those basic tasks that have been given to us. And then as we achieve those, we can lift our eyes to see what private industry can achieve when we remove roadblocks. We are at our worst when we obsess over divisions. Disagreement and pointed debate is necessary. Then we move forward into our bold, ambitious future. We embrace Mississippi's momentum. We carry ourselves with pride and make America's goods here.

I would like to leave you with a bold challenge. It's bold because it is simple and in politics, the simple things are often the hardest to do.

When we were all sworn in last month, we had a great spirit of bipartisanship. We came together, overwhelmed by our positive feelings toward each other and Mississippi.

I am asking you tonight to put those convictions in action.

Let's do the things that need to be done, that we can get done, together.

Let's work on that list this year.

There will be time to go back to politics and disagreement later. But this year, at this time, with these opportunities, let's come together.

I am proud to be a Mississippian, and proud to work with each of you. I look forward to what we can accomplish over the next four years working together.

God bless Mississippi.

At 5:52 PM on motion of Representative Shanks, the Joint Session was dissolved.

Representatives Shanks and Varner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlene Harper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harlon Graves, and Brandon Todd Sumrall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Glynn Fortenberry, Steve Wayne McKenzie, Ted E. Carley, Jr. , and Dennis Rowell, which motion prevailed.

FORTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

(FIFTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor William Lambert, Iuka First United Pentecostal Church.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 42: (Representative Scott) Hilda Moore Turner; commend her life upon her passing. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 43: (Representatives Nelson, Banks, Butler-Washington) Bobby Rush; commend and congratulate on winning his 3rd Grammy. Rules.

H. R. No. 40: (Representatives Calvert, Smith) Sheryl West; commend for being named the 2023 State Gamer of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 41: (Representatives Calvert, Mansell) Justin Strickler; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year". Rules.

H. R. No. 42: (Representative Scott) Christopher Brown; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. Rules.

H. R. No. 43: (Representative Scott) Mical Cook; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. Rules.

H. R. No. 44: (Representatives Holloway (27th), Bell (65th)) Bessie Nell Jones; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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

H. B. No. 1353: Horseracing; include in equine liability. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

H. B. No. 504: Rural Firetruck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1037: Deficit appropriations; revise process for state agencies to avoid the need for. (PEER bill). Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1460: Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program; bring forward for possible amendment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1704: Appropriations; revise certain FY 2024 appropriations and direct transfers. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1705: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1706: Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS C

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

H. B. No. 1618: PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CLAY DEWEESE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

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

H. B. No. 1533: Bioenergy; considered carbon neutral when produced from biomass. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEN MORGAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

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

H. B. No. 1627: Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations; exempt from insurance regulation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

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

H. B. No. 325: Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 694: Commercial Driver's License; require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 846: Chancery clerk; increase fees for recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1234: Tenancy by the entirety with rights of survivorship; create rebuttable presumption when deed to both spouses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1343: Scrivener's affidavit; revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

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

H. B. No. 1725: Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

MISSY MCGEE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MUNICIPALITIES AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1220: Tax forfeited property; authorize Secretary of State to reimburse local governments for tree removal and cleanup costs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

H. B. No. 42: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 334: Dental hygienists; authorize to work under the general supervision of a dentist in nursing homes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 177: Dietician Licensure Compact; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 317: EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 906: Professional music therapists; provide for licensure by State Department of Health. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1129: Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 760: MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 44: Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 37: Physical therapists; delete requirement for physician's referral before performing services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 5: Melissa Cookston; commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 16: Jimmy Buffett; commend passing and honor the life and legacy of iconic song writer and businessman. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 28: Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 31: Pamela D. C. Junior; commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 9: Sam Mosley; commend upon musical success as member of famed blues band, Mosley and Johnson. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 10: Mississippi Fire Association; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 11: Jimi Jamison; commend musical legacy of Mississippi native and lead singer of Survivor. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 12: Sepsis Awareness Month; recognize September 2024 as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 15: Sheriff Troy J. Peterson; commend upon the occasion of his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 31: Logan Aaron Butler; commend upon being awarded Eagle Scout honor by the Boy Scouts of America. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 32: Parker A. Howard; commend and congratulate upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 33: Hayden Charles Morgan; commend upon being named an Eagle Scout. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 37: Ameshya Williams Holliday; commend for being the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the WNBA. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 39: Zauria Clark; commend upon being named 2023 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 40: Sheryl West; commend for being named the 2023 State Gamer of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 41: Justin Strickler; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 44: Bessie Nell Jones; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourning the passing of former Natchez Mayor and MDOT Executive Director Larry "Butch" Brown and recognizing his public service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 505: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of George County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone who was lost in the line of duty. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 506: Extend sincerest sympathy of Mississippi Senate to surviving family of former Senator John G. Corlew. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 507: "Omega Psi Phi Day"; designate March 9, 2024, in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 508: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of legendary Mississippi Blues-Rock Musician Greg "Fingers" Taylor. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend recognition to United States Senator Cindy Hyde Smith as first woman elected to represent Mississippi in Washington, D.C. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the loss and commend the life of Luster Bayless, legendary Costumer to John Wayne. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 515: Mourn the passing and recognize legal career of former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice James L. Robertson. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 516: Recognize Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice Leslie D. King for "60 Courageous Judges Award." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 517: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Margaret Allen-Bingham first female superintendent of correctional facility in MS. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 518: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Tropical Rock legend Jimmy Buffett. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 519: Congratulate Ole Miss "Rebels" 2023 Football Team for historic season and dominating Peach Bowl victory. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 16: James Harold "Jim" Butler; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 516: State agencies procurement; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1225: State Auditor; authorize to review and investigate municipalities under certain prescribed conditions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 418: Continuing education training for police officers; extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman
JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

H. B. No. 155: Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 319: Distinguished motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Columbia Academy Cougars. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 624: Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 733: Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 776: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 822: CCID inferior court; clarify appeals from and repeal appointment of temporary judges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 893: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1286: Motor vehicles; provide procedure for licensing rental fleets. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1359: Serial bonds or single term bonds; authorize counties and municipalities to issue. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1378: Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1579: Business Improvement Districts Act; make various revisions concerning. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1620: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1621: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1660: Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1665: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize incentive for development of property in. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1617: County industrial development authorities certain; revise certain provisions regarding. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Head page, Ben Adams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Arian Adams	Terry, MS
Marquell Blaise	Bay St. Louis, MS
Aysia Riley	Diamondhead, MS
Marcus Stafford	Jackson, MS
Travis Tory	Jackson, MS
Trevor Tory	Jackson, MS
Christopher Buford	Fayette, MS
Hardy McCardle	Hazlehurst, MS
Hutson Hollingsworth	Brandon, MS
Harris Oakley	Morton, MS
Rebekah Oakley	Morton, MS

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 504: Rural Fire truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 504.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1037: Deficit appropriations; revise process for state agencies to avoid the need for. (PEER bill).

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1037. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1460: Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program; bring forward for possible amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 311 by inserting the following after the number "2024": "and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1460. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1704: Appropriations; revise certain FY 2024 appropriations and direct transfers.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1704. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1705: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds in the treasury.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 311 by inserting the following after the number "2024": "and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1705. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1706: Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND by deleting Section 13 in its entirety and inserting the following: "SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1706.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1707.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 702: Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Massengill:

Amend after line 23 by inserting the following:

"(2) The commission shall not approve, nor shall the department enter into any public-private partnership agreement with any entity whose products are illegal for participation in or use by persons eighteen (18) years of age and under.

(3) Any funds received by the department from an entity with whom it has entered a public-private partnership agreement under the authority of subsection (1) for the purposes specified therein, shall be retained by the department and deposited into a special fund managed by the department to be used for capital improvements to rest areas and visitor centers and welcome centers throughout the state.

(4) (a) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund for the department for the monies collected under this section.

(b) Unexpended monies remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund."

Further, amend the title on line 9, by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO PROHIBIT THE COMMISSION FROM APPROVING AND THE DEPARTMENT FROM ENTERING INTO ANY AGREEMENT WITH AN ENTITY WHOSE PRODUCTS ARE ILLEGAL FOR USE BY MINORS; TO PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH FUNDS DERIVED FROM SUCH AGREEMENTS FOR NAMING RIGHTS MAY BE USED; TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH FUNDS TO BE RETAINED AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 702.** On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, Summers. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

A motion to table the committee substitute prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BARTON, BURCH AND LOTT:

AMEND on line 7 after (1) by inserting the following language:

"This act shall be known and cited as the Deputy Jeremy Malone Act."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES FELSHER AND HORAN:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following section shall be codified as Section 97-37-39, Mississippi Code of 1972:

97-37-39. (1) (a) Any person who manufactures, possesses, or uses a machine gun conversion device and who is not otherwise authorized by federal law to manufacture, possess or use a machine gun conversion device shall be guilty of a felony.

(b) For purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the meanings described herein:

(i) "Machine gun conversion" means a device that is designed, made and intended to convert a semi-automatic firearm into a machine gun.

(ii) Machine gun means any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one (1) shot without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

(2) Any person convicted of a first offense in violation of this act shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not more than ten (10) years, fined not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or both.

(3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be charged with a felony under this act and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not more than fifteen (15) years, fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 97-37-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURE AND POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUN CONVERSION DEVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 903**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Barnett, Blackwell, Crawford, Eubanks, Fondren, Guice, Hall, Horne. Total--8.

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

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Wallace called up:

H. C. R. No. 23: Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote.

On motion of Rep. Wallace **H. C. R. No. 23:** (Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote.) was recommitted to the Committee on Constitution, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bell D moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Larry Cromeans, and Gerald Wayne Conner, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tyler Corban Feranda, which motion prevailed.

Representative Stevenson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terry Ray Wooley, which motion prevailed.

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mac Floyd, and Gene Aust, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Pamela J. Cunningham, which motion prevailed.

Representative Butler-Washington moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Richard T. Ferguson, which motion prevailed.

At 3:02 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

(FIFTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Jeff Easterling, The Barn Church, Poplarville.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

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

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Felsher and Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

Representative Hulum introduced Ameshya Williams Holliday, House Resolution 37.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2248: City of Amory; reenact and extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax, and authorize election for additional 1%.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1726: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with wastewater infrastructure improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1727: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with improvements to Chappell Hill Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1728: (Representative Bell (65th)) Hinds County; authorize to enter into lease agreement/lease purchase arrangement to acquire funds to attain public safety facility. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1729: (Representatives Remak, Burnett, Hall, Harris, Keen, McCray) Appropriation; MDOT for costs of upgrading bridge over MS Hwy 78 in City of Olive Branch. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1730: (Representative Harness) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Grand Gulf Military Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1731: (Representatives James-Jones, Nelson) Appropriation; Humphreys County to fund the development of a comprehensive plan to attract new business. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1732: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriations; Humphreys County for countywide emergency alert system. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1733: (Representative James-Jones) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Anguilla in paying costs of construction of museum and visitor center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1734: (Representative James-Jones) Bonds; authorize issuance for Sharkey County and Town of Rolling Fork at assist in paying various disaster recovery costs. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1735: (Representative James-Jones) Bonds; authorize issuance for Community Health and Wellness Center, Inc., health care facility renovations in Isola. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1736: (Representative James-Jones) Bonds; authorize to assist Humphreys County in paying costs of roadway, curb and gutter improvements in Westgate Subdivision. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1737: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Humphreys County for construction of an emergency care unit. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1738: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Humphreys County for cost share needs associated with recovery projects following 2023 tornado. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1739: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriations; City of Belzoni to help defray operational costs and capital expenses. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1740: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Humphreys County for new sewer lagoon system in community of Midnight. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1741: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Belzoni Humphreys Development Foundation for repairs and restoration work at the Catfish Museum. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1742: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriations; Humphreys County for matching funds for grant to construct additional pump station. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1743: (Representatives James-Jones, Nelson) Humphreys County; authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1744: (Representative Lott) City of Lucedale; authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1745: (Representatives Osborne, Sanders) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Mississippi Valley State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1746: (Representative Bounds) City of Philadelphia; authorize a contribution to Philadelphia Transit. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1747: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Hollandale with road and water tank projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1748: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1749: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1750: (Representative Johnson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with stormwater infrastructure projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1751: (Representative Johnson) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with various projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1752: (Representative Bell (21st)) City of Fulton; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1753: (Representative Bell (21st)) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Appropriations A.

H. C. R. No. 44: (Representative Lamar) Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team; commend on winning NCJAA Region 23 Championship. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 45: (Representatives Lott, Barton, Burch) George County High School; commend upon winning first ever MHSAA Class 5A Fast Pitch Softball State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 45: (Representatives Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Owen) Stennis Space Center Capitol Day; recognize February 29, 2024, as and commend senior leadership team. Rules.

H. R. No. 46: (Representatives Steverson, Massengill) Michael E. "Mike" Griffin; honor life and service of retired officer who died while helping fellowman in vehicle accident. Rules.

H. R. No. 47: (Representatives Thompson, Sanders, Summers, Brown, Osborne) Sedric Scott; commend upon service to the community as Mississippi State Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Rules.

H. R. No. 48: (Representatives Lott, Barton, Burch) William Jarrell; commend upon 100th birthday celebration and for his World War II service. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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

H. B. No. 1377: MS Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; require Dept. Of Banking to issue memo authorizing new maximum loan amount and revise amount calculation. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1577: Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1675: Unclaimed property; prescribe process to be used by certain cooperatives with regard to disposition of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE AGUIRRE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

H. B. No. 1324: Home Inspector Regulatory Board; revive and provide that MS Real Estate Appraisal Board shall regulate home inspectors. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1366: Mississippi Principal and Income Act of 2013; revise provisions relating to partial liquidation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

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

H. C. R. No. 23: Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Be Adopted.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

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

H. B. No. 1609: Voting rights and felony expungement; person may have voting rights restored and certain felony records expunged after five years. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

PRICE WALLACE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

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

H. B. No. 1027: Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize profits from inmate hobbycraft activities to be deposited into. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 758: Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

H. B. No. 695: MHSAA; prohibit from requiring member school from charging more than \$2.00 for admission into athletic events. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1192: Districts of Innovation and MS Virtual Public School Program; bring forward. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1548: Cardiac emergency response plan; require local school district to implement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1692: State JROTC Coordinator; exempt from qualification requirements of the State Personnel Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1683: Charter School Act of 2013; revise to expand opportunity for establishment of charter school. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 73: School attendance officers; transfer responsibility of employment from MDE to local school districts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENERGY

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

H. B. No. 1583: Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JEFF HALE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

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

H. B. No. 1006: Recreation crab licenses; limit to license holders rather than households. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1007: Oyster tags; authorize the printing of by the catcher. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1200: Department of Marine Resources; revise administrative hearing procedure for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1279: Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1439: State-owned riparian rights; revise and provide for leases for on bottom oyster fishing for commercial purposes on. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1659: Public Trust Tidelands; revise various provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BRENT ANDERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 978: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing of claims. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1001: Veterans cemeteries; authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS

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

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; extend repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JEFFREY S. GUICE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

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

H. B. No. 974: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 975: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to purchase certain real property in Tupelo, MS, on behalf of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1207: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 45: Stennis Space Center Capitol Day; recognize February 29, 2024, as and commend senior leadership team. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

H. B. No. 1432: Memorial bridges; designate bridges on U.S. Hwy 72 in Alcorn County, near Burnsville, MS, as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridges." Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1463: "Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway"; specify parameters of location for designation. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1584: Memorial Highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 9 in Webster County as the "Corporal William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr., Memorial Highway. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1519: Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STEVE MASSENGILL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2248: City of Amory; reenact and extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax, and authorize election for additional 1%. Local and Private Legislation.

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

H. R. No. 37: Ameshya Williams Holliday; commend for being the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the WNBA.

H. R. No. 44: Bessie Nell Jones; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 45: Stennis Space Center Capitol Day; recognize February 29, 2024, as and commend senior leadership team.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

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

H. R. No. 37: Ameshya Williams Holliday; commend for being the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the WNBA.

H. R. No. 44: Bessie Nell Jones; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 45: Stennis Space Center Capitol Day; recognize February 29, 2024, as and commend senior leadership team.

Rep. McGee called up:

H. B. No. 1725: Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1725**. On motion of Rep. McGee the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Harness, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Blackwell, Boyd, R, Burch, Crawford, Eubanks, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mangold, Owen, Remak, Varner. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Mims, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1647**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Haney, Harness, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Eubanks, Hale, Hall, Harris, Keen, Scott. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Felsher, Kinkade, Osborne, Owen. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1621: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise certain provisions of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1621**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Felsher, Kinkade, Osborne, Owen. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1617: County industrial development authorities certain; revise certain provisions regarding.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1617**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Felsher, Kinkade, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles.

On motion of Rep. Horan **H. B. No. 1023:** (DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles.) was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary B, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1196: Sextortion; create crime of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1196.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Hines, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Clark, Evans, Johnson. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1390: Grand jury; clarify procedures for recusal of district attorney.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1390.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Blackwell, Felsher, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Gibbs, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.

On motion of Rep. Horan **H. B. No. 1441:** (Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.) was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary B, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1454: Conditions for parole eligibility; extend date of repeal on.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1454. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 783: Child custody; require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 783. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,

Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Felsher, Osborne, Young. Total-4.

Present--Crudup, Holloway, G. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1162: Child sexual abuse; revise statute of limitations for claims.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND one line 103 by striking " July 1, 2024" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "its passage"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1162.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1253.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton,

Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Banks, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Evans, Harness, Hines, Johnson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Felsher, Osborne, Owen. Total-4.

Present--Gibbs, J, Holloway, G, Jackson, L, James-Jones. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 724: Expungement; clarify expungement of pardoned convictions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 724.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Felsher, Keen, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1696: Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1696.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes,

Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Osborne, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1670: MAEP; clarify classification of exceptional children in preschool for reporting and purposes of funding teacher units.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1670.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1669: Assistant teachers; revise qualifications for employment.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1669.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo,

Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Hawkins, Hulum, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1194: Expulsions; authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1194.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Brown, Holloway, G, Nelson, Watson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Felsher, Osborne, Summers, Young. Total-5.

Present--Evans, Harness, Hines, James-Jones, Johnson, Paden, Porter. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--55

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 37: Ameshya Williams Holliday; commend for being the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the WNBA.

H. R. No. 44: Bessie Nell Jones; honor life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 45: Stennis Space Center Capitol Day; recognize February 29, 2024, as and commend senior leadership team.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elsie Jane Locke Kirkman, Kirby Wadell "Dale" Robertson, and Sherri Lynn Rowell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hudora Cain Lewman, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hunter Buchanan, and Elizabeth Harrison, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lois Langston Kelley, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Hale, Hall, Harris, Keen, Kinkade and Remak moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of DCSD K9 LUCA, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harris A. Ladner, Sandra Lee Ladner, Willard Earvin Shaw, Sr. , Oscar Delmas Brewer, Bobby Raymond Seymour, Diane Thornton Woodruff, Donald Guy Cooper, Jackie Marie Ladner, Connie Jean Barrett Jenkins, Danny V. Patton , Edmond Marvin Thompson, Charles Pomes, Peter J. Casano, III, Nancy Josephine Ladner, and Richard Charles Willis, which motion prevailed.

At 3:29 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, February 29, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

(FIFTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Jake Kimmett, By Faith Baptist Church, Pontotoc.

Rep. Luther-Waldo led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

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

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Felsher and Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2851: Nonprofit agricultural membership organization; authorize to issue health insurance and exempt from insurance regulation.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

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

H. B. No. 1273: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1066: MS Whistleblower Reward Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1140: Public Records Act; revise time limitations for producing a competitive sealed proposal. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1356: Telework; revise certain provisions regarding use of by employees of state service agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1420: Public procurement laws; exempt certain contracts for museums. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1421: Public purchasing; increase threshold for bidding and revise provisions related to reverse auctions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1644: Ambulance services providers; contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1658: County and municipal executive committee agreements; revise. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1655: Candidate qualifications; revise process for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1673: Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1401: Polling place; prohibit facility that sells alcoholic beverages to be used as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1689: Election crime; create for dissemination of a deep fake within 90 days of an election. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS A AND STATE AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1355: State agencies; Personnel Board and LBO shall develop salary funding levels for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman
HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

H. B. No. 1092: Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1167: Marriage and family therapists; revise requirements for licensure. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1290: Charity Protection Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1301: Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding retainage. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1344: Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1625: Corporate breach of security; require reports to the Attorney General. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES

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

H. B. No. 1458: Lower Pearl River Restoration Trust Fund; authorize monies in the fund to be used to hire administrator for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

TIMMY LADNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

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

H. B. No. 728: Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STACEY HOBGOOD-WILKES, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

H. B. No. 595: Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts; allow to speak to students regarding civic involvement with principal's approval. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; bring forward statutes creating ESA Program. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 867: Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1106: National board certified occupational therapists; require salary supplement for public education employees. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1379: "Students Safe at School Act"; create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1668: Teacher and administrator license; revise certain provision regarding application fees and disciplinary matters. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

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

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1130: Living Donor Protection Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1079: Clean claim; clarify requirements for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 871: Balance billing; exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

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

H. B. No. 1271: Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1319: Homeowner's insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1603: Organ procurement organizations; records and proceedings of PEER review committees are confidential and not discoverable. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 48: Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

H. B. No. 1622: Towing of commercial vehicles; regulate the nonconsensual towing of by towing and recovery services. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1461: Vape directory; authorize Attorney General to establish. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 869: Giglio letter; require prosecutors to give law enforcement officers an opportunity to be heard before sending. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1153: Tobacco; prohibit sale to persons under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1459: MS Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; bring forward. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1478: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1440: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 413: Dog bites; authorize payment for actual expenses for injuries caused by. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 722: Judicial districts; bring forward for purposes of amendment. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

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

H. B. No. 1688: Community health workers; provide for certification of by Health Department and for Medicaid reimbursement for services of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MISSY MCGEE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

H. B. No. 1222: Laser hair removal; restrict the practice of to certain health professionals. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1678: Baby safety devices; require to be inspected and approved by Health Department before use by emergency medical services provider. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1068: County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 761: Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense CBD oil for medical purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 753: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1637: Radiological health services; revise fees charged by State Board of Health for providing. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1100: Minors; prohibit health care providers and institutions from providing health care to without parental consent. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

H. B. No. 752: Public Service Commission; extend repealer on its creation and powers and duties. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1063: Excavation; revise procedures and require white lining in certain stances. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1116: Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1117: Public Utilities Staff; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1352: Telephone solicitors; prohibit calls regarding Medicare supplements and to consumers opting out of all calls. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1648: Electronic bids; authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1664: Acceptance or offer of gifts; revise provisions relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 328: Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 329: Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 430: Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 1525: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
STATE AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman
JILL FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

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

H. B. No. 1558: Social media platforms; require owners or operators of to regulate advertisement of tobacco and nicotine products. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JILL FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TECHNOLOGY AND JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JILL FORD, Chairman
KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1013: Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development fund; bring forward code section on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1604: Comprehensive Career and Technical Education Reform Act; revise certain portions of regarding industry certification and grants. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1662: Workforce development; curriculum and education; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

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

H. R. No. 10: Mississippi Fire Association; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary.

H. R. No. 39: Zauria Clark; commend upon being named 2023 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year.

H. R. No. 40: Sheryl West; commend for being named the 2023 State Gamer of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year.

H. R. No. 41: Justin Strickler; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year".

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 155: Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 155.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Ford, K, Osborne, Owen. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 319: Distinguished motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Columbia Academy Cougars.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 319.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Osborne, Watson. Total-3.

Present--Paden. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 624: Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 624.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 733: Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 733.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 776: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise certain provisions regarding authority of municipalities and counties under.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 776.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Boyd, R, Evans, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Newman, Sanford. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Currie, Felsher, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G, Luther-Waldo, Varner. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 822: CCID inferior court; clarify appeals from and repeal appointment of temporary judges.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 822.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Hines, Johnson, Porter, Scott, Watson, Young. Total--10.

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

Present--Blackmon, Evans, James-Jones. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 893: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 893.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1003.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1286: Motor vehicles; provide procedure for licensing rental fleets.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1286.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Osborne, Scoggin. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by deleting lines 457 through 461

AMEND further by deleting Section 5 of the bill and renumbering succeeding sections accordingly

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1354.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Boyd, R, Eubanks, Evans, Ford, J, Haney, Newman, Varner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Crudup, Currie, Felsher, Ladner, Osborne. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1359: Serial bonds or single term bonds; authorize counties and municipalities to issue.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1359. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1378: Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1378. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1579: Business Improvement Districts Act; make various revisions concerning.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1579. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1589. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1620: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1620. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Yates. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1660: Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1660. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1665: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize incentive for development of property in.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on lines 103, 120, 129 and 143 by inserting the word "fund" after the word "general".

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1665.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bailey. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Felsher, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Bell, C, Brown, Evans, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Porter, Scott. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up:

H. B. No. 1006: Recreation crab licenses; limit to license holders rather than households.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1006.** On motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,

Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Felsher, Hale, McMillan, Osborne. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up:

H. B. No. 1007: Oyster tags; authorize the printing of by the catcher.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1007**. On motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up:

H. B. No. 1279: Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1279**. On motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud,

Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up:

H. B. No. 1439: Riparian rights; revise what may be included in.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1439. On motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up:

H. B. No. 1659: Public Trust Tidelands; revise various provisions related to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1659. On motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read,

Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--113.

Nays--Eubanks, Eure, Grady, Ladner, Owen, Zuber. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Haney, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Pigott called up:

H. B. No. 1353: Horseracing; include in equine liability.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1353.** On motion of Rep. Pigott the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Newman. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, James-Jones, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 418: Continuing education training for police officers; extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 418.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

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

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 564: Urban renewal project powers; revise definition of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES RUSHING AND SCOTT:

AMEND on line 13 by inserting the following language before the word "or": or by any nonprofit

AMEND on line 16 by inserting the following language after the word "agency": or any nonprofit

AMEND on line 19 by inserting the following language after the word "agency": or nonprofit

AMEND on line 27 by inserting the following language after the word "agency": or a nonprofit

AMEND further the title on line 4 by inserting the following after the word "AGENCY": OR NONPROFIT

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 564.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Lancaster, Osborne, Rosebud. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hale called up:

H. B. No. 1583: Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1583. On motion of Rep. Hale the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Ladner entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1659: Public Trust Tideland; revise various provisions related to.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ralph Campbell, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mattox moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Wayne Inman, which motion prevailed.

At 3:18 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 1, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

(SIXTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Tommy Wilson, Founder of Living Free Ministries, Corinth.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones,

Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

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

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Cockerham and Felsher.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 539: Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

H. B. No. 970: Medicaid; extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1754: (Representatives Remak, Hale, Hall, Harris, Keen, Kinkade) Appropriation; MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1755: (Representative Bell (21st)) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the MS Allied Health College and Career Navigator Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1756: (Representative Mims) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain tree removal costs. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1757: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with various projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1758: (Representatives Evans, Sanford) Jefferson Davis County; increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage collection and disposal. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 46: (Representative Creekmore IV) John D. Roberts; commend upon receiving Legion of Honor for valiant and heroic service during World War II. Rules.

H. R. No. 49: (Representative McGee) Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas; commend and congratulate upon being named recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Rules.

H. R. No. 50: (Representatives Summers, Brown, Banks, Gibbs (72nd)) Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr.; commend for many years educating children and congratulate upon retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 51: (Representatives Haney, Bennett, Estrada, Hulum) George A. Schloegel; commend life upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 52: (Representative Oliver) Charles Wilson Dismukes; commend for outstanding service to the foresting industry. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2851: Nonprofit agricultural membership organization; authorize to issue health insurance and exempt from insurance regulation. Insurance.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025. Appropriations A.

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 328: Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 328. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Bailey, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Burnett, Carpenter, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--66.

Nays--Anderson, J, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Ford, J, Gibbs, J, Holloway, G, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Lott, Mangold, Mims, Nelson, Paden, Pigott, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Varner, Watson. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Banks, Barnett, Clark, Cockerham, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Felsher, Ford, K, Karriem, Ladner, Lancaster, McLean, Osborne, Owen, Steverson, Turner, Young. Total-19.

Present--Anthony, Brown, Crudup, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Luther-Waldo, Porter. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--47

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 329: Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 329. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Crawford, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--69.

Nays--Anthony, Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Crudup, Ford, J, Foster, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Newman, Pigott, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Tubb, Varner, Watson. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Clark, Cockerham, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Felsher, Hood, Jackson, K, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Mattox, Osborne, Owen, Turner, Young. Total-19.

Present--Jackson, L. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--49

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1525: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

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

Representative Watson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bills passed.

H. B. No. 328: Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own.

H. B. No. 329: Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 10: Mississippi Fire Association; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary.

H. R. No. 39: Zauria Clark; commend upon being named 2023 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year.

H. R. No. 40: Sheryl West; commend for being named the 2023 State Gamer of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year.

H. R. No. 41: Justin Strickler; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year".

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 539: Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

H. B. No. 970: Medicaid; extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Brown moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ivory Joe Dorsey, which motion prevailed.

At 9:27 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 4, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

(SIXTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Chris Bell.

Rep. Bell, C led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

H. B. No. 981: Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary architecture firms. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
CORRECTIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
COUNTY AFFAIRS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 308: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; revise to remove eight rounds requirement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
STATE AFFAIRS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; bring forward sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

Representative Horan called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 286:** (Sexual Battery; remove statute of limitations when DNA evidence is discovered.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 328:** (Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 329:** (Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hulum called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1659:** (Public Trust Tidelands; revise various provisions related to.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Byrd called up:

H. B. No. 308: Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; revise to remove eight rounds requirement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 308.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Bennett, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Fondren moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Carlton Hamilton, which motion prevailed.

At 4:15 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

(SIXTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Brother Ricky Pierce, Richmond Pentecostal Church, Fulton.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1759: (Representative Summers) Homestead exemption; provide additional exemption for unremarried surviving spouses of disabled persons. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1760: (Representative Kinkade) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with repair and renovation of the Byhalia Old School Commons. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1761: (Representative Hawkins) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Panola County with improvements at the Panola County Airport. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1762: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize a contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1763: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1764: (Representative Powell) Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1765: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize contribution to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 47: (Representative Bell (21st)) Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). Rules.

H. C. R. No. 48: (Representative Eubanks) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Rules.

H. R. No. 53: (Representative Hines) American Red Cross; encourage recognition of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month. Rules.

H. R. No. 54: (Representative Johnson) Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2024; commend and honor for outstanding service. Rules.

H. R. No. 55: (Representatives Faulkner, Karriem, Kinkade) Rust College; commend historical significance and academic excellence of. Rules.

H. R. No. 56: (Representatives Faulkner, Karriem, Kinkade) Rust College; designate March 26, 2024, as Rust College Day at the Capitol. Rules.

H. R. No. 57: (Representatives Smith, Horne, Zuber, Yancey) Former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

H. B. No. 874: Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale of MHP and MBN officers. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1210: The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1214: "Blockchain Basics Act"; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

SHANE AGUIRRE, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
BUSINESS AND COMMERCE AND JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1303: Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman
KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 1611: Emergency license and registration procedure when a state of emergency is declared; authorize counties and municipalities to establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
CORRECTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 750: State Grand Jury Act; codify and extend repealer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

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

H. B. No. 1685: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1090: Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STACEY HOBGOOD-WILKES, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

H. B. No. 1258: 16th section land; authorize local school board to grant an extension to holder of a long-term lease in good standing. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

H. B. No. 1341: Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1396: Community Eligibility Provision of National School Lunch Program; require certain school districts to apply for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1453: "Investing in the Needs of Students to Prioritize, Impact and Reform Education (INSPIRE) Act of 2024"; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1447: SAVED: create study committee to determine establishing model school for failing schools in the Mississippi Delta Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1449: The "Mississippi Student Freedom Act"; create to establish Magnolia Scholarship Accounts for certain eligible students. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY

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

S. B. No. 2059: Biomass and Bioenergy with carbon capture technology; define. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEN MORGAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

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

H. B. No. 1213: Living Donor Protection Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1265: Pharmacists; authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or contracts. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1410: Out-of-state insurers; require to reimburse providers of certain persons the reimbursement rate of state of issuance in certain situations. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 818: Insurance; revise the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Program, the MS First Responders Health and Safety Act and the Municipal and County Fire Funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1048: Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from precensing requirements. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1527: HIV medications; prohibit health plans and Medicaid from subjecting to protocols that restrict dispensing of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1143: Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1144: Diagnostic and supplemental breast exams; prohibit insurers from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 888: Insurance mitigation; revise various provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; health insurance policies shall cover treatment of enrollees in place and transporting to an alternate destination. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1629: Ambulance service providers; provide for minimum rate of reimbursement under any policy of accident and sickness insurance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1612: Pharmacy benefit managers; revise provisions relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

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

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); bring forward sections related to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1316: Public purchasing; require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1086: Land partitions; revise provision that regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 342: Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1370: Trespass; clarify elements of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1607: Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 349: Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1363: Internet; create civil liability for distribution of child pornography and obscene matter by commercial entities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1560: Governmental tort immunity; bring forward sections. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
JUDICIARY A AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1226: CCID inferior court; authorize additional judges and clarify appeals from. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

H. B. No. 900: "The Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act"; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1537: Sexual offense; provide immunity for reporting. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1325: Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1382: Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1403: Justice Court; revise filing fees. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1252: Implied consent laws; authorize nonadjudication for violation under certain conditions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1024: DHS; authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1074: Terroristic threats; increase penalties when made against an airport. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1351: Child placed in foster care; clarify that youth court must be consulted before placement is revised. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

H. B. No. 1455: Work initiative; remove cap on number of inmates who may participate in and revise certain reporting requirements for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

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

H. B. No. 1026: Medicaid; make various technical amendments to the program. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

MISSY MCGEE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON MUNICIPALITIES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 868: "Property Cleanup Revolving Fund"; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

H. B. No. 1376: Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 41: Podiatrist; authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 848: CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1639: Regional health authorities; create the Delta Regional Health Authority and authorize creation of additional regional authorities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organization to receive and administer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 616: Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND COUNTY AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1030: DHS; authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman
LARRY BYRD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman
ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1676: Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 1615: Public procurement laws; exempt certain purchases and contracts for landmark buildings from. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RICHARD BENNETT, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

H. B. No. 1503: Applications for certificate of public convenience and necessity for new transmission facilities; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 52: Charles Wilson Dismukes; commend for outstanding service to the foresting industry. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 54: Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2024; commend and honor for outstanding service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 53: American Red Cross; encourage recognition of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 49: Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas; commend and congratulate upon being named recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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

H. B. No. 773: Elected State and District Officers; extend repealer on authority to exceed salary cap for professionals employed by. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1103: Alcoholic beverages; authorize certain municipalities designated as qualified resort areas to regulate certain matters regarding the sale of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1590: PERS; bring forward sections relating to. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON STATE AFFAIRS AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1211: Criminal justice agencies; bring forward sections that regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1697: Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize counties and municipalities to provide 30 days of pay to beneficiary. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

STEVE MASSENGILL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1568: Jackson State University; authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1311: Community and junior colleges; authorize board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

H. B. No. 298: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1091: Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1473: Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1642: Tax credits, various; bring forward sections of law relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1701: Taxes, various; bring forwards sections of law authorizing and providing for distribution of revenue. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1230: Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1623: Tourism project sales tax incentive program; bring forward sections of law relating to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 659: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1060: Performance bonds; increase threshold amount in public works contracts. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1638: Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

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

H. B. No. 1206: Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, raccoons and bobcats with dogs and guns. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

H. B. No. 907: Childcare Teachers Wage Incentive Program; create. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1274: Office of Workforce Development; authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Head Page, Dru Black, introduced the following pages for the week:

Kaci Clark	Jackson, MS
Noah Clark	Philadelphia, MS
Halle Copeland	Philadelphia, MS
Jason Dowling	Calhoun City, MS
Kynnedi Johnson	Clarksdale, MS
Quill Johnson	Brandon, MS
Emerson Powers	Kosciusko, MS
Conner Saxton	Banner, MS
Javion Shed	Jackson, MS
Zira Williams	Clarksdale, MS

At 10:13 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:07 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Robert "Bobby" Allen Henning, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford J moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Adam Geoffrey Richardson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Otis E. Wright, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Thomas L. Reynolds, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Karen Annette Jackson Rinehart, which motion prevailed.

Representative Evans moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Larry Warren Fuller, Willard Raymond Buffington, Master Jaylen Randall Price, Jerry L. Speights, and Erma Nell Bridges Magee, which motion prevailed.

At 2:14 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

(SIXTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Dwight Mosley, Glover's Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Walls.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. R. No. 58: (Representative Gibbs (36th)) West Point High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be

obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1744: City of Lucedale; authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2248: City of Amory; reenact and extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax, and authorize election for additional 1%. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SHANE BARNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND STATE AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 419: Health care certificate of need law; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman
HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

Representative Johnson introduced the Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol, House Resolution 54.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 54: Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2024; commend and honor for outstanding service.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

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

H. R. No. 54: Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2024; commend and honor for outstanding service.

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

H. R. No. 9: Sam Mosley; commend upon musical success as member of famed blues band, Mosley and Johnson.

H. R. No. 11: Jimi Jamison; commend musical legacy of Mississippi native and lead singer of Survivor.

H. R. No. 12: Sepsis Awareness Month; recognize September 2024 as.

H. R. No. 15: Sheriff Troy J. Peterson; commend upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. R. No. 31: Logan Aaron Butler; commend upon being awarded Eagle Scout honor by the Boy Scouts of America.

H. R. No. 32: Parker A. Howard; commend and congratulate upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America.

H. R. No. 33: Hayden Charles Morgan; commend upon being named an Eagle Scout.

H. R. No. 16: James Harold "Jim" Butler; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 53: American Red Cross; encourage recognition of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month.

H. R. No. 49: Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas; commend and congratulate upon being named recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

H. R. No. 52: Charles Wilson Dismukes; commend for outstanding service to the foresting industry.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

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

H. C. R. No. 5: Melissa Cookston; commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author.

H. C. R. No. 16: Jimmy Buffett; commend and celebrate the life and legacy of iconic song writer and businessman and express sympathy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 28: Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 31: Pamela D. C. Junior; commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Home, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

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

H. C. R. No. 5: Melissa Cookston; commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author.

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H. C. R. No. 31: Pamela D. C. Junior; commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums.

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

S. C. R. No. 508: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of legendary Mississippi Blues-Rock Musician Greg "Fingers" Taylor.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the loss and commend the life of Luster Bayless, legendary Costumer to John Wayne.

S. C. R. No. 515: Mourn the passing and recognize legal career of former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice James L. Robertson.

S. C. R. No. 516: Recognize Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice Leslie D. King for "60 Courageous Judges Award."

S. C. R. No. 518: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Tropical Rock legend Jimmy Buffett.

S. C. R. No. 519: Congratulate Ole Miss "Rebels" 2023 Football Team for historic season and dominating Peach Bowl victory.

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourning the passing of former Natchez Mayor and MDOT Executive Director Larry "Butch" Brown and recognizing his public service.

S. C. R. No. 505: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of George County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone who was lost in the line of duty.

S. C. R. No. 506: Extend sincerest sympathy of Mississippi Senate to surviving family of former Senator John G. Corlew.

S. C. R. No. 517: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Margaret Allen-Bingham first female superintendent of correctional facility in MS.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Deweese called up:

H. B. No. 1618: PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1618.** On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to

the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 298: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of certain property, authorize grants for development of certain property.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 298. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bailey, Osborne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Nelson, Scott, Watson, Young. Total-6.

Present--Clark, Harness, Hines, Paden. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1473: Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1473. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1230: Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1230. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McLean, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1417. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1638: Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1638. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Anthony, Brown, Faulkner, James-Jones, Karriem, Osborne, Scott, Taylor, Thompson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Clark, Denton, Johnson, Porter, Rosebud, Watson, Young. Total-8.

Present--Butler-Washington, Crudup, Paden, Summers. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

H. B. No. 1525: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1525. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, R, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Arnold, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Burch, Calvert, Cockerham, Currie, Evans, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Ladner, Lott, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Turner, Varner. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Jackson, L, Morgan, Rushing, Scoggin, Smith, Young. Total-7.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Gibbs, J, Paden. Total--4.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 775: Prior authorization; impose certain requirements on health insurance issuers regarding.

On motion of Rep. Creekmore **H. B. No. 775:** (Prior authorization; impose certain requirements on health insurance issuers regarding.) was recommitted to the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 445: Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations.

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

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 934: Consumer reports; limit redisclosure to third party.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 934. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes,

Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Turner, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1123.** On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Byrd, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 310: Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 310.** On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K,

Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 768: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Aguirre:

AMEND on line 133 after the period by deleting all language and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "[Deleted]".

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 768**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Osborne, Rosebud. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Brown, Burnett, Crudup, Watson, Young. Total-6.

Present--Banks, Bell, C, Evans, Holloway, G, Karriem, Paden, Porter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson. Total--10.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1021: Pawnbrokers; authorize Commissioner of Banking to establish by rule a process allowing certain purchased and/or pledged goods to be stored off premises.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1021. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Evans, Summers. Total--2.

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

Present--Mattox. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1062: Pawnbrokers; authorize to pass credit and debit card processing charges to customers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1062. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Brown, Clark, Evans, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--14.

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

Present--Banks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Mattox. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1102: DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1102**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 845: Charitable organizations; require IRS forms filed annually with Secretary of State to be for the most recent fiscal year end.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 845**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Crudup, McMillan, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Blackmon, Faulkner, James-Jones. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1257: Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1257**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Arnold, Blackwell, Brown, Crawford, Faulkner, Fondren, Hall, Hood, Karriem, Paden, Sanford, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Ford, K, Keen. Total-3.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1269: Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multidisciplinary engineer and architecture firms.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1269**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1000: Corporations and LLCs; authorize notice of dissolution by electronic mail only.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1000**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Blackmon, Blackwell, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Evans, Fondren, James-Jones, Morgan, Paden, Sanford, Scott, Summers. Total--14.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1404: Runoff elections; revise time for holding to four weeks.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1404**. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Kinkade. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Gibbs, J, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1156: Polling places; prohibit from being closed within sixty days before an election.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1156**. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Owen entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1257: Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as.

At 11:24 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1453: "Investing in the Needs of Students to Prioritize, Impact and Reform Education (INSPIRE) Act of 2024"; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1453**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Denton, Evans, Jackson, K, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Watson. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Anthony, Bell, C, Butler-Washington, Clark, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, James-Jones, Sanders, Taylor, Young. Total--14.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1622: Towing of commercial vehicles; regulate the nonconsensual towing of by towing and recovery services.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1622. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Luther-Waldo. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1461: Vape directory; require Department of Revenue to maintain and publish.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1461. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 869: Giglio letter; require prosecutors to give law enforcement officers an opportunity to be heard before sending.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 869. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, James-Jones, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Grady, Ladner, Young. Total-4.

Present--Crudup, Evans, Gibbs, J, Harness, Porter, Rosebud. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1153: Tobacco; prohibit sale to persons under.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1153. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak,

Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1459: MS Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; bring forward.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1459. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes, Luther-Waldo. Total-4.

Present--Harness, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1478: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1478. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 1440: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1440.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Osborne, Taylor, Watson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Summers. Total-2.

Present--Faulkner, McCray, Rosebud. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 413: Dog bites; authorize payment for actual expenses for injuries caused by.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Porter:

AMEND on line 388 by deleting "July 1, 2024" and inserting in lieu thereof "its passage"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 413.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne,

Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Arnold, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Byrd, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Keen, Ladner, Mangold, Mattox, Morgan, Pigott, Rosebud, Scott, Turner. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Harness, James-Jones, Kinkade, Sanford, Young. Total-6.

Present--Evans, Holloway, G. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up:

H. B. No. 722: Judicial districts; revise.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 722. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 1220: Tax forfeited property; authorize Secretary of State to reimburse local governments for tree removal and cleanup costs.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1220. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1627: Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations; exempt from insurance regulation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1627**. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Evans. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eure, Felsher, McCarty, McCray, Scott. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Felsher called up:

H. B. No. 42: MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Steverson:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 2 and renumbering the succeeding section:

SECTION 2. Section 37-146-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

"37-146-1. Mississippi Rural Dentists Program established. There is established the Dr. Gene Norris Howell, Jr., Memorial Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program for the purpose of identifying and recruiting qualified university and college students from rural areas of the state for dental school matriculation. The program shall consist of three (3) distinct phases through which participants will progress, including:

(a) Undergraduate pre-dental education;

(b) Dental school and residency; and

(c) Initial entry into dental practice in a rural or underserved area of the State of Mississippi."

AMEND FURTHER the title by inserting the following at the end of line 3: "TO AMEND SECTION 37-146-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO RENAME THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL DENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AS THE DR. GENE NORRIS HOWELL, JR., MEMORIAL MISSISSIPPI RURAL DENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 42**. On motion of Rep. Felsher the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 177: Dietician Licensure Compact; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 177**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 315. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 317: EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 317. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1129: Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1129.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 760: MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 760.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 44: Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center.

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

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 37: Physical therapists; revise circumstances and criteria under which they may implement treatment without a referral.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 37.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Bounds, Butler-Washington, Denton, Eure, Hood, McGee, McMillan, Mims, Nelson, Oliver, Powell, Smith, Yancey. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Morgan called up:

H. B. No. 1533: Bioenergy; considered carbon neutral when produced from biomass.

Rep. Taylor moved to table, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1533.** On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford,

Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Foster, Tullos, Yates. Total-4.

Present--Bailey, Burnett, Crawford, Jackson, L, Rosebud. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 516: State agencies procurement; bring forward code sections related to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 516. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1161. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem,

Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Arnold, Barnett, Boyd, R, Byrd, Calvert, Eubanks, Evans, Ford, J, Haney, Hood, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Varner. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, McCarty, Tullis, Turner. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G, Mattox. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1190. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Boyd, R, Evans, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Smith, Varner, Watson. Total--11.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Deweese, Hawkins, Ladner, Luther-Waldo, McCarty. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G, Mattox. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1225: State Auditor; authorize to review and examine municipalities under certain conditions.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1225. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott,

Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Harness, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Young. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Massengill. Total-2.

Present--Gibbs, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 978: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing of claims.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 978.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Carpenter called up:

H. B. No. 1001: Veterans cemeteries; authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1001.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 1432: Memorial bridges; designate bridges on U.S. Hwy 72 in Alcorn County, near Burnsville, MS, as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridges."

On motion of Rep. Massengill **H. B. No. 1432:** (Memorial bridges; designate bridges on U.S. Hwy 72 in Alcorn County, near Burnsville, MS, as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridges.") was recommitted to the Committee on Transportation, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 1519: Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1519. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Representative Holloway G entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1622: Towing of commercial vehicles; regulate the nonconsensual towing of by towing and recovery services.

Representative Rosebud entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1453: "Investing in the Needs of Students to Prioritize, Impact and Reform Education (INSPIRE) Act of 2024"; create.

Representative Scott entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1225: State Auditor; authorize to review and examine municipalities under certain conditions.

Representative Faulkner entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1533: Bioenergy; considered carbon neutral when produced from biomass.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 54: Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2024; commend and honor for outstanding service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 9: Sam Mosley; commend upon musical success as member of famed blues band, Mosley and Johnson.

H. R. No. 11: Jimi Jamison; commend musical legacy of Mississippi native and lead singer of Survivor.

H. R. No. 12: Sepsis Awareness Month; recognize September 2024 as.

H. R. No. 15: Sheriff Troy J. Peterson; commend upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. R. No. 16: James Harold "Jim" Butler; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 31: Logan Aaron Butler; commend upon being awarded Eagle Scout honor by the Boy Scouts of America.

H. R. No. 32: Parker A. Howard; commend and congratulate upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America.

H. R. No. 33: Hayden Charles Morgan; commend upon being named an Eagle Scout.

H. R. No. 49: Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas; commend and congratulate upon being named recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 52: Charles Wilson Dismukes; commend for outstanding service to the foresting industry.

H. R. No. 53: American Red Cross; encourage recognition of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy Sue Barnes, and Grace Boyd Huhn, which motion prevailed.

At 4:55 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 7, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

(SIXTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Chris Thomas.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2016: Illegal dumping; increase penalties for.

S. B. No. 2038: Adoption petitions; clarify that attached certificate may be executed by any physician.

S. B. No. 2131: Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child.

S. B. No. 2152: Department of Human Services; authorize to enter into lease with counties and to appoint certain county directors.

S. B. No. 2169: Local supplement for assistant teachers; prohibit school districts from reducing when given state minimum raise.

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

S. B. No. 2175: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.

S. B. No. 2186: Sale of seized weapons; authorize use of proceeds to purchase equipment.

S. B. No. 2245: Education data; authorize the Department of Education to report aggregate data in compliance with federal standards.

S. B. No. 2246: Preschool reporting requirements; revise technical provisions related thereto.

S. B. No. 2266: Mississippi Electronic Court System; require free access for public defenders.

S. B. No. 2307: Compensation of elected state & district officers; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2308: Mississippi Public Records Act; extend date of repeal on.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2309: Trip optimizer for state employee travel reimbursement; extend moratorium on application to certain state agencies.

S. B. No. 2310: County authorization to assess emergency telecommunications service charge; extend date of repeal on.

S. B. No. 2339: High school graduation requirements; allow sign language to be counted as a foreign language.

S. B. No. 2340: Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

S. B. No. 2349: Cardiac emergency response plans; require schools to implement and provide procedures and certain immunity related thereto.

S. B. No. 2386: Appointed counsel; increase maximum compensation for.

S. B. No. 2444: Central Mississippi Pilot Prison Industries program; expand to all state, regional and private correctional facilities.

S. B. No. 2468: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

S. B. No. 2470: Sales tax; move the back-to-school sales tax holiday to the second Friday in July.

S. B. No. 2492: Use tax; allow municipalities to use revenue for personal property or equipment to be used for certain authorized purposes.

S. B. No. 2509: Motor Carrier Regulatory Law; extend repeal on voluntary inspection program.

S. B. No. 2558: Mental Health Regional Commissions; authorize boards of supervisors to agree to board compositions.

S. B. No. 2569: State employee telework policies; amend.

S. B. No. 2572: State Workforce Investment Board; amend to allow for proxy participation in meetings to meet quorum.

S. B. No. 2613: Police chiefs and officers; require certain continuing education.

S. B. No. 2761: Judicial support staff; bring forward provision related to.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2125: State employees; authorize the state to offer health savings accounts to.

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries.

S. B. No. 2288: Images or audio altered or created by digitization; criminalize dissemination of in certain circumstances.

S. B. No. 2300: Occupational Licensing Review Board; revise membership.

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers.

S. B. No. 2451: Corrections; require implementation of improved model for projecting inmate population growth.

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2614: Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; amend certain provisions related to the filing of motions under.

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County, as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

S. B. No. 2643: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to William Forrest Winter.

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County.

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

S. B. No. 2840: Building Fund for the Arts; authorize Mississippi Arts Commission to retain monies for administrative costs.

S. B. No. 2841: State Treasury Efficiency Act; enact.

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise and bring forward related provisions and provide for determination of unobligated funds by Nov. 1.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1766: (Representatives Butler-Washington, Summers, Banks, Bell (65th), Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (27th), James-Jones, Nelson) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University Campus Safety Project. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1767: (Representative Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1768: (Representatives Steverson, Hines) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1769: (Representative Owen) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of certain food. Ways and Means.

H. R. No. 59: (Representatives Thompson, Faulkner) Luther Cunningham "L.C." Sims; commend extraordinary service in World War II and contributions to his community. Rules.

H. R. No. 60: (Representatives Summers, Crudup, Butler-Washington, Karriem, James-Jones, Denton, Gibbs (72nd), Banks, Brown, Faulkner) Stamps Super Burgers; commend upon being named one of the 2024 USA Today Restaurants of the Year. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 47: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 14: Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves Softball Team; commend for winning the 2023 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championships. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 58: West Point High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Representative Yancey called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1257:** (Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 47: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS).

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver,

Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Roberson, Sanders. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 14: Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves Softball Team; commend for winning the 2023 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championships.

H. R. No. 58: West Point High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1453:** ("Investing in the Needs of Students to Prioritize, Impact and Reform Education (INSPIRE) Act of 2024"; create.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Blackmon, Foster, Nelson. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up:

H. B. No. 1287: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway."

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1287. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K,

Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1288: Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1288. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 74: Memorial highways; designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway".

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 74. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-

Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 75: Memorial highway; designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway."

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 75. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 120: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 120. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 619: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 619.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 823: Memorial bridge; designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge."

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 823.** On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 991: "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 991. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1216: Memorial highways; designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1216. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1463: "Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway"; specify parameters of location for designation.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1463. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1584: Memorial Highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 9 in Webster County as the "Warrant Officer William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr., Memorial Highway.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood:

Amend on lines 3 and 11, by striking "Corporal" and inserting in lieu thereof, "Warrant Officer".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1584. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Arnold called up:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1681. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1087: Ballot harvesting; include certain definitions in prohibition on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1087. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes,

Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Denton, Evans, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--33.

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

Present--Brown, Crudup, Faulkner, Foster, Rosebud, Summers. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 585: "Dignity and Safety for Incarcerated Women Act"; enact.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CURRIE AND NEWMAN:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 106 and by renumbering the succeeding section:

"SECTION 7. (1) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Institution of higher education" means any state institution of higher learning or public community or junior college.

(b) "Single-sex educational housing space" means a separate room or area located within an institution of higher education functioning as housing for student residents at an educational institution and designated for use or occupancy only for members of one (1) sex, but excludes common areas designated for use by members of both sexes.

(c) "Public building" means any building, facility or space owned, controlled, operated, rented or leased by, or rented or leased to a public university, public community or junior college and the institutions of higher learning.

(d) "Restroom" means a space designated for multiple individuals at an institution of higher education that includes toilets and/or urinals. This term does not include a unisex restroom.

(f) "Unisex restroom" means a room at an institution of higher education that includes a toilet or urinal and that is intended for a single occupant or a family, is enclosed by floor-to-ceiling walls, and is accessed by a full door with a secure lock that prevents another individual from entering while the room is in use.

(2) Any single-sex education housing space that maintains a restroom shall, at a minimum, have:

(a) A restroom designated for exclusive use by females and a restroom designated for exclusive use by males; or

(b) A unisex restroom.

(3) Any public building that functions as housing for student residents at an institution of higher education shall provide students the option to be housed only in a single-sex educational housing space with persons of the same sex.

(4) Social fraternities and sororities at institutions of higher learning that have and operate single-sex housing facilities located on public land shall comply with the definitions contained within this act for purposes of maintaining such facilities as single sex only.

(5) A person may not enter a single-sex educational housing space, designated for the opposite sex, except under the following circumstances:

(a) To accompany a person of the opposite sex for the purpose of assisting or chaperoning a child under the age of twelve (12), a vulnerable person as defined in Section 43-47-5, or a person with a disability as defined in Section 43-6-203(b);

(b) For law enforcement, fire protection or response, or other public safety purposes;

(c) For governmental purposes, including employees or contractors of governmental entities acting within the scope of their employment or contract;

(d) For the purpose of rendering emergency medical assistance or to intervene in any other emergency situation where the health or safety of another person is at risk;

(e) For custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes, provided that the restroom or changing facility is not in use;

(f) If the appropriate designated restroom or changing facility is out of order or under repair and the restroom or changing facility designated for the opposite sex contains no person of the opposite sex;

(g) A parent, guardian or sibling of a student living in a single-sex educational housing space to assist in moving or health purposes.

(6) The applicable governmental entity for each public building that is utilized by an institution of higher education for a single-sex educational housing space under its ownership, control or lease shall, within ninety (90) days, establish regulations and disciplinary procedures for any person who willfully enters, for a purpose other than those listed in Section 29-18-15, a single-sex dormitory space designated for the opposite sex on the premises of the public building and refuses to depart when asked to do so by any employee or contractor of the owner, lessee or lessor of the public building.

(7) A person who willfully enters, for a purpose other than those listed in Section 29-18-11, a single-sex dormitory space designated for the opposite sex on the premises of a public building and refuses to depart when asked to do so by an employee or contractor of the owner, lessee or lessor of a public building that is utilized as a single-sex educational housing space commits the offense of trespass as provided in Section 97-17-97.

(8) (a) A person may assert a violation of this act as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding and obtain compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or any other appropriate relief. Such claim may be brought against any applicable governmental entity for each public building that is utilized as a single-sex educational housing space under its ownership, control or lease which caused or contributed to a violation of this act.

(b) Any person under eighteen (18) years of age may bring an action at any time to assert a violation of this act through a parent or next friend and may bring an action in their own name upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an action under this act may be commenced, and relief may be granted, in a judicial proceeding without regard to whether the person commencing the action has sought or exhausted available administrative remedies.

(9) In any action or proceeding to enforce a provision of this act, a prevailing party who establishes a violation of this chapter shall recover reasonable attorney's fees.

(10) The Attorney General shall bring an action to enforce compliance with this act. This act shall not be construed to deny, impair, or otherwise affect any right or authority of the Attorney General, the State of Mississippi, or any agency, officer, or employee of the state, acting under any law other than this act, to institute or intervene in any proceeding.

(11) Any provision of this section is held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, or as applied to any person or circumstance, shall be construed so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law, unless such holding shall be one of utter invalidity or unenforceability, in which event such provision shall be deemed severable herefrom

and shall not affect the remainder hereof or the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other, dissimilar circumstances."

AMEND further the title on line 13 by inserting the following language after the semicolon:

"TO REGULATE PUBLIC STUDENT HOUSING FOR SINGLE-SEX EDUCATIONAL HOUSING; TO REGULATE HOW PERSONS ENTER A SINGLE-SEX EDUCATIONAL HOUSING SPACE; TO REQUIRE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REGULATIONS WITH CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES ; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO WILLFULLY ENTERS A SINGLE-SEX EDUCATIONAL HOUSING SPACE, WHEN SUCH ENTRANCE IS PROHIBITED, SHALL BE COMMITTING THE OFFENSE OF TRESPASS; TO AUTHORIZE ASSERTION OF A VIOLATION OF THIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BRING ACTION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 585**. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Bell, C, Blackmon, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, McCray, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Denton, Hines, Karriem, Osborne, Sanders, Taylor. Total-7.

Present--Evans, Foster, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 755: Parole; extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 168 and renumbering the succeeding section:

" SECTION 2. Section 47-7-40, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-40. (1) The commissioner shall establish rules and regulations for implementing the earned-discharge program that allows offenders on probation and parole to reduce the period of supervision for complying with conditions of probation. Such rules and regulations shall also be established for discharge credits earned pursuant to subsection (7) of this section. The department shall have the authority to award

earned-discharge credits to all offenders placed on probation, parole, or post-release supervision who are in compliance with the terms and conditions of supervision. An offender serving a Mississippi sentence for an eligible offense in any jurisdiction under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision shall be eligible for earned-discharge credits under this section. Offenders shall not be denied earned-discharge credits solely based on nonpayment of fees or fines if a hardship waiver has been granted as provided in Section 47-7-49.

(2) In addition to the deduction allowed under subsection (7) of this section, for each full calendar month of compliance with the conditions of supervision, earned-discharge credits equal to the number of days in that month shall be deducted from the offender's sentence discharge date. Credits begin to accrue for eligible offenders after the first full calendar month of compliance supervision conditions. For the purposes of this section, an offender is deemed to be in compliance with the conditions of supervision if there was no violation of the conditions of supervision.

(3) No earned-discharge credits may accrue for a calendar month in which a violation report has been submitted, the offender has absconded from supervision, the offender is serving a term of imprisonment in a technical violation center, or for the months between the submission of the violation report and the final action on the violation report by the court or the board.

(4) Earned-discharge credits shall be applied to the sentence within thirty (30) days of the end of the month in which the credits were earned. At least every six (6) months, an offender who is serving a sentence eligible for earned-discharge credits shall be notified of the current sentence discharge date.

(5) Once the combination of time served on probation, parole or post-release supervision, and earned-discharge credits satisfy the term of probation, parole, or post-release supervision, the board or sentencing court shall order final discharge of the offender. No less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of final discharge, the department shall notify the sentencing court and the board of the impending discharge.

(6) The department shall provide semiannually to the Oversight Task Force the number and percentage of offenders who qualify for earned discharge in one or more months of the year and the average amount of credits earned within the year.

(7) (a) From and after July 1, 2024, any offender who is on probation and parole, which includes the intensive supervision program, may have his or her placement on probation and parole or intensive supervision, as the case maybe, reduced by participating in faith-based activities or faith-based sponsored activities. An offender may be awarded thirty (30) days' reduction of supervision for each thirty (30) days of participation in a faith-based activity or faith-based sponsored activity.

(b) An offender who earns earned-discharge credit pursuant to this section must have a designated leader of the faith-based entity where the offender is participating in the faith-based activity or faith-based sponsored activity to provide a monthly report by the 15th day of the month following the offender's participation in the faith-based activity. Such report must be provided to the community service division of the Department of Corrections who may apply the earned-discharged credits in the time provided under subsection (4) of this section. The department shall provide the time sheets necessary to be made available at the local parole office. The time sheets include the name of the participant, MDOC number, criminal cause number, date of participation in activities and any other pertinent information needed to effectuate the process."

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 755**. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 756: Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 756. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bailey, Brown, Osborne, Summers, Taylor. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Sanders, Scoggin, Young. Total-3.

Present--Hines, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Porter. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 757. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 759: Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 759.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Harness. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 844.** On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher,

Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Watson, Young. Total--25.

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

Present--Anthony, Bell, C, Hines, Johnson, Rosebud. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson was granted a point of personal privilege to address House Bill 1453.

Representative Karriem entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1087: Ballot harvesting; include certain definitions in prohibition on.

At 11:30 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:35 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1355: State agencies; Personnel Board and LBO shall develop salary funding levels for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1355.** On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

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

H. B. No. 1355: State agencies; Personnel Board and LBO shall develop salary funding levels for.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 874: Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale of MHP and MBN officers.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 874.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Harness, Remak, Rushing. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

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

H. B. No. 874: Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale of MHP and MBN officers.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

H. B. No. 1210: The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1210.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Cockerham requested that the Entire Membership be added as authors to the following:

H. B. No. 1210: The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish.

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

H. B. No. 1210: The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish.

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025.

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Cockerham:

AMEND on line 23 by changing the figure "\$685,916.00" to "\$565,916.00"

AMEND FURTHER by deleting lines 39 through 42 and re-lettering the following paragraph as paragraph (e).

AMEND FURTHER on line 53 by changing the figure "\$2,400,000.00" to "\$2,542,000.00"

AMEND FURTHER on line 59 by changing the figure "\$525,000.00" to "\$547,000.00"

AMEND FURTHER by inserting the following after line 73:

"(h) Olivia Y., et al v. Phil Bryant, as Governor of the State of Mississippi and the Department of Human Services, United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Jackson Division, Cause No. 3:03cv251(L)(N)

\$ 120,000.00."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2926.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Barnett, Ladner, Oliver. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Horan, Remak. Total-3.

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

Necessary for passage--60

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

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025.

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 325: Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 325. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Bailey, Banks. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 694: Commercial Driver's License; require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 694. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Porter, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Fondren, McLean, Remak, Young. Total-5.

Present--Banks, Rosebud. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yates called up:

H. B. No. 846: Chancery clerk fees; conform recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 846. On motion of Rep. Yates the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Porter, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Fondren, McLean, Remak, Young. Total-5.

Present--Banks, Rosebud. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1234: Tenancy by the entirety with rights of survivorship; create rebuttable presumption when deed to both spouses.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 30 to 31 by deleting "when a person conveys".

AMEND FURTHER on line 31 after the word property by inserting "is conveyed".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Sanford:

AMEND on line 40 by inserting the following after "2024":

", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1234**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Anthony, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Harness, Jackson, K, Karriem, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Remak, Young. Total-3.

Present--Bailey, Banks, Brown, Evans, Holloway, G, Hulum, James-Jones, Summers. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1343: Scrivener's affidavit; revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1343**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem,

Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Remak, Young. Total-3.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 906: Professional music therapists; provide for licensure by State Department of Health.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 906. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Barnett, Crawford, Eubanks, Guice, Ladner, Oliver, Scott, Watson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Eure, Haney, Hood, McGee, Remak, Smith, Young. Total-8.

Present--Clark. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 974: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 974. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice,

Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Anthony, Rosebud. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Remak, Roberson, Summers, Young. Total--5.

Present--Hines. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 975: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to purchase certain real property in Tupelo, MS, on behalf of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 975.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1207: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1207.** On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Young. Total-2.

Present--Harness. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett called up:

H. B. No. 1615: Public procurement laws; exempt certain purchases and contracts for landmark buildings from.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1615. On motion of Rep. Bennett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 758: Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 758. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 750: State Grand Jury Act; codify and extend repealer.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 750**. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Watson, Young. Total-3.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up:

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1025**. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway,

G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Remak, Smith, Watson, Young. Total-5.

Present--Paden, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1450.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Rushing, Smith, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1548: Cardiac emergency response plan; require local school district to implement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1548.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones,

Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Foster, Remak, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1692: State JROTC Coordinator; exempt from qualification requirements of the State Personnel Board.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1692.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Crudup, Remak, Summers, Young. Total-5.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Guice called up:

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 652.** On motion of Rep. Guice the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway,

G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Remak, Scott, Turner. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Wallace called up:

H. B. No. 1609: Voting rights; restore for certain disqualifying crimes.

A committee substitute was adopted.

Rep. Summers moved that Committee Amendment No. 1 be tabled, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1609. On motion of Rep. Wallace the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Bailey, Barnett, Currie, Ford, J, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Jackson, L, Scott. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Eure, Keen, Kinkade, McCray, Remak. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Foster, Hines, Holloway, G, Mattox, Rosebud, Yates. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1324: Home Inspector Regulatory Board; revive and provide that MS Real Estate Appraisal Board shall regulate home inspectors.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1324. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Remak. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1366: Mississippi Principal and Income Act of 2013; revise provisions relating to partial liquidation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1366**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1092: Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1092**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Remak, Turner. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1167: Marriage and family therapists; revise requirements for licensure.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1167**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Tubb. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1290: Charity Protection Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1290**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Remak, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1301: Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding retainage.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1301**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Anderson, B, Guice. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Smith. Total-2.

Present--Boyd, A, Crudup, Evans, Paden, Watson. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1625: Corporate breach of security; require reports to the Attorney General.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1625**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Blackmon, Brown, Clark, Crudup, Paden, Scott. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Hawkins, Remak. Total-2.

Present--Butler-Washington, Hines, James-Jones, Rosebud, Watson. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1377: MS Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; require Dept. Of Banking to issue memo authorizing new maximum loan amount and revise amount calculation.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1377. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Bailey, Clark, Evans, James-Jones, Scott. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Cockerham, Remak, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1577: Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES AGUIRRE AND ESTRADA:

AMEND on line 10 by inserting the following before the word "The": (1)
AMEND on line 19 by striking ", which" and by inserting the following language: . The bid notice requirement published by the board of supervisors, as set out under this

subsection, shall be accomplished by the board publishing the bid notice in a local newspaper at least once for the initial bidding process. On the same day that the bid notice is published, the board of supervisors shall send the standard bid or proposal form as well as any required attachments to all local financial institutions that are qualified depositories via an electronic version. The electronic version shall provide a financial institution the ability to type in responses for the form and required attachments. The notice shall:

(a) Provide good contact information to qualified financial institutions to assist in the bidding process;

(b) Direct qualified financial institutions to use the standardized bid or proposal form and any required attachments of such form that are provided by the Office of the State Treasurer; and

(c) Provide any qualified financial institution any additional information that would be necessary for such institution to offer a qualified bid.

AMEND on line 19 by beginning a new paragraph and by inserting the following before the word "notice": The

AMEND on line 26 by inserting the following after the period and by beginning a new paragraph: (2)

AMEND on line 43 by inserting the following after the period and by beginning a new paragraph: (3)

AMEND further the title on line 6 by inserting the following language after the semicolon: TO CLARIFY THE PUBLICATION AND BIDDING PROCESS FOR ANY QUALIFIED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THAT SEEKS TO BECOME THE DEPOSITORY FOR COUNTY, MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL FUNDS;

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1577**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Remak. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1675: Unclaimed property; prescribe process to be used by certain cooperatives with regard to disposition of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1675**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bailey, Crudup, Watson. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Remak, Scott. Total-5.

Present--Clark, Evans, Hulum, Rosebud. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 770. On motion of Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Lancaster, Remak. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 1013: Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1013. On motion of Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Remak, Rushing, Smith. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development; revise various provisions related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES BELL (21ST) AND MCLEAN:

AMEND on line 311 by inserting the following language after "2024":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1567**. On motion of Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 1604: Comprehensive Career and Technical Education Reform Act; revise certain portions of regarding industry certification and grants.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1604.** On motion of Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 1662: Workforce development; revise certain provisions related to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell D:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 164 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

" SECTION 4. (1) Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services for such purpose, the Executive Director may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate-level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in a program that qualifies the individual to qualify to become a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist within the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. Those applicants deemed qualified shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program (hereinafter referred to as the "program") shall be used as an incentive for students to develop job-related skills and to encourage careers as rehabilitation specialists or benefits programs specialists at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. (2) In order to be eligible for the program, an applicant must:

(a) Attend any college or school approved and designated by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(b) Have successfully obtained a minimum of fifty-eight (58) semester hours toward a bachelor's degree in an eligible field as determined by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services from a Mississippi institution of higher learning. Applicants must have achieved a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) on these semester hours of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. If accepted into the internship program,

participants shall maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all coursework counted toward a bachelor's degree in an eligible field as determined by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(c) Work at least a total of three hundred (300) hours each summer at a Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services' (MDRS) offices that is mutually agreed upon between MDRS and the respective intern.

(d) Agree to work as a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services upon graduation for a period of time equivalent to one (1) year for each semester the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services remits payment for tuition, books and/or related fees towards a bachelors degree in an eligible field as determined by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(3) (a) Before being placed into the program, each applicant shall enter into a contract with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, which shall be deemed a contract with the State of Mississippi, agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which the internship shall be granted to him or her. The contract shall include such terms and provisions necessary to carry out the full purpose and intent of this section. The form of such contract shall be prepared and approved by the Attorney General of this state, and shall be signed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and the participant.

(b) Upon entry into the program, participants will become employees of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services during their time in the program and shall be eligible for benefits such as medical insurance paid by the agency for the participant; however, in accordance with Section 25-11-105II.(b), those participants shall not become members of the Public Employees' Retirement System while participating in the program. Participants shall not accrue personal or major medical leave while they are in the program.

(c) The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services shall have the authority to cancel any contract made between it and any program participant upon such cause being deemed sufficient by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(d) The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services is vested with full and complete authority and power to sue in its own name any participant for any damages due the state on any such uncompleted contract, which suit shall be filed and handled by the Attorney General of the state. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services may contract with a collection agency or banking institution, subject to approval by the Attorney General, for collection of any damages due the state from any participant. The State of Mississippi, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and its employees are immune from any suit brought in law or equity for actions taken by the collection agency or banking institution incidental to or arising from their performance under the contract. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, collection agency and banking institution may negotiate for the payment of a sum that is less than full payment in order to satisfy any damages the participant owes the state, subject to approval by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(4) (a) Any recipient who is accepted into the program by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and who fails to complete undergraduate level coursework toward an approved degree, or withdraws from school at any time before completing his or her education, shall be liable to repay the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services for all monies received during the time the recipient was in the program, at the rate of pay received by the employee while in the program, including benefits paid by the agency for the participant, and monies received for tuition, books and related fees used to pursue their degree with interest accruing at ten percent (10%) per annum from the date the recipient failed or withdrew from school. The recipient also shall not be liable for repayment for any money earned during the required summer hours. This money shall be considered earned by the recipient at the federal minimum wage rate.

(b) All paid internship compensation received by the recipient while in school shall be considered earned conditioned upon the fulfillment of the terms and obligations of the paid internship contract and this section. However, no recipient of the paid

internship shall accrue personal or major medical leave while the recipient is pursuing junior or senior undergraduate-level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in a program that qualifies the individual to qualify to become a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist within the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. The recipient shall not be liable for liquidated damages.

(c) If the recipient does not work as a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services for the period required under subsection (2)(d) of this section, the recipient shall be liable for repayment on demand of the remaining portion of the compensation that the recipient was paid while in the program which has not been unconditionally earned, with interest accruing at ten percent (10%) per annum from the recipient's date of graduation or the date that the recipient last worked at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, whichever is the later date."

AMEND further the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1662**. On motion of Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Bell, D called up:

H. B. No. 907: MS Childcare Teachers Shortage Study Committee; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 907**. On motion of Bell, D the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-

Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Anthony called up:

H. B. No. 1274: Mississippi Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy; create study committee on partnership with.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1274. On motion of Rep. Anthony the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McMillan, Remak. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 752: Public Service Commission; extend repealer on its creation and powers and duties.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 752. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Rosebud. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Remak. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1063: Excavation; revise procedures and require white lining in certain stances.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1063**. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Luther-Waldo, Remak, Rosebud. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1471**. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-

Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Remak. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1648: Electronic bids; authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1648.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1664: Acceptance or offer of gifts; revise provisions relating to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1664.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-

Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Remak, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1135. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Bailey, Clark, Harness, Osborne, Scott, Summers, Taylor. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Brown, Remak, Turner. Total-4.

Present--Banks, Gibbs, J, Hines, Holloway, G, Johnson, Karriem, Paden, Porter, Rosebud. Total--9.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1658: County and municipal executive committee agreements; revise.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1658. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-

Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Remak, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1655: Candidate qualifications; revise process for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES SANFORD AND YATES:

AMEND on line 808 by inserting the following after "2024":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024".

ADOPTED

Rep. Summers moved to table, which motion lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mattox, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--37.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--81.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Foster, McCray, Remak. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1655.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, McCray, Remak. Total-4.

Present--Foster, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1744: City of Lucedale; authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1744. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Cockerham, Jackson, L, Remak. Total-4.

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

Necessary for passage--70

Representative Yates entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1609: Voting rights; restore for certain disqualifying crimes.

Representative Taylor entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1655: Candidate qualifications; revise process for.

Representative Yancey entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1301: Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding retainage.

Representative Barton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Henry "Jimmy" Coulson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sadie Mae Brent, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Boyd A and Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dwight Wayne Fleming, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Master Karter E. Wilson, which motion prevailed.

At 4:38 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 8, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FORTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

(SIXTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Father Michael Downs, Holy Trinity - St. John the Theologian Church.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2072: Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of.

S. B. No. 2142: Designate American Quarter Horse as the "Official State Horse of the State of Mississippi."

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

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

S. B. No. 2250: Squatted vehicles; ban.

S. B. No. 2272: Charities; amend the initial registration process.

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on.

S. B. No. 2304: Income tax refunds; provide procedures for MDOR to set off debts owed to MDHS against, and for hearings and appeals.

S. B. No. 2332: MAEP; revise funding formula.

S. B. No. 2343: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria.

S. B. No. 2367: Ranked-choice voting; prohibit in Mississippi elections.

S. B. No. 2404: State Bond Attorney; authorize interim appointment in case of conflict of interest.

S. B. No. 2425: Ballot harvesting; define terms.

S. B. No. 2453: Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of.

S. B. No. 2454: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; set to repeal on July 1, 2024.

S. B. No. 2476: Tax credits for qualified charitable and qualified foster care charitable organizations; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2477: Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures.

S. B. No. 2545: Auditing threshold; define monetary donations.

S. B. No. 2550: Assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators; bring forward provisions related to.

S. B. No. 2556: Early Learning Collaborative Act; require the Department of Education to provide certain data on educational effects.

S. B. No. 2570: Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from PPRB provisions on rental/leasing of real property for agency business.

S. B. No. 2653: Design-build method of contracting; extend repealer for use by State Port Authority.

S. B. No. 2662: Drones; allow use of for hunting, trapping and taking wild hogs.

S. B. No. 2685: Retired teachers; authorize to receive PERS benefits and work full-time in certain critical shortage areas.

S. B. No. 2771: Judicial redistricting; bring forward code sections related to.

S. B. No. 2788: Mississippi Real Estate Commission; remove Home Inspector Board.

S. B. No. 2825: Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers.

S. B. No. 2844: Variable Compensation Plan; make certain amendments.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2627: Firearms; criminalize manufacture, possession and use of machine gun conversion devices.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King.

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer and authorize parole for certain juvenile homicide offenders.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

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

H. B. No. 1770: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; UMMC for the purchase of Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium and pertinent related property. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1771: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District for costs of making repairs at district schools. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1772: (Representative Lancaster) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Chickasaw County with improvements to Chickasaw County Courthouse in Houston. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1773: (Representative Sanders) Appropriation; Town of Gunnison to provide matching funds for a centralized walking trail. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1774: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1775: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Porter) Appropriation; Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for various projects in the member counties. Appropriations A.

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1140: Public Records Act; revise time limitations for producing a competitive sealed proposal.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1140**. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Evans, Keen, Kinkade. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1356: Telework; revise certain provisions regarding use of by employees of state service agencies.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1356.** On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, A, Brown, Evans, Holloway, G, Keen, Kinkade. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1420: Public procurement laws; exempt certain contracts for museums.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1420.** On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Evans, Hood, Jackson, K. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1421: Public purchasing; increase threshold for bidding and revise provisions related to reverse auctions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1421. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Evans, Paden. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1644: Ambulance services providers; contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1644. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Powell called up:

H. B. No. 1116: Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1116. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Rosebud. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1117: Public Utilities Staff; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1117. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Brown, Fondren, Foster, Johnson, Paden, Yates. Total-7.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Ford, J called up:

H. B. No. 1558: Social media platforms; require owners or operators of to regulate advertisement of tobacco and nicotine products.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1558**. On motion of Rep. Ford, J the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Hines. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1130: Living Donor Protection Act; create.

On motion of Rep. Turner **H. B. No. 1130:** (Living Donor Protection Act; create.) was recommitted to the Committee on Insurance, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1079: Clean claim; clarify requirements for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1079**. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes called up:

H. B. No. 1685: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1685. On motion of Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes called up:

H. B. No. 1090: Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1090. On motion of Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 1568: Jackson State University; authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1568.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Eubanks. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

H. B. No. 1311: Community and junior colleges; authorize board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES HARRIS AND SCOGGIN:

Amend on line 49 by striking "(a)".

Further, amend on line 50 by inserting after the word "for" the following:
"reducing or".

Further, amend on lines 53-55 by striking "and if a local industry or business or a state agency agrees to reimburse the college for the entire amount of the out-of-state tuition that will be waived under the policy".

Further, amend on line 59 by inserting the following after the period:

Any policy adopted by the board of trustees of a community or junior college under the authority of this subsection shall include minimum criteria for student eligibility for the out-of-state tuition reduction or waiver.

Further, amend by striking lines 60-67.

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1311. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Turner. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 818: Insurance; revise the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Program, the MS First Responders Health and Safety Act and the Municipal and County Fire Funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 818. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Haney. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1048: Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Program Act; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1048. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1143: Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1143. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1144: Diagnostic and supplemental breast exams; prohibit insurers from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1144.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 888: Insurance mitigation; revise various provisions related to.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 888.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Ford, K. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1678: Baby safety devices; require to be inspected and approved by Health Department before use by emergency medical services provider.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1678. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Varner, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Tullos. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Clark, McCray, Nelson, Turner. Total-5.

Present--Wallace. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. McGee called up:

H. B. No. 1068: County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1068. On motion of Rep. McGee the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, McCray, Oliver. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 764.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, McCray. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 761: Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense CBD oil for medical purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 761.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Ford, K, McCray. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1637: Radiological health services; revise fees charged by State Board of Health for providing.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1637. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Eubanks, McCray. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 346. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, McCray. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organizations and others to receive and administer.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1137.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Guice, McCray. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 616: Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 616.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Eubanks. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1030: DHS; authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1030**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Karriem entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 974: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS.

Representative McCarty entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1548: Cardiac emergency response plan; require local school district to implement.

At 10:16 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 11, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTIETH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

(SEVENTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lee Yancey.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-

Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Young. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Eubanks and Young.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2157: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact.

S. B. No. 2196: Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport.

S. B. No. 2355: Walker's Law; enact to criminalize sexual extortion.

S. B. No. 2600: Parole and probation officers' study committee; study transferring authority and functions to DPS.

S. B. No. 2708: Department of Public Safety Headquarters; authorize DPS to sell or lease the land.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 124: Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March.

H. B. No. 365: Mississippi Musicians Month; designate the month of March each year as.

S. B. No. 2177: Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to.

S. B. No. 2279: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

S. B. No. 2381: Pawnbrokers; remove the requirement of on-premises retention of purchased goods.

S. B. No. 2382: Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers.

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

S. B. No. 2407: Assistant teachers; revise certain licensure requirements.

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues.

S. B. No. 2493: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds.

S. B. No. 2495: County boards of supervisors; may designate board attorney to serve as hearing officer in disputes regarding delinquent solid waste fees.

S. B. No. 2519: Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create.

S. B. No. 2529: District attorneys; amend provision related to temporary appointments.

S. B. No. 2532: Bonds; clarify municipalities and counties may issue serial and single term.

S. B. No. 2543: Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; create a cap adjustment based on the loan amount.

S. B. No. 2601: Utility Service; prevent government restrictions based on energy source required.

S. B. No. 2684: Department of Education; to require to study and develop guidance on technology, nutrition and transportation.

S. B. No. 2700: State offenders serving sentences in county jails; repeal repealer.

S. B. No. 2856: Cleaning dilapidated property; bring forward code sections related to.

S. B. No. 2903: MS Deferred Comp; allow Roth and other after-tax accounts, and comply with qualified domestic relations orders.

S. C. R. No. 520: Designate "Family Medicine Appreciation Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 530: Designate March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 531: Declare that March 21, 2024, is "World Down Syndrome in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 532: Commend the life of U.S. Marine Sergeant Harold Hammett of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, lost in World War II Battle Tarawa.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2016: Illegal dumping; increase penalties for. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2038: Adoption petitions; clarify that attached certificate may be executed by any physician. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2072: Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2125: State employees; authorize the state to offer health savings accounts to. Insurance; State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2131: Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2152: Department of Human Services; authorize to enter into lease with counties and to appoint certain county directors. County Affairs; Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2169: Local supplement for assistant teachers; prohibit school districts from reducing when given state minimum raise. Education.

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

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2175: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2186: Sale of seized weapons; authorize use of proceeds to purchase equipment. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district. Education.

S. B. No. 2245: Education data; authorize the Department of Education to report aggregate data in compliance with federal standards. Education.

S. B. No. 2246: Preschool reporting requirements; revise technical provisions related thereto. Education.

S. B. No. 2250: Squatted vehicles; ban. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2266: Mississippi Electronic Court System; require free access for public defenders. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2272: Charities; amend the initial registration process. Business and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2288: Images or audio altered or created by digitization; criminalize dissemination of in certain circumstances. Judiciary B.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2304: Income tax refunds; provide procedures for MDOR to set off debts owed to MDHS against, and for hearings and appeals. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2307: Compensation of elected state & district officers; extend repealer on. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2308: Mississippi Public Records Act; extend date of repeal on. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2309: Trip optimizer for state employee travel reimbursement; extend moratorium on application to certain state agencies. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2310: County authorization to assess emergency telecommunications service charge; extend date of repeal on. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2339: High school graduation requirements; allow sign language to be counted as a foreign language. Education.

S. B. No. 2340: Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2343: Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria. Education.

S. B. No. 2349: Cardiac emergency response plans; require schools to implement and provide procedures and certain immunity related thereto. Education.

S. B. No. 2367: Ranked-choice voting; prohibit in Mississippi elections. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2386: Appointed counsel; increase maximum compensation for Judiciary B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2468: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers. Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2470: Sales tax; move the back-to-school sales tax holiday to the second Friday in July. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to. Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2492: Use tax; allow municipalities to use revenue for personal property or equipment to be used for certain authorized purposes. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2509: Motor Carrier Regulatory Law; extend repeal on voluntary inspection program. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2558: Mental Health Regional Commissions; authorize boards of supervisors to agree to board compositions. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2569: State employee telework policies; amend. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2572: State Workforce Investment Board; amend to allow for proxy participation in meetings to meet quorum. Workforce Development.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2425: Ballot harvesting; define terms. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2453: Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2454: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; set to repeal on July 1, 2024. Public Utilities; Marine Resources.

S. B. No. 2476: Tax credits for qualified charitable and qualified foster care charitable organizations; extend repealer on. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2477: Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2545: Auditing threshold; define monetary donations. Business and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2550: Assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators; bring forward provisions related to. Judiciary A; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2556: Early Learning Collaborative Act; require the Department of Education to provide certain data on educational effects. Education.

S. B. No. 2570: Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from PPRB provisions on rental/leasing of real property for agency business. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2613: Police chiefs and officers; require certain continuing education. Judiciary A; Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2614: Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; amend certain provisions related to the filing of motions under. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2627: Firearms; criminalize manufacture, possession and use of machine gun conversion devices. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County, as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway." Transportation.

S. B. No. 2643: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to William Forrest Winter. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2685: Retired teachers; authorize to receive PERS benefits and work full-time in certain critical shortage areas. Education; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2761: Judicial support staff; bring forward provision related to. Judiciary A; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2771: Judicial redistricting; bring forward code sections related to. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2788: Mississippi Real Estate Commission; remove Home Inspector Board. Business and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area." Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2840: Building Fund for the Arts; authorize Mississippi Arts Commission to retain monies for administrative costs. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2841: State Treasury Efficiency Act; enact. Appropriations A; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2844: Variable Compensation Plan; make certain amendments. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise and bring forward related provisions and provide for determination of unobligated funds by Nov. 1. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2300: Occupational Licensing Review Board; revise membership. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. R. No. 61: (Representative Bell (21st)) Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 61: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 61: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS).

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

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

H. R. No. 61: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS).

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1211: Criminal justice agencies; bring forward sections that regulate.

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

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1697: Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize payment to family up to 30 days.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1697. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Evans, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 773: Elected State and District Officers; extend repealer on authority to exceed salary cap for professionals employed by.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 773. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Bailey, Boyd, R, Carpenter, Crawford, Ladner, Morgan, Pigott. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Lamar, Mansell, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1103: Alcoholic beverages; authorize certain municipalities designated as qualified resort areas to regulate certain matters regarding the sale of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1103**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Byrd, Newman, Sanford. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Haney, Hood, Ladner, Lancaster, Young. Total-8.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Hines, Holloway, G, Mattox. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Yates called up:

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND on line 147 by striking "and after its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

Rep. Banks offered a motion that this bill is controversial. The bill was bumped to the hill of the calendar.

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 753: State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 753**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold,

Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Eubanks, Holloway, G, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1357. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Boyd, R, Crawford, Currie, Ladner, Mangold, Pigott, Varner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Newman, Summers, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 14: Copenhaver-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves Softball Team; commend for winning the 2023 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championships.

H. R. No. 58: West Point High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. C. R. No. 505: Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of George County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone who was lost in the line of duty.

S. C. R. No. 506: Extend sincerest sympathy of Mississippi Senate to surviving family of former Senator John G. Corlew.

S. C. R. No. 508: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of legendary Mississippi Blues-Rock Musician Greg "Fingers" Taylor.

S. C. R. No. 515: Mourn the passing and recognize legal career of former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice James L. Robertson.

S. C. R. No. 516: Recognize Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice Leslie D. King for "60 Courageous Judges Award."

S. C. R. No. 517: Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Margaret Allen-Bingham first female superintendent of correctional facility in MS.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. C. R. No. 518: Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Tropical Rock legend Jimmy Buffett.

S. C. R. No. 519: Congratulate Ole Miss "Rebels" 2023 Football Team for historic season and dominating Peach Bowl victory.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Hall and Remak moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Drennon Ray Adams, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of George Elbert Gilliland, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lynn Gaskins, which motion prevailed.

At 4:46 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

(SEVENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Brother Ryan Napalo, Union Grove Church of God of Prophecy.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Eubanks.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 539: Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 1:58 PM

H. B. No. 970: Medicaid; extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2846: Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2157: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2196: Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2825: Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers. Appropriations A.

S. C. R. No. 520: Designate "Family Medicine Appreciation Day" in Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 530: Designate March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 531: Declare that March 21, 2024, is "World Down Syndrome in Mississippi." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 532: Commend the life of U.S. Marine Sergeant Harold Hammett of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, lost in World War II Battle Tarawa. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1776: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1777: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1778: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1779: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1780: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1781: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1782: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1783: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (45th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1784: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1785: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1786: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1787: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1788: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1789: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1790: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1791: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1792: (Representatives Bounds, Read, Anderson (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1793: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1794: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1795: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Cosmetology and Barbering, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1796: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Health, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1797: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1798: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1799: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1800: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1801: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1802: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1803: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1804: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1805: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1806: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1807: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1808: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation: Real Estate Commission. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1809: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1810: (Representatives Deweese, Read, Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Scott, Turner, Young) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1811: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1812: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Attorney General. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1813: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1814: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1815: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1816: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1817: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1818: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1819: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1820: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1821: (Representatives Mims, Read, Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Rushing, Watson) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1822: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Hines, Mangold, Massengill, Roberson, Scoggin) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1823: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Hines, Mangold, Massengill, Roberson, Scoggin) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1824: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Hines, Mangold, Massengill, Roberson, Scoggin) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1825: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Hines, Mangold, Massengill, Roberson, Scoggin) Appropriation; Library Commission. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1826: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Arnold, Boyd (19th), Hines, Mangold, Massengill, Roberson, Scoggin) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1827: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1828: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; IHL to increase university faculty salaries closer to the SREB average. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1829: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Hinds County for making courthouse improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Appropriations A.

H. R. No. 62: (Representatives Powell, Yancey) Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team; commend upon winning MAIS AAAAAA State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 63: (Representatives Powell, Yancey) Hartfield Academy Hawkettes Dance Team; commend for winning the MAIS Spirit Competition. Rules.

H. R. No. 64: (Representatives Powell, Yancey) Hartfield Academy Softball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 65: (Representatives Powell, Yancey) Hartfield Academy Varsity Cheerleaders; commend and congratulate. Rules.

H. R. No. 66: (Representative Steverson) Jake "Moffitt the Medalist" Moffitt; commend and congratulate upon winning back-to-back medalist honors. Rules.

H. R. No. 67: (Representative Shanks) House Rules; adopt permanent rules for the 2024-2028 term. Rules.

Head Page, Camille Waller, introduced the pages for the week:

Reina Alford	Jackson, MS
Isabelle Anthony	Starkville, MS
Bo Barefield	Ripley, MS
Jillian Breland	Brandon, MS
Jordan Brock	Caledonia, MS
Phillip Browning	Madison, MS
Isabella Cline	Ridgeland, MS
Orlando Griffin	Jackson, MS

Madison Holcomb	Moss Point, MS
Trinity Hunter	Edwards, MS
Cella McKay	Madison, MS
Sienna McMillan	Madison, MS
Finn Morehead	Brandon, MS
Emery Pollard	Raymond, MS
Harper Scott	Madison, MS
Jacob Scott	Madison, MS
Brayden Shields	Steens, MS
Jaiden Slaughter	Jackson, MS
Marvin Summers	Jackson, MS
Addison Tatum	Madison, MS
Celeste Tatum	Madison, MS
Lauren Tatum	Madison, MS

Representative Wallace called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1609:** (Voting rights; restore for certain disqualifying crimes.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yancey called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1301:** (Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding retainage.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND on lines 33, 47, 63, 75 and 78 by striking "five percent (5%)" and inserting in lieu thereof "ten percent (10%)"

AMEND further on lines 38 and 39 by striking "no further retainage may be withheld." and inserting in lieu thereof "fifty percent (50%) of the retainage held to date shall be returned to the prime contractor for distribution to the appropriate subcontractors and suppliers. Provided, however, that future retainage shall be withheld at the rate of five percent (5%)."

AMEND further on line 53 by striking "no further retainage may be withheld." and inserting in lieu thereof "fifty percent (50%) of the retainage held to date shall be returned to the subcontractor. Provided, however, that future retainage shall be withheld at the rate of five percent (5%)."

AMEND further on line 69 by striking "no further retainage may be withheld." and inserting in lieu thereof "fifty percent (50%) of the retainage held to date shall be returned to the sub-subcontractor. Provided, however, that future retainage shall be withheld at the rate of five percent (5%)."

AMEND further on line 99 by inserting the following after the period:

"For purposes of this subsection (4), "the paying party" shall mean the party in direct contractual privity with the party asserting that payment is due to it and, accordingly, shall not include any financial institution or other lender that is the source of the funds at issue."

AMEND further on line 113 by inserting the following after the period:

"For purposes of this subsection (6), "the party contractually obligated for the payment" shall mean the party in direct contractual privity with the party asserting that payment is due to it and, accordingly, shall not include any financial institution or other lender that is the source of the funds at issue."

AMEND further on line 174 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024" after "2024"

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1301**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anderson, B, Guice, Horne, Smith, Wallace. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Crawford, Eubanks, Holloway, G, McKnight, Osborne, Roberson. Total-7.

Present--Ford, J, Rosebud, Yates. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1640**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Barnett, Carpenter, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harris, Horne, Keen, Ladner, McCray, Remak, Sanford, Tullos. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Currie, Eubanks. Total-3.

Present--Evans, Hobgood-Wilkes, Kinkade. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1192: Virtual public schools; authorize operation by certain educational providers or locally sponsored virtual public schools.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Roberson:

AMEND on line 366 by inserting the following language after "2024":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1192**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--79.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Crudup, Denton, Estrada, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Porter, Sanders, Smith, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Eubanks, Jackson, L. Total-3.

Present--Ford, K. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCARTY AND ROBERSON:

Amend after line 276 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 9. Section 37-106-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
37-106-36. (1) There is established the "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program."

(2) Subject to the availability of funds, an eligible applicant for an initial award must have:

(a) Graduated from a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher learning which is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) or a comparable accreditation body;

(b) Signed a contract as a full-time * * * teacher in a public school district in Mississippi;

(c) Obtained a standard five-year license or nontraditional five-year alternate route license. Persons with provisional emergency licenses shall not be eligible applicants; and

(d) Outstanding qualifying undergraduate or graduate educational loans, which may include the principal, interest and related expenses such as the required interest premium on the unpaid balances of government and commercial loans obtained by the recipient for undergraduate or graduate educational expense.

(3) Persons who have received funds from other forgivable loan programs established for teachers under Mississippi law, or who are presently in default or delinquent on any federal, state, local or commercial qualifying educational loan, shall not be eligible for this program.

(4) Provided that initial recipients remain eligible under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, they may retain eligibility for two (2) additional awards, subject to the availability of funds.

(**5) Initial recipients shall be selected on a first-come, first-served basis of all eligible applicants, *** subject to the availability of funds. In the second and *** third years of an applicant's continued eligibility, priority consideration shall first be given to renewal applicants. *** The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board shall develop rules for ensuring that expenses of the program in a fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year. For that purpose, and any other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board may limit the acceptance of applications and may limit the number of awards.

(**6) Among *** teacher recipients, priority consideration shall be given to persons who are teaching in a public school district designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area by the State Board of Education.

(**7) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract to teach in a public school district that is not designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

(a) One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the *** initial award;

(b) Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the second *** award; and

(c) Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for the third *** award.

(**8) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract to teach in a public school district that is designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

(a) Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the *** initial award;

(b) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the second *** award, provided the recipient continues to teach in the same public school district or another public school district designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of Education; and

(c) Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the third *** award, provided the recipient continues to teach in the same public school district or another public school district designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of Education.

(**9) *** An initial recipient who moves to another public school district shall be eligible to receive an award based on the amount allowed under the program in the new district where the teacher is employed.

(**10) Awards shall be granted on a year-to-year basis, and recipients shall have no obligation to seek a future award.

(**11) Awards shall be paid annually, after the expiration of the one-year teaching contract for which the award was granted, to the recipient's lender or loan service provider, and shall be applied to the outstanding balance. Monies paid on the recipient's behalf toward qualifying undergraduate or graduate educational loans prior to receiving payment of the award shall not be eligible for repayment through the program.

(**12) During the teaching year for which the award is granted, a recipient must at all times keep the *** Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board informed of any changes to the recipient's current contact information and employment status.

(**13) Recipients who fail to maintain a standard or nontraditional license or fail to fulfill the one-year teaching contract on which the award was based shall forfeit any right to the award.

(**14) The *** Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, shall track recipients of an award under this program through their *** fourth year after receiving their initial award, unless the recipient shall leave teaching in a public school district at an earlier date. Data collected

shall include recipients' undergraduate or graduate institution, school district, subject area/grade level in teaching and any other pertinent information necessary to determine the efficacy of the program in retaining teachers * * *.

(* * *15) The * * * Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board shall promulgate regulations necessary for the proper administration of this section, including rules for ensuring that expenses of the program in a fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year.

(* * *16) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Loan Repayment Program Fund," into which shall be deposited those funds appropriated by the Legislature, and any other funds that may be made available, for the purpose of implementing the loan repayment program established herein. Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the General Fund, and interest earned on any amounts deposited into the fund shall be credited to the special fund.

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Further, amend by renumbering the succeeding section accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform, by inserting the following after the semicolon on line 10:

"TO AMEND SECTION 37 106 36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE PROVISIONS OF THE "WILLIAM F. WINTER AND JACK REED, SR., TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM" FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS PURSUING AN ALTERNATE ROUTE LICENSURE PATHWAY TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM; TO REMOVE THE CAP ON THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM IN ANY FISCAL YEAR;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 765**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Wallace called up:

H. C. R. No. 23: Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Burch:

AMEND on line 21 after the word embezzlement by inserting the following words: ", sexual battery, human trafficking".

AMEND further on line 35 after the word "vote" by inserting the following language: ", and adds sexual battery and human trafficking as disenfranchising crimes".

AMEND further the title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Clark as follows:

Amendment No. 1 by Rep. Burch is not germane. House Rule 35 to be germane, the fundamental purpose of the amendment must relate to the fundamental purpose of the bill. The fact that the disenfranchising crimes are located in the same articles not enough to make the amendment germane. The bill deals with non U.S. citizens not being allowed to vote. This amendment deals with disenfranchising crimes. See Speaker's Ruling HB No. 645 on 2/7/ 2017 and Speaker's Ruling on 2/8/2006.

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1344: Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1344**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bounds, Crudup, Denton, Foster, Holloway, G, Jackson, K, Karriem, Mangold, McCray, Mickens, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--20.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Young. Total-2.

Present--Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Hines, Summers. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--58

At 11:28 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:00 PM.

At 1:05 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVE Clark.

The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

SPEAKER'S RULING

(House Concurrent Resolution No. 23 - Germaneness)

The Gentleman from Holmes, Mr. Clark, made the point of order that Amendment No.1 to the committee substitute for House Concurrent Resolution 23, offered by the Gentleman from Greene, Mr. Burch, was not germane to the committee substitute.

The committee substitute for HCR 23 seeks to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote, and that is the fundamental purpose of the committee substitute. The amendment seeks to add the crimes of "sexual battery" and "human trafficking" to the list of disenfranchising crimes.

In order to be germane, an amendment must relate to the subject matter under consideration, and the fundamental purpose of the amendment must relate to the fundamental purpose of the bill or resolution. (See Speaker's Ruling, February 8, 2006) An additional principle in determining germaneness of an amendment is that one individual proposition may not be amended by another individual proposition even though the two may belong to the same class. (See Speaker's Rulings, March 11, 1996 and February 8, 2006).

While both the committee substitute and the amendment address the right to vote, one focuses on citizenship and the other expands the list of disenfranchising crimes. While they amend the same constitutional section, that fact is not enough to make the amendment germane to the committee substitute. For this reason, the amendment is not germane to the committee substitute, and the point of order is well taken.

Rep. Rosebud moved to table, which motion lost.

YEAS AND NAYS. The yeas and nays being taken on H.C. 23 was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anthony, Bell, C, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Foster, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Burnett, Cockerham, Eubanks, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Paden, Summers, Watson, Young. Total-14.

Present--Banks, Evans, Gibbs, J, Holloway, G. Total--4.
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1406**. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Osborne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Burnett, Eubanks, Nelson, Young. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1401: Polling place; prohibit facility that sells alcoholic beverages to be used as.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 164 by inserting the following language after "2024":
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVES ROSEBUD AND SANFORD:

AMEND by inserting the following language after "wine," on lines 26, 62 and 83:
"but does not include any government-owned building or any building owned by a nonprofit organization"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1401**. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo,

Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Karriem, Morgan, Summers. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Sanford called up:

H. B. No. 1689: Election crime; create for dissemination of a deep fake within 90 days of an election.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1689.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Watson. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Eubanks, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Brown. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Ford, K called up:

H. B. No. 1273: Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions relating to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1273.** On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-

Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 871: Balance billing; exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 871**. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 430: Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell:

AMEND on lines 146 and 147 by striking the language "a county that has not voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law" and inserting in lieu thereof the language "an area in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is not legal"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVES MCGEE AND POWELL:

AMEND on line 925 by inserting the following after the period:

"In addition, a holder of a package retailer's permit may sell at retail through the Internet and ship wine, distilled spirits, or wine and distilled spirits in original sealed and unopened packages to residents in this state and which is not to be consumed on the premises where sold. A holder of a package retailer's permit making such sales of wine, distilled spirits, or wine and distilled spirits shall (i) ensure that all containers of wine, distilled spirits, or wine and distilled spirits sold and shipped directly to a resident in this state are conspicuously labeled with the words "CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY" and (ii) report to the department annually the total amount of wine and distilled spirits sold and shipped within the state during the preceding calendar year. A holder of a package retailer's permit who sells wine, distilled spirits, or wine and distilled spirits through the Internet may not sell or ship any alcoholic beverage other than wine, distilled spirits, or wine and distilled spirits or ship wine, distilled spirits, or wine and distilled spirits to an address in an area in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is not legal."

AMEND further the title to conform

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 430**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--Arnold, Bounds, Boyd, R, Burch, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Evans, Fondren, Horne, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Newman, Remak, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Turner, Varner, Watson. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hood, Ladner. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G, Mattox. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Ford, J called up:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND after line 226 by inserting the following and renumbering the succeeding section:

" SECTION 9. Section 97-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-5-31. As used in Sections 97-5-33 through 97-5-37, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this section:

(a) "Child" means any individual who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years and is an identifiable child.

(b) "Sexually explicit conduct" means actual, morphed or simulated:

(i) Oral genital contact, oral anal contact, or sexual intercourse as defined in Section 97-3-65, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;

(ii) Bestiality;

(iii) Masturbation;

(iv) Sadistic or masochistic abuse;

(v) Lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person; or

(vi) Fondling or other erotic touching of the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, anus or breast.

(c) "Producing" means producing, directing, manufacturing, issuing, publishing, morphing or advertising.

(d) "Visual depiction" includes, without limitation, developed or undeveloped film and video tape or other visual unaltered, altered or morphed reproductions by computer and technology.

(e) "Computer" has the meaning given in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030.

(f) "Morphed image" means any visual depiction or representation, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, simulated or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where such visual depiction or representation has been created, adapted, or modified to appear an identifiable minor is engaging in sexual conduct or sexually explicit activity to appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity.

(* * *g) "Simulated" means any depicting of the genitals or rectal areas that gives the appearance of sexual conduct or incipient sexual conduct.

(h) "Identifiable child" means a child who was a minor at the time the image was created, adapted, or modified or whose image as a child was used in the creating, adapting or modifying of the image; and is recognizable as an actual child by the child's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark or other recognizable feature. The provisions of this paragraph (g) shall not be construed to require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable child."

AMEND the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1126**. On motion of Rep. Ford, J the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 900: "The Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act"; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 900. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Clark, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Eubanks, Yates. Total-3.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1537: Sexual offense; provide immunity for reporting.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1537. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Bailey, Osborne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Eubanks, Rosebud. Total-3.

Present--Evans. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1325: Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1325.** On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Bailey, Brown, Harness, Osborne, Sanders, Scott, Taylor. Total--7.
Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Present--Blackmon, Evans, Karriem. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1382: Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to.

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

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1403: Justice Court; revise filing fees.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1403.** On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing,

Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Bailey, Bennett, Blackmon, Clark, Crawford, Currie, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Mattox, Nelson, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Watson. Total--19.

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

Present--Brown, Evans, Porter, Rosebud. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1252: Implied consent laws; authorize nonadjudication for violation under certain conditions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1252. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, D, Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 691. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold,

Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Fondren, Harness. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1024: DHS; authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1024.** On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Eubanks, Horan, Powell, Scott, Wallace, Yancey. Total-7.

Present--Clark, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1074: Terroristic threats; increase penalties when made against an airport.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Summers:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1074 (COMMITTEE SUB)

BY: REPRESENTATIVE SUMMERS

AMEND on line 34 by deleting the words "up to fifteen (15) years" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"up to an additional five (5) years"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1074**. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Owen called up:

H. B. No. 1351: Child placed in foster care; clarify that youth court must be consulted before placement is revised.

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

Rep. Morgan called up:

S. B. No. 2059: Biomass and Bioenergy with carbon capture technology; define.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2059**. On motion of Rep. Morgan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crawford, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Hulum, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--36.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Sanford, Yates. Total-3.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1258: 16th section land; authorize local school board to grant an extension to holder of a long-term lease in good standing.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1258. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Eubanks, Holloway, G, Kinkade, Tullos. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 595: Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts; allow to speak to students regarding civic involvement with principal's approval.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 595. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Crudup, Osborne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Young. Total-5.

Present--Faulkner. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1229. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Burnett, Eubanks, Kinkade. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 867: Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend by striking SECTION 1 in its entirety on lines 17 through 26.

Further, amend by renumbering the succeeding sections accordingly.

Further, amend on line 30 by striking "(5)" and inserting, in lieu thereof: "(6)".

Further, amend after line 65 by inserting the following:

(f) The provisions of this subsection (2) of this section shall not apply to school-age children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are active members of the United States Armed Forces complying with subsection (6) of this section.

(g) Athletic eligibility for a school-age child who transfers to another school or school district pursuant to this subsection shall be determined based on the child's fall semester enrollment. A child shall be athletically eligible for one (1) school per school year. A child may transfer to another school mid-year; however, that child shall not be athletically eligible until the following fall school year. A child shall not be deemed

athletically ineligible, thus ruled ineligible for any length of time, based upon a transfer of schools, so long as the provisions in this section are followed.

Further, amend by striking subsection (4) in its entirety on lines 171 through 179.

Further, amend on line 180 by striking "5" and inserting, in lieu thereof: "* * * 4".

Further, amend on line 190 and inserting the following after the period:

". The parent or guardian of a child enrolling in a school district in excess of thirty (30) miles of his or her residence shall be responsible for transportation of the child to and from school.

(b) A child whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are active members of the United States Armed Forces complies with the residency requirements for school attendance, if he or she resides in the State of Mississippi or if the pupil otherwise complies with Section 37-15-30.

(c) Any school district which accepts a child under the provisions of this subsection shall not assess any tuition fees upon such transferring child.

(d) Any transfer of out-of-state children of military families to this state shall be governed in accordance with Section 37-135-31 as applicable.

(5) The sibling(s) of any child lawfully transferred in accordance with this section, may also, at the discretion of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), enroll and attend school in the transferee school district, subject to the provisions of this act.

(6) The provisions of this section shall not supersede any provision of an enforceable desegregation court order or a court-approved desegregation plan. A school district may declare an exemption from the requirements of this section if the district is subject to such an order or desegregation plan, or if the district is subject to a settlement agreement to remedy past segregation. Such an exemption is irrevocable for one (1) year from the date the district gives notice the State Department of Education."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 867**: (Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CLARK AND SCOTT:

AMEND on lines 49-55 delete all of the language after the period.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Clark:

AMEND on line 138 after the period and insert the following: "Receiving district shall report to Mississippi Department of Education name, grade, GPA, gender and ethnicity of each student they receive.. The Department of Education shall report this information of each district to each member of the legislature each year."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Holloway G:

Amend after line 138 by inserting the following:

"(5) For students transferring to a school located in a school district in which the student does not reside, the State Department of Education shall pay to the transferee school district (receiving school district) to which the student is transferred an amount as

follows: the pro rata ad valorem receipts and in-lieu payments per pupil for the support of the local school district in which the student resides under Sections 37-57-1 (local contribution to the adequate education program) and 37-57-105 (school district operational levy), not including any taxes levied for the retirement of the school district of residence's bonded indebtedness or short-term notes or any taxes levied for the support of vocational-technical education programs. The amount of funds payable to the receiving school district by the transferor school district of residence, must be based on the previous year's enrollment data and ad valorem receipts and in-lieu receipts of the local school district in which the student resides. The pro rata amount must be calculated by dividing the local school district of residence's months one (1) through nine (9) average daily membership into the total amount of ad valorem receipts and in-lieu receipts, as reported to the State Department of Education by the transferor local school district. The State Department of Education shall reduce the school district's January transfer of Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds, or any subsequent funding program which replaces MAEP, by the amount owed to the receiving school district and shall redirect that amount to the receiving school district. Any such payments made under this subsection (5) by the State Department of Education to a receiving school district must be made two (2) business days prior to the last working day of each month there shall be paid to a receiving school district, by electronic funds transfer, one-twelfth (1/12) of the funds to which the receiving school district is entitled from funds appropriated for the adequate education program fund, or any subsequent funding program which replaces such program fund, for each child transferred to such school district under the authority of this section. However, in December those payments shall be made on December 15th or the next business day after that date. If a student transfer occurs after the start date of the scholastic year, the department shall not make any distribution of payments to the receiving school district until such time that the receiving school district certifies the enrollment of the transfer student to the department, which shall then only make payments to the receiving school district for such student for the remainder of the scholastic year as a proportionate share of the one-twelfth (1/12) of funds to which the receiving school district is entitled."

Further, amend the title to conform as follows online 13, by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO A RECEIVING SCHOOL DISTRICT UPON THE COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION OF A STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST;".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 867**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Hurst, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--68.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Bennett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hines, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Mansell, Mattox, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Remak, Sanders, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Watson, Young. Total--43.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Cockerham, Currie, Eubanks, Guice, Haney, Jackson, L, Ladner. Total-8.

Present--Holloway, K, Rosebud, Sanford. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 1106: National board certified occupational therapists and school psychologists; require salary supplement for public education employees.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1106. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up:

H. B. No. 1668: Mississippi Teacher Residency Program; require Legislature to fund for fiscal year 2025.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1668. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Keen, Luther-Waldo. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1303: Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND title on lines 6 and 13 by deleting the following: "73-15-29, 73-3-339, 73-15-19 and 73-15-21".

AMEND title further on line 28 after the semicolon by inserting the following: "TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 73-15-29, 73-3-339, 73-15-19 AND 73-15-21, FOR PURPOSES OF AMENDMENT;"

AMEND further on line 50 by inserting "(1)" behind the "73-77-5".

AMEND further on line 56 by inserting the following: "The provisions of this act shall not apply to the admission or reinstatement of any person to The Mississippi Bar as an attorney in good standing authorized to practice law.

(2) The provisions of this act shall not apply to the provisions of the Nurse Licensure Compact in Section 73-15-201."

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 84: "Nothing in this section shall preclude any board, commission or other licensing entity from granting licenses to individuals convicted of disqualifying convictions, after considering the factors listed under this subsection (2)."

AMEND further on line 91 by inserting the following:

" (* * *5) The provisions of this act shall not apply to the admission or reinstatement of any person to The Mississippi Bar as an attorney in good standing authorized to practice law.

(6) The provisions of this act shall not apply to the provisions of the Nurse Licensure Compact in Section 73-15-201."

AMEND further on line 129 and 130 by deleting all underlined language and inserting in lieu thereof, the following: "This section shall not apply to the admission or reinstatement of any person to The Mississippi Bar as an attorney in good standing authorized to practice law.

(7) The provisions of this act shall not apply to the provisions of the Nurse Licensure Compact in Section 73-15-201."

AMEND FURTHER on line 504 by deleting Section 10 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof:

"SECTION 10. Section 73-3-339, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

73-3-339. Whenever any attorney subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the court shall be convicted in any state court or in any federal court, or enter a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere therein, of any felony other than manslaughter or any violation of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or of any offense involving fraud, dishonesty, misrepresentation, deceit, failure to account for money or property of a client, or of any offense involving moral turpitude, a certified copy of the judgment of conviction shall be presented to the court by the Board of Commissioners. Upon the presentation of such certified copy of judgment, the court shall forthwith strike the name of the attorney so convicted or who entered such a plea from the rolls of The Mississippi Bar and order his immediate suspension from practice, pending an appeal and final disposition of disciplinary proceedings. Such attorney will be reinstated immediately upon the reversal of his conviction for the offense that has resulted in his automatic suspension, but such reinstatement shall not terminate any disciplinary proceeding then pending against the attorney.

A certified copy of the final judgment of conviction of an attorney for any offense hereinabove specified shall be conclusive evidence of his guilt of that offense in any disciplinary proceeding instituted against him and based on said conviction.

Upon the conviction of an attorney, or the entry by him of a plea of nolo contendere, for the above offenses, excluding manslaughter or any violation of the United States Internal Revenue Code, the Board of Commissioners shall immediately direct complaint counsel to institute a disciplinary proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined will be the extent of the final discipline to be imposed; provided, however, a disciplinary proceeding so instituted shall not be brought to hearing until all appeals from such conviction have been concluded.

The judge of any court within this state in which an attorney has been convicted for any of the above enumerated offenses shall cause to be transmitted to the court and to the Board of Commissioners a certified copy of the judgment of conviction."

AMEND further on line 1068, 5251 and 5402 by deleting Sections 73-15-29, 73-15-19 and 73-15-21 and inserting lieu thereof the following:

"SECTION 14. Section 73-15-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

73-15-29. (1) The board shall have power to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any license issued by the board, or to revoke or suspend any privilege to practice, or to deny an application for a license, or to fine, place on probation and/or discipline a licensee, in any manner specified in this article, upon proof that such person:

(a) Has committed fraud or deceit in securing or attempting to secure such license;

(b) Has been convicted of a felony, or a crime involving moral turpitude or has had accepted by a court a plea of nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude (a certified copy of the judgment of the court of competent jurisdiction of such conviction or pleas shall be prima facie evidence of such conviction);

(c) Has negligently or willfully acted in a manner inconsistent with the health or safety of the persons under the licensee's care;

(d) Has had a license or privilege to practice as a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction, has voluntarily surrendered such license or privilege to practice in any jurisdiction, has been placed on probation as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in any jurisdiction or has been placed under a disciplinary order(s) in any manner as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in any jurisdiction, (a certified copy of the order of suspension, revocation, probation or disciplinary action shall be prima facie evidence of such action);

(e) Has negligently or willfully practiced nursing in a manner that fails to meet generally accepted standards of such nursing practice;

(f) Has negligently or willfully violated any order, rule or regulation of the board pertaining to nursing practice or licensure;

(g) Has falsified or in a repeatedly negligent manner made incorrect entries or failed to make essential entries on records;

(h) Is addicted to or dependent on alcohol or other habit-forming drugs or is a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effect, or has misappropriated any medication;

(i) Has a physical, mental or emotional condition that renders the licensee unable to perform nursing services or duties with reasonable skill and safety;

(j) Has engaged in any other conduct, whether of the same or of a different character from that specified in this article, that would constitute a crime as defined in Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now or hereafter amended, and that relates to such person's employment as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse;

(k) Engages in conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public;

(l) Engages in any unprofessional conduct as identified by the board in its rules;

(m) Has violated any provision of this article;

(n) Violation(s) of the provisions of Sections 41-121-1 through 41-121-9 relating to deceptive advertisement by health care practitioners. This paragraph shall stand repealed on July 1, 2025; or

(o) Violation(s) of any provision of Title 41, Chapter 141, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) When the board finds any person unqualified because of any of the grounds set forth in subsection (1) of this section, it may enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

- (a) Denying application for a license or other authorization to practice nursing or practical nursing;
- (b) Administering a reprimand;
- (c) Suspending or restricting the license or other authorization to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse for up to two (2) years without review;
- (d) Revoking the license or other authorization to practice nursing or practical nursing;
- (e) Requiring the discipline to submit to care, counseling or treatment by persons and/or agencies approved or designated by the board as a condition for initial, continued or renewed licensure or other authorization to practice nursing or practical nursing;
- (f) Requiring the discipline to participate in a program of education prescribed by the board as a condition for initial, continued or renewed licensure or other authorization to practice;
- (g) Requiring the discipline to practice under the supervision of a registered nurse for a specified period of time; or
- (h) Imposing a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(3) In addition to the grounds specified in subsection (1) of this section, the board shall be authorized to suspend the license or privilege to practice of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license or privilege to practice for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license or privilege to practice suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license or privilege to practice suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this article, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

(4) If the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and the board incorporates a finding to that effect in an order, the board may order summary suspension of a license pending proceedings for revocation or other action. These proceedings shall be promptly instituted and determined by the board.

(5) The board may establish by rule an alternative to discipline program for licensees who have an impairment as a result of substance abuse or a mental health condition, which program shall include at least the following components:

- (a) Participation in the program is voluntary with the licensee, and the licensee must enter the program before the board holds a disciplinary action hearing regarding the licensee;
- (b) The full cost of participation in the program, including the cost of any care, counseling, treatment and/or education received by the licensee, shall be borne by the licensee;
- (c) All of the procedures and records regarding the licensee's participation in the program shall be confidential, shall not be disclosed and shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983; and
- (d) A licensee may not participate in the program more often than one (1) time during any period of five (5) years or such longer period as set by the board.

(6) A nurse practitioner who provides a written certification as authorized under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder shall not be subject to any disciplinary action under this section solely due to providing the written certification.

SECTION 57. Section 73-15-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

73-15-19. (1) Registered nurse applicant qualifications. Any applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse shall submit to the board:

- (a) An attested written application on a Board of Nursing form;

(b) Written official evidence of completion of a nursing program approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or one approved by a legal accrediting agency of another state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country which is satisfactory to this board;

(c) Evidence of competence in English related to nursing, provided the first language is not English;

(d) Any other official records required by the board.

In addition to the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this subsection, in order to qualify for a license to practice as a registered nurse, an applicant must have successfully been cleared for licensure through an investigation that shall consist of a determination as to good moral character and verification that the prospective licensee is not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground for denial of licensure as set forth in Section 73-15-29 or guilty of any offense specified in Section 73-15-33. To assist the board in conducting its licensure investigation, all applicants shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of his or her fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this purpose.

Any and all state or national criminal history records information obtained by the board that is not already a matter of public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential information restricted to the exclusive use of the board, its members, officers, investigators, agents and attorneys in evaluating the applicant's eligibility or disqualification for licensure, and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. Except when introduced into evidence in a hearing before the board to determine licensure, no such information or records related thereto shall, except with the written consent of the applicant or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, be released or otherwise disclosed by the board to any other person or agency.

The board shall provide to the department the fingerprints of the applicant, any additional information that may be required by the department, and a form signed by the applicant consenting to the check of the criminal records and to the use of the fingerprints and other identifying information required by the state or national repositories.

The board shall charge and collect from the applicant, in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, such amount as may be incurred by the board in requesting and obtaining state and national criminal history records information on the applicant.

The board may, in its discretion, refuse to accept the application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now or hereafter amended, or any provision of this article.

(2) Licensure by examination. (a) Upon the board being satisfied that an applicant for a license as a registered nurse has met the qualifications set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the board shall proceed to examine such applicant in such subjects as the board shall, in its discretion, determine. The subjects in which applicants shall be examined shall be in conformity with curricula in schools of nursing approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or one approved by a legal accrediting agency of another state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country which is satisfactory to the board.

(b) The applicant shall be required to pass the written examination as selected by the board.

(c) Upon successful completion of such examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a registered nurse.

(d) The board may use any part or all of the state board test pool examination for registered nurse licensure, its successor examination, or any other nationally standardized examination identified by the board in its rules. The passing score shall be established by the board in its rules.

(3) Licensure by endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse without examination to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another state, territory or possession of the United

States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of licensed registered nurses in this state and has previously achieved the passing score or scores on the licensing examination required by this state, at the time of his or her graduation. The issuance of a license by endorsement to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

(4) Requirements for rewriting the examination. The board shall establish in its rules the requirements for rewriting the examination for those persons failing the examination on the first writing or subsequent rewriting.

(5) Fee. The applicant applying for a license by examination or by endorsement to practice as a registered nurse shall pay a fee not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the board.

(6) Temporary permit. (a) The board may issue a temporary permit to practice nursing to a graduate of an approved school of nursing pending the results of the examination in Mississippi, and to a qualified applicant from another state, territory or possession of the United States, or District of Columbia, or pending licensure procedures as provided for elsewhere in this article. The fee shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(b) The board may issue a temporary permit for a period of ninety (90) days to a registered nurse who is currently licensed in another state, territory or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia and who is an applicant for licensure by endorsement. Such permit is not renewable except by board action. The issuance of a temporary permit to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

(c) The board may issue a temporary permit to a graduate of an approved school of nursing pending the results of the first licensing examination scheduled after application. Such permit is not renewable except by board action.

(d) The board may issue a temporary permit for a period of thirty (30) days to any registered nurse during the time enrolled in a nursing reorientation program. This time period may be extended by board action. The fee shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(e) The board may adopt such regulations as are necessary to limit the practice of persons to whom temporary permits are issued.

(7) Temporary license. The board may issue a temporary license to practice nursing at a youth camp licensed by the State Board of Health to nonresident registered nurses and retired resident registered nurses under the provisions of Section 75-74-8.

(8) Title and abbreviation. Any person who holds a license or holds the privilege to practice as a registered nurse in this state shall have the right to use the title "registered nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N." No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation, or any words, letters, signs or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse.

(9) Registered nurses licensed under a previous law. Any person holding a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by this board which is valid on July 1, 1981, shall thereafter be deemed to be licensed as a registered nurse under the provisions of this article upon payment of the fee provided in Section 73-15-27.

(10) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64.

SECTION 58. Section 73-15-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

73-15-21. (1) Licensed practical nurse applicant qualifications. Any applicant for a license to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board:

(a) An attested written application on a Board of Nursing form;

(b) A diploma from an approved high school or the equivalent thereof, as determined by the appropriate educational agency;

(c) Written official evidence of completion of a practical nursing program approved by the State Department of Education through its Division of Vocational Education, or one approved by a legal accrediting agency of another state, territory or

possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country which is satisfactory to this board;

(d) Evidence of competence in English related to nursing, provided the first language is not English;

(e) Any other official records required by the board.

In addition to the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection, in order to qualify for a license to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse, an applicant must have successfully been cleared for licensure through an investigation that shall consist of a determination as to good moral character and verification that the prospective licensee is not guilty of or in violation of any statutory ground for denial of licensure as set forth in Section 73-15-29 or guilty of any offense specified in Section 73-15-33. To assist the board in conducting its licensure investigation, all applicants shall undergo a fingerprint-based criminal history records check of the Mississippi central criminal database and the Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history database. Each applicant shall submit a full set of his or her fingerprints in a form and manner prescribed by the board, which shall be forwarded to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety (department) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Identification Division for this purpose.

Any and all state or national criminal history records information obtained by the board that is not already a matter of public record shall be deemed nonpublic and confidential information restricted to the exclusive use of the board, its members, officers, investigators, agents and attorneys in evaluating the applicant's eligibility or disqualification for licensure, and shall be exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983. Except when introduced into evidence in a hearing before the board to determine licensure, no such information or records related thereto shall, except with the written consent of the applicant or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, be released or otherwise disclosed by the board to any other person or agency.

The board shall provide to the department the fingerprints of the applicant, any additional information that may be required by the department, and a form signed by the applicant consenting to the check of the criminal records and to the use of the fingerprints and other identifying information required by the state or national repositories.

The board shall charge and collect from the applicant, in addition to all other applicable fees and costs, such amount as may be incurred by the board in requesting and obtaining state and national criminal history records information on the applicant.

The board may, in its discretion, refuse to accept the application of any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense under any provision of Title 97 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as now or hereafter amended, or any provision of this article.

(2) Licensure by examination. (a) Upon the board being satisfied that an applicant for a license as a practical nurse has met the qualifications set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the board shall proceed to examine such applicant in such subjects as the board shall, in its discretion, determine. The subjects in which applicants shall be examined shall be in conformity with curricula in schools of practical nursing approved by the State Department of Education.

(b) The applicant shall be required to pass the written examination selected by the board.

(c) Upon successful completion of such examination, the board shall issue to the applicant a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse.

(d) The board may use any part or all of the state board test pool examination for practical nurse licensure, its successor examination, or any other nationally standardized examination identified by the board in its rules. The passing score shall be established by the board in its rules.

(3) Licensure by endorsement. The board may issue a license to practice practical nursing as a licensed practical nurse without examination to an applicant who has been duly licensed as a licensed practical nurse under the laws of another state, territory or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications required of licensed practical nurses in this state and has previously achieved the passing score or scores on the licensing examination required by this state at the time of his or her graduation. The

issuance of a license by endorsement to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

(4) Licensure by equivalent amount of theory and clinical experience. In the discretion of the board, former students of a state-accredited school preparing students to become registered nurses may be granted permission to take the examination for licensure to practice as a licensed practical nurse, provided the applicant's record or transcript indicates the former student completed an equivalent amount of theory and clinical experiences as required of a graduate of a practical nursing program, and provided the school attended was, at the time of the student's attendance, an accredited school of nursing.

(5) Requirements for rewriting the examination. The board shall establish in its rules the requirements for rewriting the examination for those persons failing the examination on the first writing or subsequent writing.

(6) Fee. The applicant applying for a license by examination or by endorsement to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall pay a fee not to exceed Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) to the board.

(7) Temporary permit. (a) The board may issue a temporary permit to practice practical nursing to a graduate of an approved school of practical nursing pending the results of the examination in Mississippi, and to a qualified applicant from another state, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, pending licensing procedures as provided for elsewhere in this article. The fee shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(b) The board may issue a temporary permit for a period of ninety (90) days to a licensed practical nurse who is currently licensed in another state, territory or possession of the United States or the District of Columbia and who is an applicant for licensure by endorsement. Such permit is not renewable except by board action. The issuance of a temporary permit to a military-trained applicant, military spouse or person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the provisions of Section 73-50-1 or 73-50-2, as applicable.

(c) The board may issue a temporary permit to a graduate of an approved practical nursing education program or an equivalent program satisfactory to the board pending the results of the first licensing examination scheduled after application. Such permit is not renewable except by board action.

(d) The board may issue a temporary permit for a period of thirty (30) days to any licensed practical nurse during the time enrolled in a nursing reorientation program. This time period may be extended by board action. The fee shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

(e) The board may adopt such regulations as are necessary to limit the practice of persons to whom temporary permits are issued.

(8) Title and abbreviation. Any person who holds a license or holds the privilege to practice as a licensed practical nurse in this state shall have the right to use the title "licensed practical nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N." No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation, or any words, letters, signs or devices to indicate that a person using the same is a licensed practical nurse.

(9) Licensed practical nurses licensed under a previous law. Any person holding a license to practice nursing as a practical nurse issued by this board which is valid on July 1, 1981, shall thereafter be deemed to be licensed as a practical nurse under the provisions of this article upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 73-15-27.

(10) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1303**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Ladner, Mattox. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Ford, J, Holloway, K, Scott. Total--4.

Present--Crawford. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1213: Living Donor Protection Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1213.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Eubanks, Felsher. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1265: Pharmacists; authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or contracts.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1265.** On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Rushing, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

H. B. No. 1410: Insurance reimbursement rates; revise certain provisions.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND on line 23 by inserting the following language after the word "state":

"and if the premium for such policy was based on certain benefits and provider network reimbursements in the issuing state".

AMEND Further on line 26 by inserting the following language after the word "ensure": "policyholder protection and".

AMEND Further by inserting the following language after the period on line 27:

"ERISA and self-funded plans shall be exempt from this section."

AMEND Further by striking Section 2 in its entirety and renumbering the succeeding sections.

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1410.** On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hood. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1376: Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1376.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 41: Podiatrist; authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 41.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Estrada, Faulkner, Felsner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Barnett, Bounds, Boyd, R, Butler-Washington, Clark, Deweese, Eure, Fondren, Ford, J, Hawkins, James-Jones, Mangold, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McMillan, Mims, Nelson, Oliver, Powell, Scott, Summers, Yancey. Total--23.
Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total-2.

Present--Brown, Crawford, Evans, Karriem. Total--4.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 848: CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 3 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

"SECTION 3. Section 41-7-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-7-193. (1) No person may enter into any financing arrangement or commitment for financing a new institutional health service or any other project requiring a certificate of need unless such certificate has been granted for such purpose. A certificate of need shall not be granted or issued to any person for any proposal, cause or reason, unless the proposal has been reviewed for consistency with the specifications and the criteria established by the State Department of Health and substantially complies with the * * * projected need and with the applicable criteria and standards presented in the state health plan in effect at the time the application for the proposal was submitted.

(2) The department shall disapprove any application for a certificate of need:

(a) That does not substantially comply with the projected need or with applicable criteria and standards presented in the state health plan;

(b) That fails to confirm that the applicant will provide a reasonable amount of indigent care, or if the applicant's admission policies deny or discourage access to care by indigent patients; or

(c) If such approval would have a significant adverse effect on the ability of an existing facility or service to provide indigent care.

(3) (a) The department may use a variety of statistical methodologies, including, but not limited to, market share analysis or patient origin data to determine substantial compliance with projected need and with applicable criteria and standards in the state health plan.

(b) For the purpose of subsection (2) of this section, a reasonable amount of indigent care is an amount that is comparable to the amount of such care offered by other providers of the requested service within the same, or proximate, geographic area. The State Health Officer shall determine whether the amount of indigent care provided or proposed to be offered by an applicant is reasonable.

(4) An application for a certificate of need for an institutional health service, medical equipment or any proposal requiring a certificate of need shall specify the time, within that granted, such shall be functional or operational according to a time schedule submitted with the application. Each certificate of need shall specify the maximum amount of capital expenditure that may be obligated. The State Department of Health shall periodically review the progress and time schedule of any person issued or granted a certificate of need for any purpose.

(* * *5) An application for a certificate of need may be filed at any time with the department after the applicant has given the department fifteen (15) days' written notice of its intent to apply for a certificate of need. The department shall not delay review of an application. The department shall make its recommendation approving or disapproving a complete application within forty-five (45) days of the date the application was filed or within fifteen (15) days of receipt of any requested information, whichever

is later, * * * the request to be made by the department within fifteen (15) days of the filing of the application."

AMEND further the title by inserting the following after the semicolon on line 6: "TO AMEND SECTION 41-7-193, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL DISAPPROVE ANY APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED THAT FAILS TO CONFIRM THAT THE APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF INDIGENT CARE, OR IF THE APPLICANT'S ADMISSION POLICIES DENY OR DISCOURAGE ACCESS TO CARE BY INDIGENT PATIENTS, OR IF SUCH APPROVAL WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ABILITY OF AN EXISTING FACILITY OR SERVICE TO PROVIDE INDIGENT CARE; TO PROVIDE THAT A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF INDIGENT CARE IS AN AMOUNT THAT IS COMPARABLE TO THE AMOUNT OF SUCH CARE OFFERED BY OTHER PROVIDERS OF THE REQUESTED SERVICE WITHIN THE SAME, OR PROXIMATE, GEOGRAPHIC AREA;

ADOPTED

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1639: Delta Regional Health Authority; create task force on the establishment of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hines:

AMEND by inserting the following new Section 3 and renumbering the succeeding sections:

"SECTION 3. Section 41-7-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-7-193. (1) No person may enter into any financing arrangement or commitment for financing a new institutional health service or any other project requiring a certificate of need unless such certificate has been granted for such purpose. A certificate of need shall not be granted or issued to any person for any proposal, cause or reason, unless the proposal has been reviewed for consistency with the specifications and the criteria established by the State Department of Health and substantially complies with the projection of need as reported projected need and with the applicable criteria and standards presented in the state health plan in effect at the time the application for the proposal was submitted.

(2) The department shall disapprove any application for a certificate of need:

(a) That does not substantially comply with the projected need or with applicable criteria and standards presented in the state health plan;

(b) That fails to confirm that the applicant will provide a reasonable amount of indigent care, or if the applicant's admission policies deny or discourage access to care by indigent patients; or

(c) If such approval would have a significant adverse effect on the ability of an existing facility or service to provide indigent care.

(3) (a) The department may use a variety of statistical methodologies, including, but not limited to, market share analysis or patient origin data to determine substantial compliance with projected need and with applicable criteria and standards in the state health plan.

(b) For the purpose of subsection (2) of this section, a reasonable amount of indigent care is an amount that is comparable to the amount of such care offered by other providers of the requested service within the same, or proximate, geographic area. The State Health Officer shall determine whether the amount of indigent care provided or proposed to be offered by an applicant is reasonable.

(4) An application for a certificate of need for an institutional health service, medical equipment or any proposal requiring a certificate of need shall specify the time, within that granted, such shall be functional or operational according to a time schedule

submitted with the application. Each certificate of need shall specify the maximum amount of capital expenditure that may be obligated. The State Department of Health shall periodically review the progress and time schedule of any person issued or granted a certificate of need for any purpose.

(35) An application for a certificate of need may be filed at any time with the department after the applicant has given the department fifteen (15) days' written notice of its intent to apply for a certificate of need. The department shall not delay review of an application. The department shall make its recommendation approving or disapproving a complete application within forty-five (45) days of the date the application was filed or within fifteen (15) days of receipt of any requested information, whichever is later, said the request to be made by the department within fifteen (15) days of the filing of the application."

AMEND FURTHER the title by inserting the following after the semicolon on line 6: "TO AMEND SECTION 41-7-193, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL DISAPPROVE ANY APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF NEED THAT FAILS TO CONFIRM THAT THE APPLICANT WILL PROVIDE A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF INDIGENT CARE, OR IF THE APPLICANT'S ADMISSION POLICIES DENY OR DISCOURAGE ACCESS TO CARE BY INDIGENT PATIENTS, OR IF SUCH APPROVAL WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ABILITY OF AN EXISTING FACILITY OR SERVICE TO PROVIDE INDIGENT CARE; TO PROVIDE THAT A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF INDIGENT CARE IS AN AMOUNT THAT IS COMPARABLE TO THE AMOUNT OF SUCH CARE OFFERED BY OTHER PROVIDERS OF THE REQUESTED SERVICE WITHIN THE SAME, OR PROXIMATE, GEOGRAPHIC AREA;

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1639**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Currie, Ford, J, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Rosebud. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Luther-Waldo, McLean, Yates. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Hines entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1639: Delta Regional Health Authority; create task force on the establishment of.

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1271: Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1271.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1319: Homeowner's insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1319.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Guice, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Mattox, Owen, Turner. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Ford, K, Keen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 48: Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 48. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Evans, Guice, Hines, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Osborne. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Ford, K, Summers, Taylor. Total-4.

Present--Blackmon, Gibbs, J. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1086: Land partitions; revise provision that regulate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1086. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Blackmon, Evans. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 342: Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 342.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Bailey, Evans. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Smith. Total-2.

Present--Blackmon, Brown, Clark, Gibbs, J, Holloway, K, Summers. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

A committee substitute was adopted.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1624.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Eubanks, Evans. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1370: Trespass; clarify elements of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1370**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Barnett, Clark, Evans, Harness, Scott. Total--7.

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

Present--Banks, Brown, Faulkner, Karriem, Rosebud, Summers. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1226: CCID inferior court; authorize additional judges and clarify appeals from.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND on line 43 after the period by inserting the following:

"Any CCID judge who receives an annual salary of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) or more shall be a full-time judge, and shall not otherwise engage in the practice of law."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1226**. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims,

Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--37.

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

Present--Anthony, Horne, Mickens, Rosebud. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Owen entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 867: Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release.

Representative Carpenter entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 430: Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state.

On motion of Rep. Ford, J unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

Representative Banks entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1226: CCID inferior court; authorize additional judges and clarify appeals from.

Representative Scott entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1074: Terroristic threats; increase penalties when made against an airport.

Representative Hood entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 342: Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 61: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS).

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. C. R. No. 504: Mourning the passing of former Natchez Mayor and MDOT Executive Director Larry "Butch" Brown and recognizing his public service.

S. C. R. No. 510: Mourn the loss and commend the life of Luster Bayless, legendary Costumer to John Wayne.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 124: Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March.

H. B. No. 365: Mississippi Musicians Month; designate the month of March each year as.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Ford K moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Diane Wallace, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Irvin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Peggy June "Maw" Naron, Timothy Wayne Harrelson, Sr. , John Wayne "Johnny" Harmon, Sr. , and James "Jimmy" Elkin Hair, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph R. Wall , and William "Bill" Arthur Ussery, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Thrash, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Maxy Deron Hill, which motion prevailed.

At 5:13 PM, on motion of Rep. Wallace the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

(SEVENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Carl Perry, Union Baptist Church, Shannon, MS.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Eubanks.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2135: Shoplifting; modify finding required before imposing a sentence of imprisonment.

S. B. No. 2904: PERS; require any terminated plan to pay unfunded actuarial accrued liability to board in a lump sum before termination.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2062: Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force Act; enact.

S. B. No. 2320: Motor vehicles; require proof of liability insurance before license tag or decal may be issued or renewed.

S. B. No. 2457: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

S. B. No. 2466: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21.

S. B. No. 2917: Capitol Complex Improvement District; define authority.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2218: Mississippi Ireland Trade Commission; establish.

S. B. No. 2298: Bonds; raise maximum fee paid to state's bond attorney from \$500.00 to \$750.00 for validation and issuance of.

S. B. No. 2514: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.

S. B. No. 2698: Cyber Security Review Board; create.

S. B. No. 2707: Business Improvement District Act; technical amendments.

S. B. No. 2830: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise definition and annual report due date, and correct agency reference.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1830: (Representatives Read, Cockerham) Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24. Appropriations A.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS B AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1779: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS C AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1793: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation; Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

CLAY DEWEESE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON

APPROPRIATIONS D AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1813: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1816: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS E AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KARL OLIVER, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 67: House Rules; adopt permanent rules for the 2024-2028 term. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Representative Yates called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1226:** (CCID inferior court; authorize additional judges and clarify appeals from.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1225:** (State Auditor; authorize to review and examine municipalities under certain conditions.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 67: House Rules; adopt permanent rules for the 2024-2028 term.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1642: Tax credits, various; bring forward sections of law relating to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1642. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eubanks. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1701: Taxes, various; bring forwards sections of law authorizing and providing for distribution of revenue.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1701. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services..

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1163**. On motion of Representative Rep. Scoggin the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Anderson, J, Brown, Hale, Hall, Jackson, K, Paden, Scott, Summers, Watson, Young. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Bailey, Banks, Harness, Hines, Hulum, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Creekmore called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

H. B. No. 44: Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center..

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 44**. On motion of Representative Rep. Creekmore the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Sanders. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1607: Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Summers:

Amend after line 70 by inserting the following as subsection (5):

(5) No school, school district or school administrator shall discriminate in any manner against any student by expelling or in any manner disciplining a student on the basis of any natural or protective hairstyle worn by the student.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Yancey, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, McGee, Sanford, Yates. Total-4.

Present--Hulum. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Summers:

Amend after line 70 by inserting the following as subsection (5):

(5) Women, mothers, females and girls have a right to choose contraception designed for women for a female's body.

Men, fathers, males and boys have a right to choose and use contraception designed for a male's body.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Oliver as follows:

The purpose of amendment No. 2 is not germane to the purpose of this bill.
The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1489. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight,

McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1629: Ambulance service providers; provide for minimum rate of reimbursement under any policy of accident and sickness insurance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1629. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken. Amendment No. 2 is not germane to the bill.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1607. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Hulm, Jackson, K, James-Jones,

Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--30.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Eubanks. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Blackmon, Burnett, Crudup, Evans, Foster, Holloway, G, Jackson, L. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Bailey entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

Representative Butler-Washington entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1607: Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create.

At 11:45 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1590: PERS; reconstitute membership of board and rescind scheduled employer's contribution increase.

A committee substitute was adopted.

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

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yates:

AMEND on line 147 by striking "and after its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1487**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read,

Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--82.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Young. Total--30.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Eubanks, Evans, Holloway, G, Jackson, L, McCray, Paden, Watson. Total-8.

Present--Anthony, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Zuber called up:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; revise bidding procedure.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 297.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Ladner. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 430:** (Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Powell moved that Amendment No. 2 be tabled.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 430.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims,

Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--Arnold, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Fondren, Hall, Mangold, Newman, Remak, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Turner, Varner. Total--21.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Evans, Grady, Ladner, Luther-Waldo. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G, Karriem, Mattox. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--67

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1222: Laser hair removal; restrict the practice of to certain health professionals.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1222.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Jackson, L, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Bounds, Calvert, Clark, Crawford, Deweese, Faulkner, Fondren, Guice, Harness, Hawkins, Holloway, K, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, McCarty, McKnight, McMillan, Mims, Powell, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Thompson, Varner, Watson, Yancey. Total--31.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Eubanks, Evans, McLean. Total-4.

Present--Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Holloway, G, Hulum, James-Jones, Karriem, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Summers. Total--10.
Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1676: Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1676.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs,

K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Guice, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--38.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Blackwell, Eubanks, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, McGee, Rosebud. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 1100: Minors; prohibit health care providers and institutions from providing health care to without parental consent.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND by inserting the following language at the end of line 30: "If a parent with joint or separate legal custody of the minor, a guardian of the minor, or the minor's surrogate has not consented or denied consent within seven (7) days after the first attempt by the health care provider or health care institution to contact the parent, guardian or surrogate at the last known telephone number or their telephone number provided by the minor or the minor's custodian, or if there is no known telephone number, twenty-one (21) days after mailing a request for consent to the parent's, guardian's or surrogate's last known address or their address provided by the minor or minor's custodian, which attempts shall be evidenced by verified documentation, then any one (1) of the following persons who are reasonably available, in descending order of priority, is authorized and empowered to consent on behalf of the minor:

- (a) The minor's custodian;
- (b) The minor's adult brother or sister; or
- (c) The minor's grandparent."

AMEND FURTHER on line 46 by inserting the following after the word "Services": "(CPS) to which CPS consents"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1100.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Evans, Harness, Holloway, K, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson,

Karriem, Nelson, Osborne, Porter, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Eubanks, Jackson, L, McCarty, Rosebud. Total-5.

Present--Crudup, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Hines, Holloway, G, Paden. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1408. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Harness, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Bounds, Guice, Harris, Horne, Keen, McMillan, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Powell. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Massengill. Total-4.

Present--Kinkade. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1603: Organ procurement organizations; records and proceedings of PEER review committees are confidential and not discoverable.

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1603. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway,

K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Taylor. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Eubanks, Karriem, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Hines, Hulum. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1315.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1316: Public purchasing; require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1316.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham,

Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Eubanks. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1542.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Johnson, Rosebud, Tubb, Watson. Total-5.

Present--Paden, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 349: Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 349.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barton, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins,

Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Denton, Estrada, Faulkner, Fondren, Gibbs, J, Guice, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Read, Rosebud, Sanders, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--43.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Remak. Total-2.

Present--Foster, Summers. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1363: Internet; create civil liability for distribution of child pornography and obscene matter by commercial entities.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1363. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Remak. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1447: SAVED; create study committee to determine establishing model school for failing schools in the Mississippi Delta.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES OWEN AND ROBERSON:

Amend after line 67, by inserting the following:

"SECTION 2. (1) To complete the work it commenced in 2023, the Early Intervention Task Force created by Chapter 487, Laws of 2023, and dissolved December 1, 2023,

is hereby reconstituted to serve in an advisory capacity to assist the state agency coordinating Part C of IDEA in implementing a new service delivery model. The goal of the task force shall be to collaborate with the state agency coordinating Part C of IDEA to design a new service delivery model and make changes to the Early Intervention Program.

(2) The members of the task force shall be as follows:

(a) The Chairmen of the Education Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives, or his or her designee from their respective committee membership;

(b) The Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives, or his or her designee from their respective committee membership;

(c) The Chairmen of the Public Health Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives, or his or her designee from their respective committee membership;

(d) One (1) member of the Mississippi State Senate, to be named by the Lieutenant Governor; and one (1) member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, to be named by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who are interested in early intervention issues;

(e) The State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health or a designated deputy;

(f) One (1) designee who is a direct service provider in the First Steps Early Intervention Program, to be named by the State Health Officer;

(g) One (1) faculty member from the Social Science Research Center (SSRC) at Mississippi State University, to be named by the Director of the SSRC;

(h) One (1) developmental-behavioral pediatrician with expertise in early childhood systems building, to be named by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi Medical Center;

(i) One (1) general pediatrician, to be named by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;

(j) One (1) clinical psychologist with expertise in social-emotional health of infants and toddlers, to be named by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Mississippi Medical Center;

(k) One (1) school psychologist employed by a school district, to be named by the Mississippi Association of Psychologists in the Schools;

(l) One (1) early interventionist/development therapist, to be named by the State Health Officer;

(m) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Early Learning Alliance;

(n) One (1) family advocacy representative to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities;

(o) One (1) parent representative with current experience with early intervention to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities;

(p) One (1) faculty member from the College of Health Sciences at Jackson State University, to be named by the president of such university;

(q) One (1) pediatrician, to be named by the Mississippi Region of the National Medical Association;

(r) The Executive Director of the Division of Medicaid, Office of the Governor, or the executive director's designee; and

(s) The Director of the State Department of Education's Early Childhood Education Office, or such director's designee.

(3) A faculty member from each of the universities within the institutions of higher learning with an early childhood development program or early intervention program may be named by the president of each university to assist the task force. In addition, the Executive Director of the Center for Mississippi Health Policy shall aid the task force.

(4) The task force shall meet within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this act and shall commence its responsibilities set out in subsection (5) of this section.

(5) Specifically, in collaboration with the state agency coordinating Part C of IDEA, the task force shall:

(a) Review billing and reimbursement processes and rates for early intervention services in Mississippi and in other states, to ensure a timely receipt of

payment to providers. In performing this function, a recommendation shall be made to the Legislature by January 1, 2025, on a more efficient system for providing compensation to providers and for billing and collecting from third-party payors;

(b) Evaluate early intervention service delivery models, including a hub or hybrid model involving university participation and determine how this model may impact the training of students and delivery of services to members of the eligible population. In performing this function, a recommendation shall be made to the Legislature that will offer a service delivery structure to enhance the efficient and effective delivery of quality services to the eligible population; and

(c) Review any other matters related to the above issues or related to early intervention services.

(6) The state agency coordinating Part C of IDEA and the task force may request the assistance of the Social Science Research Center at Mississippi State University, the Mississippi Early Learning Alliance or any other related entity or organization with expertise in early intervention services.

(7) The members of the task force shall elect a chair from among the members. The task force shall develop and report its findings and recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislature in response to the proposal of the state agency coordinating Part C of IDEA to make changes to the service delivery structure for the program and changes to the way the state pays service providers and recoups payments from third-party payors, which shall be due to the task force and Legislature by December 1, 2024. A quorum of the membership shall be required to approve any final report and recommendation. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expense in the same manner as public employees are reimbursed for official duties from any available funds and members of the Legislature shall be reimbursed in the same manner as for attending out-of-session committee meetings.

(8) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review shall provide necessary clerical support for the meetings of the task force and research support as needed for the preparation of the report. Proposed legislation shall be prepared by the Legislative Services Offices of the Senate and House as requested.

(9) The task force shall be dissolved upon presentation of its report."

Further, amend on line 68 by striking "2" and inserting in lieu thereof: "3".

Further, amend the title to conform on line 9, by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO RECONSTITUTE THE EARLY INTERVENTION TASK FORCE WITH A GOAL TO COLLABORATE WITH THE STATE AGENCY COORDINATING PART C OF IDEA TO DESIGN A NEW SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL AND MAKE CHANGES TO THE EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM; TO SET THE TASK FORCE'S DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE TO PREPARE A FINAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE; TO REQUIRE THE STATE AGENCY COORDINATING PART C OF IDEA TO PREPARE AND DELIVER A REPORT THAT PROVIDES FOR POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS; TO DISSOLVE THE TASK FORCE UPON PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT;".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1447**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade,

Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bailey, Johnson, Osborne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ladner. Total-3.

Present--Hines, Karriem. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1341: Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1341. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eubanks, Faulkner, Summers, Young. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Hines, Rosebud. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1396: Community Eligibility Provision of National School Lunch Program; require certain school districts to apply for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1396. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-

Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1379: "Students Safe at School Act"; create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES GRADY AND ROBERSON:

AMEND on line 391 by inserting the following before the period:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1379.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Evans. Total-2.

Present--Hines. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 1683: MS Charter School Act of 2013; bring forward for purposes of possible amendments.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend on line 1064, by striking "brought forward" and inserting in lieu thereof: "amended".

Further, amend after line 1101, by inserting the following:

"(4) (a) The following charter school employees shall receive an annual salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), in addition to any other compensation to which the charter employee may be entitled:

(i) Any licensed teacher who has met the requirements and acquired a Master Teacher certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed by a charter school as a teacher and not as an administrator. Such teacher shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received prior to October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the teacher shall submit such documentation to the State Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(ii) A licensed nurse who has met the requirements and acquired a certificate from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses, Inc., and who is employed by a charter school as a school nurse and not as an administrator. The licensed school nurse shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school nurse shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(iii) Any licensed school counselor who has met the requirements and acquired a National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) endorsement from the National Board of Certified Counselors and who is employed by a charter school as a counselor and not as an administrator. Such licensed school counselor shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the endorsement was received prior to October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school counselor shall submit such documentation to the State Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(iv) Any licensed speech language pathologist and audiologist who has met the requirements and acquired a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech Language Hearing Association and any certified academic language therapist (CALT) who has met the certification requirements of the Academic Language Therapy Association and who is employed by a local school board. The licensed speech language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate or endorsement was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed speech language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(v) Any licensed athletic trainer who has met the requirements and acquired Board Certification for the Athletic Trainer from the Board of Certification, Inc., and who is employed by a charter school as an athletic trainer and not as an administrator. The licensed athletic trainer shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed athletic trainer shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(vi) An occupational therapist who has met the requirements and acquired initial certification as an Occupational Therapist Registered from the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy, Inc., and who is employed by a charter

school as an occupational therapist and not an administrator. The certified occupational therapist shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certification was received before October 15 of each year in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the occupational therapist shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 of each year in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(vii) Any licensed school psychologist who has met the requirements and acquired certification as a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) from the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and who is employed by a charter school as a school psychologist. The licensed school psychologist shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school psychologist shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(b) A charter school employee shall be reimbursed for the actual cost of completing each component of acquiring the certificate or endorsement, excluding any costs incurred for postgraduate courses, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each component, not to exceed four (4) components, for a teacher, school counselor or speech language pathologist and audiologist, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of the certificate or endorsement. The charter school governing board or any private individual or entity may pay the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for any employee of the school district described under paragraph (a), and the State Department of Education shall reimburse the charter for such cost, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of the certificate or endorsement. If a private individual or entity has paid the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for an employee, the charter school may agree to directly reimburse the individual or entity for such cost on behalf of the employee.

(c) All salary supplements and process reimbursement authorized under this subsection shall be paid directly by the State Department of Education to the charter school and shall be in addition to its adequate education program allotments and not a part thereof in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education. However, an educational employee shall receive the salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for only one (1) of the qualifying certifications authorized under paragraph (a) of this subsection. No charter school shall provide more than one (1) annual salary supplement under the provisions of this subsection to any one (1) individual employee holding multiple qualifying national certifications.

(d) If an employee for whom such cost has been paid, in full or in part, by a charter school governing board or private individual or entity fails to complete the certification or endorsement process, the employee shall be liable to the charter school or individual or entity for all amounts paid by the charter school governing board or individual or entity on behalf of that employee toward his or her certificate or endorsement."

Further, amend on line 1848 by inserting the following before the period:

", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024".

Further, amend the title to conform on line 5 by striking "37-28-47".

Further, amend the title to conform on line 8 by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO AMEND SECTION 37-28-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CHARTER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HAVING SATISFIED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINES, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A \$6,000.00 ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENT;".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1683**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Bennett, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Haney, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Varner, Watson, Young. Total--39.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Eubanks, Massengill, Oliver, Steverson, Summers. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 73: School attendance officers; transfer responsibility of employment from MDE to local school districts.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Holloway G:

Amend after line 363 by inserting the following:

(11) The State Department of Education and the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents shall provide a joint report on the status and progress of school attendance officers in their capacity as employees of local school districts and the fulfillment of their assigned duties and obligations to the Legislature for review and consideration during the 2026 Regular Session.
Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend on line 158 by inserting the following after the comma:

"provided that each regional coordinator employed by the State Department of Education on June 30, 2024, shall be compensated at the annual salary rate established for such position during the 2024 fiscal year plus an additional twenty-five percent (25%),".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on line 578 by striking "the child has accumulated five (5) unlawful absences" and inserting in lieu thereof: "upon any occurrence of unexcused absences".

AMEND further on line 581 by striking "five (5) school days" and inserting in lieu thereof: "twenty-four (24) hours of the unexcused absences".
AMEND the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 73**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Roberson, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Anthony, Banks, Barnett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Gibbs, J, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, K, Johnson, Karriem, Massengill, McCray, Oliver, Osborne, Remak, Sanders, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Grady, Hale, Paden, Rosebud, Rushing, Young. Total-7.

Present--Faulkner, Hines, Holloway, G, James-Jones, Mickens, Porter. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--55

Representative Roberson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 867: Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release.

Strike-All AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-15-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-15-31. (1) (a) Except as provided in subsections (2) through * * * (7) of this section, upon the petition in writing of a parent or guardian resident of the school district of an individual student filed or lodged with the president or secretary of the school board of a school district * * * to which the pupil * * * is seeking transfer, individual students living in one school district * * * may be legally transferred to another school district, * * * provided that the school board of the school district to which the transfer is sought consents * * * to receive the students seeking transfer, which such consent must be given in writing and spread upon the minutes of * * * the school board of the transferee school district.

(b) Upon receipt of such notice of petition for transfer, the school board of the transferee school district shall act on such request for transfer as soon as possible, and no later than the next regular meeting of the transferee board, and a failure of such transferee board to act within such time shall constitute an approval of such request and approved enrollment by the school board of the transferee school district. If such a transfer is approved by the school board of the transferee school district, then such decision shall be final.

(** *c) ** * The transferee school district shall notify, in writing, the school district from which the pupil or pupils are transferring of the receipt of such transfer request within a reasonable period of time, and the school board of the transferor school district shall spread the same upon its minutes. ** *

(** *d) Any legal guardianship formed for the purpose of establishing residency for school district attendance purposes shall not be recognized by the affected school board.

(e) The legal transfer of a student under this subsection shall include a provision for the transportation of the student by either the parent or legal guardian of the student or the transferee school district, provided that the transferee school district does not violate the provision of Section 37-15-29(3), prohibiting the transportation of students in excess of thirty (30) miles from his or her home.

(f) The provisions of this subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to school-age children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are active members of the United States Armed Forces complying with Section 37-15-29(4).

(g) Athletic eligibility for a school-age child who transfers to another school or school district pursuant to this subsection shall be determined based on the child's fall semester enrollment. A child shall be athletically eligible for one (1) school per school year. A child may transfer to another school mid-year, however, that child shall not be athletically eligible until the following fall school year. A child shall not be deemed athletically ineligible, thus ruled ineligible for any length of time, based upon a transfer of schools, so long as the provisions in this section are followed.

(2) (a) Upon the petition in writing of any parent or guardian who is a resident of Mississippi and is an instructional or licensed employee of a school district, but not a resident of such district, the school board of the employer school district shall consent to the transfer of such employee's dependent school-age children to its district and shall spread the same upon the minutes of the board. Upon the petition in writing of any parent or guardian who is not a resident of Mississippi and who is an instructional or licensed employee of a school district in Mississippi, the school board of the employer school district shall consent to the transfer of such employee's dependent school-age children to its district and shall spread the same upon the minutes of the board.

(b) The school board of any school district, in its discretion, may adopt a uniform policy to allow the enrollment and attendance of the dependent children of noninstructional and nonlicensed employees, who are residents of Mississippi but are not residents of their district. Such policy shall be based upon the employment needs of the district, implemented according to job classification groups and renewed each school year.

(c) The employer transferee school district shall notify in writing the school district from which the pupil or pupils are transferring, and the school board of the transferor school district shall spread the same upon its minutes.

(d) Any such agreement by school boards for the legal transfer of a student shall include a provision providing for the transportation of the student. In the absence of such a provision the responsibility for transporting the student to the transferee school district shall be that of the parent or guardian.

(e) Any school district which accepts a student under the provisions of this subsection shall not assess any tuition fees upon such transferring student in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-19-27.

(3) Upon the petition in writing of any parent or legal guardian of a school-age child who is a resident of an adjacent school district residing in the geographical situation described in Section 37-15-29(3), the school board of the school district operating the school located in closer proximity to the residence of the child shall consent to the transfer of the child to its district, and shall spread the same upon the minutes of the board. ** * The legal transfer of a student under this subsection shall include a provision for the transportation of the student by either the ** * parent or legal guardian or the student or the transferee school district. In the event that ** * the school board of the transferee ** * school district shall object to the transfer, ** * the parent or legal guardian shall have the right to appeal to the State Board of Education whose decision shall be final. ** * The responsibility for transporting the student to the transferee school district shall be that of the parent or guardian if the transferee school district does not

agree in the consent of transfer, which shall be spread upon its minutes, to provide transportation for the student.

(** *4) *** Before September 1 of each year, the board of trustees of ** * a municipal separate school district shall certify to the State Department of Education the number of students in the added territory of the municipal separate school district who are transferred to the adjacent school district under this subsection. The municipal separate school district also shall certify the total number of students in the school district residing in the added territory plus the number of those students who are transferred to the adjacent school district. Based upon these figures, the department shall calculate the percentage of the total number of students in the added territory who are transferred to the adjacent school district and shall certify this percentage to the levying authority for the municipal separate school district. The levying authority shall remit to the school board of the adjacent school district, from the proceeds of the ad valorem taxes collected for the support of the municipal separate school district from the added territory of the municipal separate school district, an amount equal to the percentage of the total number of students in the added territory who are transferred to the adjacent school district.

(5) The sibling(s) of any child lawfully transferred in accordance with this section, may also, at the discretion of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), enroll and attend school in the transferee school district, subject to the provisions of this act.

(6) For students transferring to a school located in a school district in which the student does not reside, the State Department of Education shall pay to the transferee school district (receiving school district) to which the student is transferred an amount equal to the Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds, or any subsequent state pupil funding program which replaces MAEP, allocated for each student transferring to a school district outside his or her district of residence. The amount of funds payable to the receiving school district by the department must be based on the local school district of residence's previous year's enrollment data, determined by using months one (1) through nine (9) average daily membership, as reported to the State Department of Education by the transferor local school district. Any such payments made under this subsection (5) by the State Department of Education to a receiving school district must be made two (2) business days prior to the last working day of each month. There shall be paid to a receiving school district, by electronic funds transfer, one-twelfth (1/12) of the funds to which the receiving school district is entitled from funds appropriated for the adequate education program fund, or any subsequent funding program which replaces such program fund, for each child transferred to such school district under the authority of this section. However, in December those payments shall be made on December 15th or the next business day after that date. If a student transfer occurs after the start date of the scholastic year, the department shall not make any distribution of payments to the receiving school district until such time that the receiving school district certifies the enrollment of the transfer student to the department, which shall then only make payments to the receiving school district for such student for the remainder of the scholastic year as a proportionate share of the one-twelfth (1/12) of funds to which the receiving school district is entitled.

(7) The provisions of this section shall not supersede any provision of an enforceable desegregation court order or a court-approved desegregation plan.

(8) The receiving school district shall identify each student it accepts into its district under the transfer authority of this section and report that data to the State Department of Education by category of student name, grade classification, grade point average, gender and ethnicity. The department shall then compile this data by district, redacting all personally identifying information of students to prevent any FERPA violations, and submit an annual report of this information to each member of the Legislature.

SECTION 2. Section 37-15-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-15-29. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this section, no minor child may enroll in or attend any school except in the school district of his residence, unless such child be lawfully transferred from the school district of his residence to a school in another school district in accord with the statutes of this state now in effect or which may be hereafter enacted.

(2) Those children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are instructional personnel or certificated employees of a school district may at such employee's discretion enroll and attend the school or schools of their parent's or legal guardian's employment regardless of the residence of the child.

(3) No child shall be required to be transported in excess of thirty (30) miles on a school bus from his or her home to school, or in excess of thirty (30) miles from school to his or her home, if there is another school in an adjacent school district located on a shorter school bus transportation route by the nearest traveled road. Those children residing in such geographical situations may, at the discretion of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), enroll and attend the nearer school, regardless of the residence of the child. In the event the parent or legal guardian of such child and the school board are unable to agree on the school bus mileage required to transport the child from his or her home to school, an appeal shall lie to the State Board of Education, or its designee, whose decision shall be final. The school districts involved in the appeal shall provide the Mississippi Department of Education with any school bus route information requested, including riding the buses as necessary, in order to measure the bus routes in question, as needed by the State Board of Education in considering the appeal.

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(* * *4) (a) Those children whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are active members of the United States Armed Forces or civilian military personnel and reside on a military base, may, at the discretion of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), enroll and attend the school district of their parent's or legal guardian's choosing, regardless of the residence of the child * * *. The parent or guardian of a child enrolling in a school district outside of his or her residence shall be responsible for transportation of the child to and from school.

(b) A child whose parent(s) or legal guardian(s) are active members of the United States Armed Forces complies with the residency requirements for school attendance, if he or she resides in the State of Mississippi or if the pupil otherwise complies with Section 37-15-30.

(c) Any school district which accepts a child under the provisions of this subsection shall not assess any tuition fees upon such transferring child.

(d) Any transfer of out-of-state children of military families to this state shall be governed in accordance with Section 37-135-31 as applicable.

(5) The sibling(s) of any child lawfully transferred in accordance with this section, may also, at the discretion of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s), enroll and attend school in the transferee school district, subject to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF A CHILD'S RESIDENCE CONSENT TO THE RELEASE OF THE STUDENT FOR TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO ONLY REQUIRE THAT THE TRANSFEREE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE OR REFUSE THE TRANSFER OF A STUDENT UPON RECEIVING NOTICE AND OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD TO ACT ON SUCH TRANSFER; TO AUTHORIZE THE SIBLINGS OF A LAWFULLY TRANSFERRED STUDENT TO ENROLL IN THE TRANSFEREE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE DISCRETION OF THEIR PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) TO PROVIDE THAT A TRANSFER STUDENT'S ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY SHALL BE DETERMINED BY HIS OR HER FALL SEMESTER ENROLLMENT AND LIMIT PARTICIPATION TO ONE SCHOOL PER SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO A RECEIVING SCHOOL DISTRICT UPON THE COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION OF A STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST; TO PROVIDE THAT TRANSFER AUTHORITY OF A DISTRICT TO RECEIVE OR DENY THE ACCEPTANCE OF A STUDENT REQUESTING TRANSFER INTO THE DISTRICT SHALL NOT SUPERSEDE ANY PROVISION OF AN ENFORCEABLE DESEGREGATION ORDER OR A

COURT-APPROVED DESEGREGATION PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 37-15-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CHOICES OF CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR CIVILIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL; TO ALLOW THE CHILDREN OF ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE; TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON PROHIBITED DISTANCE OF TRANSPORTING SUCH STUDENTS BY EXCLUDING THE DISTRICT FROM PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO SUCH STUDENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 867**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Faulkner, Ford, J, Gibbs, J, Harness, Harris, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mattox, McCray, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Varner, Watson, Young. Total--27.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Cockerham, Eubanks, Haney, Jackson, L. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Banks, Hines, Rosebud, Sanford. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Turner called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1612: Pharmacy benefit managers; revise provisions relating to.

Rep. Aguirre called up:

H. B. No. 1214: Joint Legislative Study Committee on Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and Other Digital Assets; create.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1214**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Butler-Washington, Clark, Currie, James-Jones, Ladner, Scott. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Cockerham, Eubanks, Jackson, L, Keen, Porter, Young. Total-7.

Present--Banks, Brown, Harness, Hines, Karriem, Paden, Summers, Watson. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--64

Rep. McGee called up:

H. B. No. 1026: Medicaid; make various technical amendments to the program.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1026. On motion of Rep. McGee the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Keen, Kinkade, Mims. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Creekmore called up:

H. B. No. 419: Health care certificate of need law; bring forward code sections related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 3547 by inserting the following after the number "2024": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 419**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Currie, Evans, Faulkner, Ladner, Summers. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Eubanks, Mims, Shanks, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

H. B. No. 1590: PERS; reconstitute membership of board and rescind scheduled employer's contribution increase.

A motion to table the committee substitute prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Zuber:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 25-11-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-11-15. (1) Board of trustees: The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the federal-state agreement and for making effective the provisions of Articles 1 and 3 are vested in a board of trustees.

(2) (a) The board shall consist of * * * eleven (11) trustees, as follows:

(* * *) The State Treasurer;

* * *

(ii) The Commissioner of Revenue;

(iii) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor;

(iv) Three (3) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(v) One (1) retired member who is receiving a retirement allowance from the system, elected by the retired members or beneficiaries receiving a retirement allowance from the system and by the retired members or beneficiaries of the municipal systems, the firemen's and policemen's disability and relief funds and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System administered by the board of trustees; and

(vi) One (1) member of the system having at least ten (10) years of creditable service, elected by the members of the system, the municipal systems and the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System.

(b) (i) For the terms beginning July 1, 2024, the appointed trustees shall serve terms of the following lengths: two (2) appointees of the Governor shall serve for an initial term ending on July 1, 2025; one (1) appointee of the Lieutenant Governor shall serve for an initial term ending on July 1, 2026; one (1) appointee of the Governor and one (1) appointee of the Lieutenant Governor shall serve for an initial term ending on July 1, 2027; and one (1) appointee of the Governor and one (1) appointee of the Lieutenant Governor shall serve for an initial term ending on July 1, 2028. After the expiration of the initial terms, their successors shall be appointed for terms of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term.

(ii) All appointments for the initial terms shall be made no later than May 31, 2024.

(iii) Each appointee of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall be a person with knowledge and understanding of the investment of financial assets and of the principles of a retirement plan, as either a participant or an employer, and shall not have a conflict of interest with any plan administered by the board.

(iv) Two (2) of the members to be appointed by the Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House to the Governor. Two (2) of the members to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor shall be appointed only after consideration of recommendations for those appointments made by the Speaker of the House to the Lieutenant Governor.

(v) All appointments by the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. Members appointed when the Senate is not in session shall serve only until the end of the next regular session, unless confirmed by the Senate.

(** *c) (i) In the ** * election to be held for trustees whose terms begin July 1, 2024, one (1) member shall be elected for a term ** * ending on July 1, 2026; and one (1) member shall be elected for a term ** * ending on July 1, 2028. Thereafter, their successors shall be elected for terms of ** * four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. All elections shall be held in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the board to govern those elections, and the board shall be the sole judge of all questions arising incident to or connected with the elections.

(** *ii) The election for trustees whose terms begin July 1, 2024, shall be held no later than May 31, 2024, with any necessary runoffs occurring no later than June 21, 2024. Any person eligible to vote for the election of a ** * trustee and who meets the qualifications for the office may seek election to the office and serve if elected. For purposes of determining eligibility to seek office as a member of the board ** *, the required creditable service in "the system" shall include each system administered by the board ** * in which the person is a member.

(3) The trustees serving on the effective date of this act shall retain their positions through June 30, 2024. On July 1, 2024, the new members shall assume their positions.

(** *4) If a vacancy occurs in the office of a trustee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the office was previously filled. However, if the unexpired term of an elected member is six (6) months or less, an election shall be held to fill the office vacated for the next succeeding full term of office, and the person so elected to fill the next full term shall be appointed by the board to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Whenever any member who is elected to a position to represent a class of members ceases to be a member of that class, that board member is no longer eligible for membership on the board. The position shall be declared vacant, and the unexpired term shall be filled in the same manner as the office was previously filled.

(** *5) Each trustee shall, within ten (10) days after his or her appointment or election, take an oath of office as provided by law and, in addition, shall take an oath that he or she will diligently and honestly administer the affairs of the board, and that he or she will not knowingly violate or willingly permit to be violated any of the provisions of law applicable to Articles 1 and 3. The oath shall be signed by the member making it, certified by the officer before whom it is taken, and immediately filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

(** *6) Each trustee shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Six (6) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board, and a majority of those present shall be necessary for a decision.

(** *7) Subject to the limitations of Articles 1 and 3, the board shall establish rules and regulations for the administration of the system created by those articles and for the transaction of its business, and to give force and effect to the provisions of those articles wherever necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of the Legislature. The cited articles are remedial law and shall be liberally construed to accomplish their purposes.

(** *8) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in the event of a natural disaster or other occurrence that results in the failure of the retirement system's computer system or a significant disruption of the normal activities of the retirement system, the executive director of the board, or his or her deputy, shall be authorized to contract with another entity, governmental or private, during the period of the failure or disruption, for services, commodities, work space and supplies as necessary to carry out the administration of all systems and programs administered by the board. The board shall be authorized to pay the reasonable cost of those services, commodities, work space and supplies. At the meeting of the board next following the execution of a contract authorized under this subsection, documentation of the contract, including a description of the services, commodities, work space or supplies, the price thereof and the nature of the disaster or occurrence, shall be presented to the board and placed on the minutes of the board. Because of their emergency nature, purchases made under this subsection shall not be required to comply with the provisions of Section 31-7-13 or any other law governing public purchases.

(** *9) The computer equipment and software owned by the Public Employees' Retirement System are assets of the Trust Fund by virtue of the Constitution, Section 272-A and acquisition and operation thereof shall be under the jurisdiction of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

(** *10) The board shall elect a chairman and shall by a majority vote of all of its members appoint a secretary whose title shall be executive director, who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the board, who shall not be a member of the board of trustees, who shall be entitled to membership in the system, and who shall act as secretary of the board. The board of trustees shall employ such actuarial, investment, clerical and other employees as are required to transact the business of the system, and shall fix the compensation of all employees, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board.

(** *11) Each member of the board shall receive as compensation for his or her services Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) per month. All members of the board shall be reimbursed for their necessary traveling expenses, which shall be paid in accordance with the requirements of Section 25-3-41 or other applicable statutes with respect to traveling expenses of state officials and employees on official business. All members of the board shall be entitled to be members of the system and shall be entitled to creditable service for all time served as a member of the board, except for the retired ** * member, who shall not be entitled to be a member of the system and who shall be eligible to receive the retirement allowance and compensation for services from the system while serving as a member of the board. Members of the board who are employed in state service (as defined in Section 25-11-103) shall not be required to take annual leave from their state service employment while performing his or her official duties as a member of the board.

(** *12) All expenses of the board incurred in the administration of Articles 1 and 3 shall be paid from such funds as may be appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose or from administrative fees collected from political subdivisions or juristic entities of the state. Each political subdivision of the state and each instrumentality of the state or of a political subdivision or subdivisions that submit a plan for approval by the board as provided in Section 25-11-11 shall reimburse the board, for coverage into the administrative expense fund, its pro rata share of the total expense of administering Articles 1 and 3 as provided by regulations of the board.

(** *13) The Lieutenant Governor may designate two (2) Senators and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may designate two (2) Representatives to attend any meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System. The

appointing authorities may designate alternate members from their respective houses to serve when the regular designees are unable to attend the meetings of the board. The legislative designees shall have no jurisdiction or vote on any matter within the jurisdiction of the board. For attending meetings of the board, the legislators shall receive per diem and expenses, which shall be paid from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings of the board will be paid while the Legislature is in session. No per diem and expenses will be paid except for attending meetings of the board without prior approval of the proper committee in their respective houses.

SECTION 2. Section 25-11-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-11-123. All of the assets of the system shall be credited according to the purpose for which they are held to one (1) of four (4) reserves; namely, the annuity savings account, the annuity reserve, the employer's accumulation account, and the expense account.

(a) Annuity savings account. In the annuity savings account shall be accumulated the contributions made by members to provide for their annuities, including interest thereon which shall be posted monthly. Credits to and charges against the annuity savings account shall be made as follows:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2010, the employer shall cause to be deducted from the salary of each member on each and every payroll of the employer for each and every payroll period nine percent (9%) of earned compensation as defined in Section 25-11-103. Future contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation; however, any member earning at a rate less than Sixteen Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$16.67) per month, or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per year, shall contribute not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) per month, or Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per year.

(2) The deductions provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be made notwithstanding that the minimum compensation provided by law for any member is reduced by the deduction. Every member shall be deemed to consent and agree to the deductions made and provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall receipt for his full salary or compensation, and payment of salary or compensation less the deduction shall be a full and complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatsoever for the services rendered by the person during the period covered by the payment, except as to the benefits provided under Articles 1 and 3. The board shall provide by rules for the methods of collection of contributions from members and the employer. The board shall have full authority to require the production of evidence necessary to verify the correctness of amounts contributed.

(b) Annuity reserve. The annuity reserve shall be the account representing the actuarial value of all annuities in force, and to it shall be charged all annuities and all benefits in lieu of annuities, payable as provided in this article. If a beneficiary retired on account of disability is restored to active service with a compensation not less than his average final compensation at the time of his last retirement, the remainder of his contributions shall be transferred from the annuity reserve to the annuity savings account and credited to his individual account therein, and the balance of his annuity reserve shall be transferred to the employer's accumulation account.

(c) Employer's accumulation account. The employer's accumulation account shall represent the accumulation of all reserves for the payment of all retirement allowances and other benefits payable from contributions made by the employer, and against this account shall be charged all retirement allowances and other benefits on account of members. Credits to and charges against the employer's accumulation account shall be made as follows:

(1) On account of each member there shall be paid monthly into the employer's accumulation account by the employers for the preceding fiscal year an amount equal to a certain percentage of the total earned compensation, as defined in Section 25-11-103, of each member. The percentage rate of those contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation. * * * Political

subdivisions joining Article 3 of the Public Employees' Retirement System after July 1, 1968, may adjust the employer's contributions by agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide service credits for any period before execution of the agreement based upon an actuarial determination of employer's contribution rates. From and after the effective date of this act, the increase in the employer's contribution rate that is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2024, is rescinded and shall not take effect, and the board shall not provide for any increase in the employer's contribution rate through June 30, 2024.

(2) On the basis of regular interest and of such mortality and other tables as are adopted by the board of trustees, the actuary engaged by the board to make each valuation required by this article during the period over which the accrued liability contribution is payable, immediately after making that valuation, shall determine the uniform and constant percentage of the earnable compensation of each member which, if contributed by the employer on the basis of compensation of the member throughout his entire period of membership service, would be sufficient to provide for the payment of any retirement allowance payable on his account for that service. The percentage rate so determined shall be known as the "normal contribution rate." After the accrued liability contribution has ceased to be payable, the normal contribution rate shall be the percentage rate of the salary of all members obtained by deducting from the total liabilities on account of membership service the amount in the employer's accumulation account, and dividing the remainder by one percent (1%) of the present value of the prospective future salaries of all members as computed on the basis of the mortality and service tables adopted by the board of trustees and regular interest. The normal rate of contributions shall be determined by the actuary after each valuation.

(3) The total amount payable in each year to the employer's accumulation account shall not be less than the sum of the percentage rate known as the "normal contribution rate" and the "accrued liability contribution rate" of the total compensation earnable by all members during the preceding year, provided that the payment by the employer shall be sufficient, when combined with the amounts in the account, to provide the allowances and other benefits chargeable to this account during the year then current.

(4) The accrued liability contribution shall be discontinued as soon as the accumulated balance in the employer's accumulation account shall equal the present value, computed on the basis of the normal contribution rate then in force, or the prospective normal contributions to be received on account of all persons who are at that time members.

(5) All allowances and benefits in lieu thereof, with the exception of those payable on account of members who receive no prior service credit, payable from contributions of the employer, shall be paid from the employer's accumulation account.

(6) Upon the retirement of a member, an amount equal to his retirement allowance shall be transferred from the employer's accumulation account to the annuity reserve.

(7) The employer's accumulation account shall be credited with any assets authorized by law to be credited to the account.

(d) Expense account. The expense account shall be the account to which the expenses of the administration of the system shall be charged, exclusive of amounts payable as retirement allowances and as other benefits provided herein. The Legislature shall make annual appropriations in amounts sufficient to administer the system, which shall be credited to this account. There shall be transferred to the State Treasury from this account, not less than once per month, an amount sufficient for payment of the estimated expenses of the system for the succeeding thirty (30) days. Any interest earned on the expense account shall accrue to the benefit of the system. However, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 25-11-15(10) and 25-11-105(f)(v)5, all expenses of the administration of the system shall be paid from the interest earnings, provided the interest earnings are in excess of the actuarial interest assumption as determined by the board, and provided the present cost of the administrative expense fee of two percent (2%) of the contributions reported by the political subdivisions and instrumentalities shall be reduced to one percent (1%) from and after July 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984, and shall be eliminated thereafter.

(e) Collection of contributions. The employer shall cause to be deducted on each and every payroll of a member for each and every payroll period, beginning subsequent to January 31, 1953, the contributions payable by the member as provided in Articles 1 and 3.

The employer shall make deductions from salaries of employees as provided in Articles 1 and 3 and shall transmit monthly, or at such time as the board of trustees designates, the amount specified to be deducted to the Executive Director of the Public Employees' Retirement System. The executive director, after making a record of all those receipts, shall deposit such amounts as provided by law.

(f) (1) Upon the basis of each actuarial valuation provided herein, the board of trustees shall biennially determine the normal contribution rate and the accrued liability contribution rate as provided in this section. The sum of these two (2) rates shall be known as the "employer's contribution rate." * * * The percentage rate of those contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation.

(2) The amount payable by the employer on account of normal and accrued liability contributions shall be determined by applying the employer's contribution rate to the amount of compensation earned by employees who are members of the system. Monthly, or at such time as the board of trustees designates, each department or agency shall compute the amount of the employer's contribution payable, with respect to the salaries of its employees who are members of the system, and shall cause that amount to be paid to the board of trustees from the personal service allotment of the amount appropriated for the operation of the department or agency, or from funds otherwise available to the agency, for the payment of salaries to its employees.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-106:

(i) Constables shall pay employer and employee contributions on their net fee income as well as the employee contributions on all direct treasury or county payroll income.

(ii) The county shall be responsible for the employer contribution on all direct treasury or county payroll income of constables.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-106.1, chancery and circuit clerks shall be responsible for both the employer and employee share of contributions on the proportionate share of net income attributable to fees, as well as the employee share of net income attributable to direct treasury or county payroll income, and the employing county shall be responsible for the employer contributions on the net income attributable to direct treasury or county payroll income.

(5) Once each year, under procedures established by the system, each employer shall submit to the Public Employees' Retirement System a copy of their report to Social Security of all employees' earnings.

(6) The board shall provide by rules for the methods of collection of contributions of employers and members. The amounts determined due by an agency to the various funds as specified in Articles 1 and 3 are made obligations of the agency to the board and shall be paid as provided herein. Failure to deduct those contributions shall not relieve the employee and employer from liability thereof. Delinquent employee contributions and any accrued interest shall be the obligation of the employee and delinquent employer contributions and any accrued interest shall be the obligation of the employer. The employer may, in its discretion, elect to pay any or all of the interest on delinquent employee contributions. From and after July 1, 1996, under rules and regulations established by the board, all employers are authorized and shall transfer all funds due to the Public Employees' Retirement System electronically and shall transmit any wage or other reports by computerized reporting systems.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-11-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO RECONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE

STATE TREASURER, THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE, FOUR APPOINTEES OF THE GOVERNOR, THREE APPOINTEES OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, ONE RETIRED MEMBER RECEIVING A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FROM THE SYSTEM AND ELECTED BY THE RETIRED MEMBERS OR BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FROM THE SYSTEMS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD, AND ONE MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM HAVING AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE AND ELECTED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD; TO PROVIDE FOR STAGGERED TERMS OF FOUR YEARS FOR TRUSTEES AFTER THE INITIAL TERMS; TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE APPOINTED AND ELECTED TRUSTEES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR'S AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS BE SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; TO AMEND SECTION 25-11-123, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INCREASE IN THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE THAT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2024, IS RESCINDED AND SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT, AND THE BOARD SHALL NOT PROVIDE FOR ANY INCREASE IN THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1590**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--34.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Eubanks. Total-2.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

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

H. B. No. 1590: PERS; reconstitute membership of board and rescind scheduled employer's contribution increase.

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare supplements.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1350. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Anthony. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hood called up:

H. B. No. 1352: Telephone solicitors; prohibit calls regarding Medicare supplements and to consumers opting out of all calls.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1352. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Anthony. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Kinkade called up:

H. B. No. 1206: Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, raccoons and bobcats with dogs and guns.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1206**. On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Evans. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hines, Johnson, Smith. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from prelicensing requirements.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 819**. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Turner called up:

H. B. No. 1527: HIV medications; prohibit health plans and Medicaid from subjecting to protocols that restrict dispensing of.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1527. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Crawford, Ford, K, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--4.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Rushing called up:

H. B. No. 868: "Property Cleanup Revolving Fund"; establish.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 868. On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Yates called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1560: Governmental tort immunity; bring forward sections.

Rep. Owen called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 445: Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations.

H. B. No. 1382: Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to.

H. B. No. 1351: Child placed in foster care; clarify that youth court must be consulted before placement is revised.

Rep. Owen called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1342: Controlled substances; bring forward sections for unlawful possession of.

H. B. No. 1455: Work initiative; remove cap on number of inmates who may participate in and revise certain reporting requirements for.

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles.

H. B. No. 1015: DPS; authorize inspectors to assist other officers.

Rep. Aguirre called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1214: Joint Legislative Study Committee on Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and Other Digital Assets; create.

Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes called up for consideration the following bill and was read for the third time:

H. B. No. 728: Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities.

Rep. Stevenson called up for consideration separately, and in order, the following bills and were read for the third time:

H. B. No. 1091: Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption.

H. B. No. 1623: Tourism project sales tax incentive program; bring forward sections of law relating to.

H. B. No. 659: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21.

H. B. No. 1060: Performance bonds; increase threshold amount in public works contracts.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2926: Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hallie Jeanne Harris Herring, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Monroe James Necaize, Sheryl Ann Atkinson, Michael Joseph McCann, and Linda Marie Dedeaux, which motion prevailed.

At 4:31 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, March 14, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

(SEVENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor David Hays, Union Baptist Church, Raleigh.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2348: State Workforce Investment Board; make technical changes to provisions related thereto.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 526: Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange.

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.

S. B. No. 2145: Defending Affordable Prescription Drug Costs Act; enact to prohibit discriminating against 340B drug discount program entities.

S. B. No. 2161: Medicaid reimbursements; revise certain provisions relating to a psychiatric residential treatment facility in DeSoto County.

S. B. No. 2268: Missing or unidentified persons; provide procedures regarding investigation of.

S. B. No. 2341: Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding.

S. B. No. 2406: MS Public Records Act; exempt certain private information of persons conducting in-state operations.

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process.

S. B. No. 2567: On-premises tobacco permit; authorize Department of Revenue to issue.

S. B. No. 2568: Native wineries; authorize to make sales at one satellite location in same county.

S. B. No. 2628: Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act; enact.

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments.

S. B. No. 2690: Charter schools; set certain school accreditation rating requirements for renewal of charter.

S. B. No. 2725: University System Efficiency Task Force; create to examine the efficiency of the state public university system.

S. B. No. 2733: Pharmaceuticals; authorize the Division of Medicaid to establish a wholesale prescription drug importation program.

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.

S. B. No. 2853: Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Corporation; create.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2062: Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force Act; enact. Education.

S. B. No. 2135: Shoplifting; modify finding required before imposing a sentence of imprisonment. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2177: Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2218: Mississippi Ireland Trade Commission; establish. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2320: Motor vehicles; require proof of liability insurance before license tag or decal may be issued or renewed. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2355: Walker's Law; enact to criminalize sexual extortion. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2381: Pawnbrokers; remove the requirement of on-premises retention of purchased goods. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2382: Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2407: Assistant teachers; revise certain licensure requirements. Education.

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2457: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2466: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2493: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2495: County boards of supervisors; may designate board attorney to serve as hearing officer in disputes regarding delinquent solid waste fees. County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2514: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of. Military Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2519: Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create. Agriculture.

S. B. No. 2529: District attorneys; amend provision related to temporary appointments. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2532: Bonds; clarify municipalities and counties may issue serial and single term. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2543: Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; create a cap adjustment based on the loan amount. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2684: Department of Education; to require to study and develop guidance on technology, nutrition and transportation. Education.

S. B. No. 2698: Cyber Security Review Board; create. Technology.

S. B. No. 2707: Business Improvement District Act; technical amendments. Municipalities.

S. B. No. 2708: Department of Public Safety Headquarters; authorize DPS to sell or lease the land. Public Property; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2830: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise definition and annual report due date, and correct agency reference. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2846: Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects. Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2856: Cleaning dilapidated property; bring forward code sections related to. Municipalities; County Affairs.

S. B. No. 2903: MS Deferred Comp; allow Roth and other after-tax accounts, and comply with qualified domestic relations orders. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2904: PERS; require any terminated plan to pay unfunded actuarial accrued liability to board in a lump sum before termination. State Affairs; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2917: Capitol Complex Improvement District; define authority. Ways and Means.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2298: Bonds; raise maximum fee paid to state's bond attorney from \$500.00 to \$750.00 for validation and issuance of. Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1831: (Representatives Wallace, Banks, Bell (65th), Brown, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Nelson, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of Rose E. McCoy Auditorium at Jackson State University. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1832: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Nelson, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction of an emergency access road at Hawkins Field. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1833: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham) Appropriation; City of Natchez for stormwater infrastructure projects. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1834: (Representatives Mims, Cockerham, Mangold, Porter) Appropriation; Southwest Mississippi Community College for new women's dormitory and campus infrastructure projects. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1835: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Hinds County for equipping new courtrooms for the four special judges appointed to the Hinds County Circuit Court. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1836: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing the roof and associated repairs to the Hinds County Circuit Courthouse. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1837: (Representatives Harness, Johnson) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for repairs, renovations and upgrades at Grand Gulf Military Park. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1838: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1839: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1840: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of Block Foster Road Bridge. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1841: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of Brown Road Bridge. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1842: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for upgrades and improvements to parks and recreational areas and facilities. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1843: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Fayette for purchasing land for an economic development project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1844: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for drainage improvements throughout the county. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1845: (Representatives Brown, Banks) Appropriation; City of Jackson for installation of surveillance cameras in Ward 4. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1846: (Representatives Brown, Banks) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making improvements to Grove Park in Ward 4. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1847: (Representatives Brown, Summers) Appropriation; Hinds County for purchasing body cameras and additional vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1848: (Representative Brown) Appropriation; City of Jackson for repair and maintenance of bridge and sidewalks in Ward 4. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1849: (Representatives Banks, Bell (65th), Brown, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Holloway (76th), Nelson, Summers) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory in Rankin County. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1850: (Representatives Massengill, Faulkner) Marshall County; authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1851: (Representatives Massengill, Faulkner) Marshall County; authorize contribution to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1852: (Representative Massengill) Marshall County; authorize a contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1853: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing road and installing lighting on Siwell Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1854: (Representative Felsher) Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1855: (Representative Oliver) Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1856: (Representative Lamar) Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1857: (Representative Lamar) Appropriation; MDA for MS Main Street Revitalization Grant Program projects. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1858: (Representatives Jackson (45th), Calvert, Mickens) Appropriation; Kemper County to run gas and water lines from DeKalb to Scooba. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1859: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for Phase I of project to reconstruct portion of McBride Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1860: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Jefferson County for purchasing new fire trucks. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1861: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; 22nd Circuit Court District for additional funding for Intervention Court Program. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1862: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for purchase of two new fire trucks and making repairs and upgrades to the fire stations. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1863: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for repairs, upgrades and improvements to roads in the county. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1864: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; Claiborne County for security upgrades to county law enforcement and detention buildings. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1865: (Representatives Jackson (45th), Mickens) Appropriation; Kemper County for making renovations to Barney Brown Senior Citizens' Building. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1866: (Representatives Jackson (45th), Mickens) Appropriation; Kemper County for making renovations to the local library. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1867: (Representatives Jackson (45th), Calvert, Mickens) Appropriation; Kemper County for constructing a centrally located sports complex. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1868: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize hiring of additional part-time county prosecuting attorneys. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1869: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1870: (Representative Cockerham) Appropriations; UMMC to conduct review and prepare report about health care services available to Medicaid recipients with rare diseases. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1871: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for water, sewer and police department projects. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1872: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize contributions to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1873: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1874: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 49: (Representative Yates) Locke Ward; commend for efforts to revitalize our capital city and honor for galvanizing others to do the same. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 50: (Representative Mansell) Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir; commend upon winning 100th Grand Champion title. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 51: (Representative Lamar) Lawrence "Bud" Young; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement. Rules.

H. R. No. 68: (Representatives Carpenter, Massengill) Head Coach Craig Dailey; commend for earning sixteen basketball championship titles. Rules.

H. R. No. 69: (Representative Carpenter) Delta Academy "Lady Raiders" Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 70: (Representatives Massengill, Thompson) Theo Carouthers; commend upon being named 2023 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 71: (Representatives Thompson, Faulkner, Hulum) L.C. Gladney; commend extraordinary service in World War II and many contributions to his community. Rules.

H. R. No. 72: (Representative Young) Meridian High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 7A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 73: (Representative Blackmon) The Piney Woods School; designate April 10, 2024, as Piney Woods Day at the Capitol. Rules.

H. R. No. 74: (Representative Blackmon) Canton Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 75: (Representative Steverson) Blue Mountain High School "Lady Cougars" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Girls Basketball State Championship. Rules.

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1087:** (Ballot harvesting; include certain definitions in prohibition on.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1655:** (Candidate qualifications; revise process for.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yates called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 342:** (Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yates called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1607:** (Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1163**: (Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed for purposes of an amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bailey:

AMEND by striking lines 58 through 64.
AMEND Further on line 46 by striking "(a)".
Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1163**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Clark, Rushing. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative McCarty called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1548**: (Cardiac emergency response plan; require local school district to implement.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McCarty:

Amend on line 59 by inserting "annually" before the semicolon.
Further, amend on line 66 by adding the following after the period:
"A school or local and regional board of education may accept gifts, grants and donations, including in-kind donations designated for the purchase of an AED that meets the standards established by the United States Food and Drug Administration and for the costs incurred to inspect and maintain such device and train staff in the use of such device."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1548**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Aguirre called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1214**: (Joint Legislative Study Committee on Blockchain, Cryptocurrency, and Other Digital Assets; create.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed for purposes of an amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Aguirre:

AMEND on line 77 by deleting the words "its passage" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1214**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Currie, Ladner. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Summers. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Newman called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 974:** (State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed for purposes of an amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Karriem:

Amend after line 47 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 2. Section 1, Chapter 393, Laws of 2019, is amended as follows:

Section 1. (1) The Mississippi Development Authority is authorized to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, in whole or in part, in a manner as determined in the sole discretion of the authority, the following described real property and any improvements thereon:

TRACT I DESCRIPTION #1:

Commencing at a set nail in pavement at the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15, T-18-S, R-18-W, Lowndes County, Mississippi; thence N88°35'46"E, a distance of 499.86 feet to the point of beginning and at state plane coordinate N1456560.6170 E1113430.5090, based on NAD-83, Mississippi East 2301 zone; from said point of beginning thence N00°45'46"W, a distance of 751.70 feet; thence N12°17'40"W, a distance of 169.79 feet; thence N05°28'05"W, a distance of 263.88 feet; thence N06°23'26"W, a distance of 152.45 feet; thence N87°58'02"E, a distance of 1,534.95 feet; thence S39°27'31"W, a distance of 1,076.12 feet; thence S50°32'29"E, a distance of 41.01 feet; thence S39°27'31"W, a distance of 669.20 feet; thence S88°02'45"W, a distance 368.41 feet to the point of beginning located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 15, T-18-S, R-18-W, Lowndes County, Mississippi and containing 28.4373 acres, more or less.

TRACT II DESCRIPTION #1:

Commencing at the SE corner of Block 11, lot 6 of the Interstate City Addition, City of Columbus; thence N27°15'13"E, a distance of 412.90 feet; thence N50°32'29"W, a distance of 159.57 feet; thence N50°32'29"W, a distance of 30.01 feet to the point of beginning and at state plane coordinate N1457279.0334 E1114792.1955, based on NAD-83, Mississippi East 2301 zone; from said point of beginning thence S37°48'10"W, a distance of 390.43 feet; thence N50°32'29"W, a distance of 246.76 feet; thence N39°27'31"E, a distance of 390.27 feet; thence S50°32'29"E, a distance of 235.48 feet to the point of beginning, located in the Block 12, lot 3, 4, 5 & 6 of the Interstate City Addition, City of Columbus and containing 2.1603 acres, more or less.

TRACT II DESCRIPTION #2:

Beginning and Commencing at the SE corner of Block 11, lot 6 of the Interstate City Addition, City of Columbus and at state plane coordinate N1456791.4860 E1114749.4870, based on NAD-83, Mississippi East 2301 zone; thence N50°32'29"W, a distance of 235.19 feet; thence N37°48'10"E, a distance of 403.74 feet; thence S50°32'29"E, a distance of 159.57 feet; thence S27°15'13"W, a distance of 412.90 feet to the point of beginning, located in the Block 11, lot 3, 4, 5 & 6 of the Interstate City Addition, City of Columbus and containing 1.8287 acres, more or less.

(2) The Mississippi Development Authority may pay the cost of title search, perfection of title, title insurance, legal fees and recording fees and other costs as may be required to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of the property.

(3) In the event that any or all of the real property and improvements described in subsection (1) of this section is sold, the real property * * * may be sold for less than fair market value at the sole discretion of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(4) Any proceeds from the sale of the land, and any improvements thereon, listed in subsection (1) of this section, shall be deposited into the * * * Mississippi Existing Industry Productivity Loan Program Bond Sinking Fund, established under Section 57-93-1, and administered by the Mississippi Development Authority.

(5) The * * * Mississippi Development Authority may correct any discrepancies in the legal description of the property provided in this section."

Further, amend by renumbering succeeding sections accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform on line 6 by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 393, LAWS OF 2019, TO PROVIDE THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO SELL CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN LOWNDES COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROCEEDS GENERATED FROM THE SALE OF THE LAND SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE MISSISSIPPI EXISTING INDUSTRY PRODUCTIVITY LOAN PROGRAM BOND SINKING FUND; TO PROVIDE MDA MAY CORRECT ANY DISCREPANCIES IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 974**. On motion of Rep. Newman the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up:

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1830**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott,

Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1779: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

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

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1776, H. B. No. 1777, H. B. No. 1778, H. B. No. 1779, H. B. No. 1780, H. B. No. 1781, H. B. No. 1782, H. B. No. 1783, H. B. No. 1784, H. B. No. 1785, H. B. No. 1786, H. B. No. 1787, H. B. No. 1788, H. B. No. 1789, H. B. No. 1790** and **H. B. No. 1792**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bills considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure,

Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Harris. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up:

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1791**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Clark. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Keen, Kinkade, McMillan. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up:

H. B. No. 1793: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology and Barbering, Board of.

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1793, H. B. No. 1794, H. B. No. 1795, H. B. No. 1797, H. B. No. 1798, H. B. No. 1800, H. B. No. 1801, H. B. No. 1803, H. B. No. 1804, H. B. No. 1805, H. B. No. 1806, H. B. No. 1807, H. B. No. 1808** and **H. B. No. 1810**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bills considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Kinkade. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up:

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1796**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood,

Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Kinkade. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up:

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1799.** On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Hawkins, Kinkade, Newman. Total-4.

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

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Deweese called up:

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1802.** On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee,

McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Nelson. Total-2.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1813: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1811, H. B. No. 1812, H. B. No. 1813, H. B. No. 1814, H. B. No. 1815, H. B. No. 1817, H. B. No. 1818, H. B. No. 1819, H. B. No. 1820 and H. B. No. 1821.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bills considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Kinkade, Mattox, McMillan. Total-4.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1816: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Mims:

AMEND on line 262 by deleting the words "special funds" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Capital Expense Funds"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1816.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Carpenter, Hale, Kinkade. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1822.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1823. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Kinkade, Summers. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1824. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scott, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--90.

Nays--Anderson, B, Arnold, Blackwell, Boyd, R, Calvert, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, McKnight, Newman, Owen, Remak, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey. Total--29.

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

Present--Faulkner. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1825.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Ford, J, Hood, Kinkade. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1826.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Lamar, McMillan. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1091: Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption.

On motion of Rep. Lamar **H. B. No. 1091:** (Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption.) was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1623: Tourism project sales tax incentive program; bring forward sections of law relating to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1623. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 659: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21.

On motion of Rep. Lamar **H. B. No. 659:** (Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21.) was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, which motion prevailed.

Representative Owen called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1622:** (Towing of commercial vehicles; regulate the nonconsensual towing of by towing and recovery services.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Owen called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1074:** (Terroristic threats; increase penalties when made against an airport.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 10:48 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:00 PM.

At 1:06 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 728: Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Bailey:

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1060: Performance bonds; increase threshold amount in public works contracts.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 104 by inserting the following after the period:

"For any such contract, if a subcontractor of the general contractor for the contract does not have general liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount required by this subsection, then the general contractor shall be liable for any amount under such minimum amount of coverage for which the subcontractor is underinsured or not insured."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1060**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bailey withdrew the foregoing point of order.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

Amend on line 212 by inserting the following after "2024": ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024".

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 728**. On motion of Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Eubanks, Foster, Gibbs, J, Hale, Hall, Harness, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--31.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, Owen. Total-2.

Present--Brown, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, K, Hines, McCray. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Owen called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1455: Work initiative; remove cap on number of inmates who may participate in and revise certain reporting requirements for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1455**. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Hines, Karriem. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Owen called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1323.** On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Owen called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

AMEND on line 11 after the word "felony" by inserting the following: "that is not defined as a crime of violence in Section 97-3-2"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 13 and 14 by deleting all language beginning with the word "which" through the word "suspended".

AMEND FURTHER on line 18 after the word "felony" by inserting the following: "that is defined as a crime of violence in Section 97-3-2"

AMEND FURTHER on line 20 by deleting "ten (10)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "twenty (20)"

AMEND FURTHER by deleting subsection (3) in its entirety.

AMEND TITLE by deleting all language on line 2 and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"TO REVISE THE TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR USE OF A"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1441.** On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bailey, Hulum, Karriem, Osborne, Taylor. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Evans, Faulkner, James-Jones. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Owen called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Calvert:

Amend on lines 41 and 42 by deleting all language after the comma.

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1208. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Guice, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Horan, Hurst, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--67.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Grady, Hale, Hall, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Karriem, Ladner, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--43.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Boyd, R, Cockerham, Felsher, Luther-Waldo, Smith. Total-6.

Present--Clark, Harness, Jackson, L, Mickens, Porter, Rosebud. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Owen called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1023. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Anthony, Bell, C, Clark, Crudup, Harness, Karriem, Rosebud, Scott, Summers. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, Hulum, Johnson, Smith. Total-4.

Present--Gibbs, J, Hines. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Owen called up the following bill which had been read the third time:

H. B. No. 1015: DPS; authorize inspectors to assist other officers.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1015. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, Nelson, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--26.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Harness, Horne, Luther-Waldo, Turner. Total-5.

Present--Banks, Boyd, R, Hines, Rosebud. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Felsher called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1639**: (Delta Regional Health Authority; create task force on the establishment of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Owen called up the following bill which had laid on the table subject to call and read the third time:

H. B. No. 445: Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Owen:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 63-1-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-53. (1) Upon failure of any person to respond timely and properly to a summons or citation charging such person with any violation of this title, or upon failure of any person to pay timely any fine, fee or assessment levied as a result of any violation of this title, the clerk of the court shall give written notice to such person by United States first-class mail at his last known address advising such person that, if within ninety (90) days after such notice is deposited in the mail, the person has not properly responded to the summons or citation or has not paid the entire amount of all fines, fees and assessments levied, then the court will give notice thereof to the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue to be applied as a lien against any income tax returns or monies owed to the person. If within ninety (90) days after the notice is given in accordance with this subsection such person has not satisfactorily disposed of the matter pending before the court, then the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall send notice of the matter to the Commissioner of the Department of Revenue who shall place a lien for the unpaid amount against any income tax returns or other monies designated by the Department of Revenue for that person, and pursue collection as for any other delinquent payment, and shall be entitled to collection of all additional fees in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.

(2) The commissioner is hereby authorized to suspend the license of an operator without preliminary hearing upon a showing by his records or other sufficient evidence that the licensee:

(a) Has committed an offense for which mandatory revocation of license is required upon conviction except under the provisions of the Mississippi Implied Consent Law;

(b) Has been involved as a driver in any accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another or serious property damage;

(c) Is an habitually reckless or negligent driver of a motor vehicle;

(d) Has been convicted with such frequency of serious offenses against traffic regulations governing the movement of vehicles as to indicate a disrespect for traffic laws and a disregard for the safety of other persons on the highways;

(e) Is incompetent to drive a motor vehicle;

(f) Has permitted an unlawful or fraudulent use of such license;

(g) Has committed an offense in another state which if committed in this state would be grounds for suspension or revocation; or

(h) Has committed a violation for which mandatory revocation of license is required upon conviction, entering a plea of nolo contendere to, or adjudication of delinquency, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (1) of Section 63-1-71.

(3) Notice that a person's license is suspended or will be suspended under subsection (2) of this section shall be given by the commissioner in the manner and at the time provided for under Section 63-1-52, and upon such person's request, he shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing as early as practicable, but not to exceed twenty

(20) days after receipt of such request in the county wherein the licensee resides unless the department and the licensee agree that such hearing may be held in some other county. Upon such hearing the commissioner, or his duly authorized agent, may administer oaths and may issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of relevant books and papers and may require a reexamination of the licensee. Upon such hearing the commissioner shall either rescind any order of suspension or, good cause appearing therefor, may extend any suspension of such license or revoke such license.

(4) If a licensee has not paid all cash appearance bonds authorized under Section 99-19-3 or all fines, fees or other assessments levied as a result of a violation of this title within ninety (90) days after receiving notice of the licensee's failure to pay all fines, fees or other assessments as provided in subsection (1) of this section, the court is authorized to pursue collection under Section 21-17-1(6) or 19-3-41(2) as for any other delinquent payment, and shall be entitled to collection of all additional fees authorized under those sections.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-53, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO CREATE A LIEN AGAINST INCOME TAX RETURNS FOR PAST DUE UNPAID TRAFFIC FEES AND FINES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

LOST

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

Representative Barnett entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 526: Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Burch and Lott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of P. S. Garner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dale Foster, which motion prevailed.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Fick, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Bartley Boykin, which motion prevailed.

At 2:28 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 15, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

(SEVENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Felsher.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2240: Board of Medical Licensure; revise licensure status, definitions, procedure, fines and temporary practice authority.

S. B. No. 2500: Homeless encampments; prohibit on public property and define as public nuisance on private property.

S. B. No. 2576: Voter ID; clarify what constitutes a valid voter ID.

S. B. No. 2744: Community mental health centers; rename and require certain oversight measures by Department of Mental Health.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2156: Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC.

S. B. No. 2159: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure.

S. B. No. 2549: Chancery clerk; increase fees for recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands.

S. B. No. 2557: Ground lease for solar installation at Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experimental Stations; authorize.

S. B. No. 2639: Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; bring forward certain code sections regarding.

S. B. No. 2714: Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize as alternative placements for children and youth in CPS custody.

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.

S. B. No. 2858: Patients with life-threatening or debilitating illness; authorize to receive individualized investigative treatment.

S. B. No. 2860: Medication Aide Act; enact to allow aides to assist in the administration of medication in personal care homes.

S. B. No. 2862: Radiological health services; authorize Board of Health to collect fees in congruence with certain federal regulation.

S. B. No. 2871: The Mississippi Juvenile Tobacco Access Prevention Act of 1997; amend to provide consistent reference to age.

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

S. B. No. 2874: State Board of Funeral Service; require certain continuing education courses for licensees.

S. B. No. 2883: Community health workers; revise provisions of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2776: Immediate possession; authorize for certain public agencies for roads & public utilities for an economic development project.

S. B. No. 2886: Nicotine vapor device directory; require manufacturers to provide certification, set penalties and other provisions.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2180: Department of Public Safety; remove prior written approval for certain events and authorize enforcement of certain ordinances.

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information.

S. B. No. 2644: Harvest permit license tag; increase weight category for.

S. B. No. 2649: Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director.

S. B. No. 2682: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.

S. B. No. 2762: Retainage; further define and outline the process related to.

S. B. No. 2823: Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2004: Grain grading; require state or federal certification and compliance with Federal Grain Inspection Service standards.

S. B. No. 2244: Foster care children; allow free access to museums and state parks, allow free transcripts from colleges and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2302: State agencies; notify Legislature of proposed rule adoption.

S. B. No. 2631: State property; amend MDAC ability to expend funding for the Ag Museum and clarify the location of state fairgrounds.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2261: Child support; make certain amendments to provision concerning recovery from delinquent noncustodial parents.

S. B. No. 2417: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections.

S. B. No. 2422: Election disputes; specify judges with jurisdiction to hear.

S. B. No. 2535: Divorce; authorize a court to grant when it is determined that a marriage is irretrievably broken.

S. B. No. 2599: Alternative Incarceration Methodology (AIM) and intervention courts; bring forward statutes related thereto.

S. B. No. 2604: Public utilities contracts; allow certain bids to be submitted electronically.

S. B. No. 2606: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

S. B. No. 2647: Mississippi Comprehensive Coastal Conservation and Restoration Act of 2024; enact.

S. B. No. 2740: Insurance; authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions to pool risk.

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership.

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2037: Child support award; cost of health insurance coverage obtained by noncustodial parent considered in determining.

S. B. No. 2058: Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act; amend to include justice court judges.

S. B. No. 2226: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2262: Child support; revise provision related to in order to mirror current DHS practice and federal requirements.

S. B. No. 2325: Forestry Facility Grant Program; bring forward.

S. B. No. 2494: State agency property; authorize DFA as central leasing agent for all state agencies.

S. B. No. 2502: Counties; shorten notice requirement for special meetings from five days to three days.

S. B. No. 2526: Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; bring forward provisions for possible amendment.

S. B. No. 2530: Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create.

S. B. No. 2544: Public deposit bidding; conform processes.

S. B. No. 2580: In-person early voting; allow.

S. B. No. 2603: Excavation; revise procedures and required white lining in certain stances.

S. B. No. 2645: Mississippi Department of Transportation; design-build requirement revisions.

S. B. No. 2681: Certified Academic Language Therapists; allow to help instruct students with dyslexia in schools.

S. B. No. 2689: State subject area tests and accountability standards; replace with college prep test and revise provisions.

S. B. No. 2693: Failing schools and districts of transformation; revise certain provisions related thereto.

S. B. No. 2703: Cybersecurity; prohibit agencies from paying ransoms.

S. B. No. 2724: Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance and Promise Grant Program; create to provide financial assistance to students.

S. B. No. 2728: University of Mississippi; authorize to enter long-term lease with approval of I.H.L.

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact.

S. B. No. 2849: ATVs & UTVs; require titling, and exempt from ad valorem tax when held by retailers on consignment or floor plan basis.

S. B. No. 2907: PERS optional retirement program for IHL employees; revise remittance of employer's contribution based on start date.

S. B. No. 2916: Lobbying; require lobbyists with a material financial interest in an issue or bill to register with legislative officers.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2602: PSC and Public Utilities Staff; clarify ability to receive campaign contributions or participate in political activity.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2268: Missing or unidentified persons; provide procedures regarding investigation of. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2348: State Workforce Investment Board; make technical changes to provisions related thereto. Workforce Development; Appropriations A.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1875: (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with wastewater treatment projects. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1876: (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with widening Dedeaux Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1877: (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with improvements to parks and recreational facilities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1878: (Representatives Haney, Hulum) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with construction of a natatorium. Ways and Means.

H. R. No. 76: (Representative Rosebud) Charleston High School Tigers Football Team; commend for winning the 2023 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Norma Jean Conerly Lea, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eva Marie Nervis Farrish Ford, and Louise Ellen Murray Stewart, which motion prevailed.

At 9:07 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 18, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

(SEVENTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age.

S. B. No. 2132: Child support; withhold gaming winnings of persons who have outstanding child support arrearages.

S. B. No. 2275: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to the Board of Supervisors of Greene County.

S. B. No. 2311: Sheriffs; revise cap on annual salary supplement.

S. B. No. 2441: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit distribution or sale of certain products.

S. B. No. 2579: Absentee ballots; change receipt deadline.

S. B. No. 2635: Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles.

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for.

S. B. No. 2697: Property exemption; property used exclusively and directly for certain purposes belongs to the foundation using it.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2465: Public property; direct MDOT to convey certain land used as a park to the City of Marks.

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of.

S. B. No. 2780: Authority of Secretary of State to approve leases located on Public Trust Tidelands; clarify.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2651: Trespass to hunt, fish, shoot or trap; revise offense description, and impose penalties and fees.

S. B. No. 2699: Purchasing law; raise expenditure triggering requirements for competitive bids.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi Youth Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties.

S. B. No. 2888: Medical Cannabis Research Advisory Board; enact and create the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Research Program.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2156: Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2159: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure. Business and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2226: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2261: Child support; make certain amendments to provision concerning recovery from delinquent noncustodial parents. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2417: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections. Business and Commerce; Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2549: Chancery clerk; increase fees for recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2557: Ground lease for solar installation at Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experimental Stations; authorize. Universities and Colleges; Energy.

S. B. No. 2602: PSC and Public Utilities Staff; clarify ability to receive campaign contributions or participate in political activity. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2639: Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; bring forward certain code sections regarding. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2693: Failing schools and districts of transformation; revise certain provisions related thereto. Education.

S. B. No. 2703: Cybersecurity; prohibit agencies from paying ransoms. Technology.

S. B. No. 2714: Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize as alternative placements for children and youth in CPS custody. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership. Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2858: Patients with life-threatening or debilitating illness; authorize to receive individualized investigative treatment. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2860: Medication Aide Act; enact to allow aides to assist in the administration of medication in personal care homes. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2862: Radiological health services; authorize Board of Health to collect fees in congruence with certain federal regulation. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for. Business and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2874: State Board of Funeral Service; require certain continuing education courses for licensees. Business and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2883: Community health workers; revise provisions of. Public Health and Human Services; Medicaid.

S. B. No. 2886: Nicotine vapor device directory; require manufacturers to provide certification, set penalties and other provisions. Business and Commerce.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2004: Grain grading; require state or federal certification and compliance with Federal Grain Inspection Service standards. Agriculture.

S. B. No. 2037: Child support award; cost of health insurance coverage obtained by noncustodial parent considered in determining. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2058: Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act; amend to include justice court judges. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2240: Board of Medical Licensure; revise licensure status, definitions, procedure, fines and temporary practice authority. Public Health and Human Services; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2244: Foster care children; allow free access to museums and state parks, allow free transcripts from colleges and junior colleges. Youth and Family Affairs; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2341: Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding. Public Health and Human Services; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2406: MS Public Records Act; exempt certain private information of persons conducting in-state operations. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2422: Election disputes; specify judges with jurisdiction to hear. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2500: Homeless encampments; prohibit on public property and define as public nuisance on private property. Municipalities; Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2567: On-premises tobacco permit; authorize Department of Revenue to issue. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2576: Voter ID; clarify what constitutes a valid voter ID. Apportionment and Elections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2599: Alternative Incarceration Methodology (AIM) and intervention courts; bring forward statutes related thereto. Judiciary B; Corrections.

S. B. No. 2604: Public utilities contracts; allow certain bids to be submitted electronically. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2606: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2647: Mississippi Comprehensive Coastal Conservation and Restoration Act of 2024; enact. Marine Resources; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments. Marine Resources.

S. B. No. 2690: Charter schools; set certain school accreditation rating requirements for renewal of charter. Education.

S. B. No. 2740: Insurance; authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions to pool risk. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals. Business and Commerce; Public Health and Human Services.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 2142: Designate American Quarter Horse as the "Official State Horse of the State of Mississippi." State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2145: Defending Affordable Prescription Drug Costs Act; enact to prohibit discriminating against 340B drug discount program entities. Drug Policy; Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2161: Medicaid reimbursements; revise certain provisions relating to a psychiatric residential treatment facility in DeSoto County. Medicaid; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2262: Child support; revise provision related to in order to mirror current DHS practice and federal requirements. Youth and Family Affairs; Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2302: State agencies; notify Legislature of proposed rule adoption. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2332: MAEP; revise funding formula. Education; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2404: State Bond Attorney; authorize interim appointment in case of conflict of interest. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2444: Central Mississippi Pilot Prison Industries program; expand to all state, regional and private correctional facilities. Corrections; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2451: Corrections; require implementation of improved model for projecting inmate population growth. Corrections; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2535: Divorce; authorize a court to grant when it is determined that a marriage is irretrievably broken. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2568: Native wineries; authorize to make sales at one satellite location in same county. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2580: In-person early voting; allow. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2601: Utility Service; prevent government restrictions based on energy source required. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2628: Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act; enact. Public Utilities; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2631: State property; amend MDAC ability to expend funding for the Ag Museum and clarify the location of state fairgrounds. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2725: University System Efficiency Task Force; create to examine the efficiency of the state public university system. Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2733: Pharmaceuticals; authorize the Division of Medicaid to establish a wholesale prescription drug importation program. Medicaid; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2776: Immediate possession; authorize for certain public agencies for roads & public utilities for an economic development project. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2871: The Mississippi Juvenile Tobacco Access Prevention Act of 1997; amend to provide consistent reference to age. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2907: PERS optional retirement program for IHL employees; revise remittance of employer's contribution based on start date. State Affairs.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2279: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Drug Policy.

S. B. No. 2325: Forestry Facility Grant Program; bring forward. Forestry; Appropriations B.

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers. Corrections.

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer and authorize parole for certain juvenile homicide offenders. Corrections.

S. B. No. 2494: State agency property; authorize DFA as central leasing agent for all state agencies. State Affairs; Public Property.

S. B. No. 2502: Counties; shorten notice requirement for special meetings from five days to three days. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2526: Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; bring forward provisions for possible amendment. Medicaid; Corrections.

S. B. No. 2530: Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Insurance.

S. B. No. 2544: Public deposit bidding; conform processes. Banking and Financial Services.

S. B. No. 2600: Parole and probation officers' study committee; study transferring authority and functions to DPS. Corrections; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2603: Excavation; revise procedures and required white lining in certain stances. Public Utilities.

S. B. No. 2645: Mississippi Department of Transportation; design-build requirement revisions. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2653: Design-build method of contracting; extend repealer for use by State Port Authority. Ports, Harbors and Airports.

S. B. No. 2662: Drones; allow use of for hunting, trapping and taking wild hogs. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

S. B. No. 2681: Certified Academic Language Therapists; allow to help instruct students with dyslexia in schools. Education.

S. B. No. 2689: State subject area tests and accountability standards; replace with college prep test and revise provisions. Education.

S. B. No. 2700: State offenders serving sentences in county jails; repeal repealer. Corrections.

S. B. No. 2724: Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance and Promise Grant Program; create to provide financial assistance to students. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2728: University of Mississippi; authorize to enter long-term lease with approval of I.H.L. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2849: ATVs & UTVs; require titling, and exempt from ad valorem tax when held by retailers on consignment or floor plan basis. Business and Commerce; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2853: Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Corporation; create. State Affairs; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2916: Lobbying; require lobbyists with a material financial interest in an issue or bill to register with legislative officers. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2132: Child support; withhold gaming winnings of persons who have outstanding child support arrearages. Gaming; Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2180: Department of Public Safety; remove prior written approval for certain events and authorize enforcement of municipal code. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2275: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to the Board of Supervisors of Greene County. Public Property; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2311: Sheriffs; revise cap on annual salary supplement. County Affairs; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information. Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2441: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit distribution or sale of certain products. Business and Commerce.

S. B. No. 2465: Public property; direct MDOT to convey certain land used as a park to the City of Marks. Public Property.

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2579: Absentee ballots; change receipt deadline. Apportionment and Elections.

S. B. No. 2635: Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles. Transportation.

S. B. No. 2644: Harvest permit license tag; increase weight category for. Transportation; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2682: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on. Education; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto. Education.

S. B. No. 2744: Community mental health centers; rename and require certain oversight measures by Department of Mental Health. Public Health and Human Services.

S. B. No. 2762: Retainage; further define and outline the process related to. Business and Commerce; Workforce Development.

S. B. No. 2823: Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility. Medicaid.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2649: Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2697: Property exemption; property used exclusively and directly for certain purposes belongs to the foundation using it. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2780: Authority of Secretary of State to approve leases located on Public Trust Tidelands; clarify. Gaming.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024

Representative Horan called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1208:** (Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 67: House Rules; adopt permanent rules for the 2024-2028 term.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2059: Biomass and Bioenergy with carbon capture technology; define.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Brent Alan Johnson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Brown moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Jerome Lowe, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton and the Entire Membership moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of The Honorable Michael Anthony Mayfield, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frank James, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 4:07 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

(SEVENTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jill Ford.

Rep. Ford, J led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 124: Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 11:02 AM

H. B. No. 365: Mississippi Musicians Month; designate the month of March each year as. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 11:03 AM

H. B. No. 526: Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2575: Campaign finance; reform.

S. B. No. 2652: Wild turkey stamps; require for wild turkey hunters 16 years of age or older.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 2713: Regional health authorities; create the Delta Regional Health Authority.

S. B. No. 2822: Administrative Office of Courts; bring forward code sections related to.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 5: Melissa Cookston; commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author.

H. C. R. No. 16: Jimmy Buffett; commend and celebrate the life and legacy of iconic song writer and businessman and express sympathy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 28: Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 31: Pamela D. C. Junior; commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums.

H. C. R. No. 47: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS).

S. C. R. No. 533: Recognize legislative members of Kappa Alpha Psi and designate March 12, 2024, as "Kappa Day at the State Capitol."

S. C. R. No. 534: Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Ridgeland, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 536: Extend congratulations of Legislature to Blues Legend Bobby Rush for winning 3rd Grammy Award for "Best Traditional Blues Album."

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2651: Trespass to hunt, fish, shoot or trap; revise offense description, and impose penalties and fees. Judiciary A.

S. B. No. 2699: Purchasing law; raise expenditure triggering requirements for competitive bids. Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi Youth Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties. Public Health and Human Services; Universities and Colleges.

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of. Universities and Colleges; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 2888: Medical Cannabis Research Advisory Board; enact and create the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Research Program. Public Health and Human Services.

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S. B. No. 2575: Campaign finance; reform. State Affairs.

S. B. No. 2652: Wild turkey stamps; require for wild turkey hunters 16 years of age or older. Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

S. B. No. 2713: Regional health authorities; create the Delta Regional Health Authority. Public Health and Human Services; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2822: Administrative Office of Courts; bring forward code sections related to. Judiciary A; Appropriations A.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 533: Recognize legislative members of Kappa Alpha Psi and designate March 12, 2024, as "Kappa Day at the State Capitol." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 534: Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 536: Extend congratulations of Legislature to Blues Legend Bobby Rush for winning 3rd Grammy Award for "Best Traditional Blues Album." Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1879: (Representative Horan) Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1880: (Representative Horan) Grenada County; expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1881: (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1882: (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Forest Hill Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1883: (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with demolition and removal of blighted properties. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1884: (Representative Boyd (37th)) Tax credits; authorize for business taxpayer contributions to certain charitable organizations. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1885: (Representative Bounds) Appropriation; City of Philadelphia for cost of purchasing a fire truck. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1886: (Representative Bounds) Appropriation; Neshoba County for purchasing fire trucks and equipment and improving volunteer stations. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1887: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing road and improving lighting on Raymond Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1888: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriations; City of Jackson for washing machines for advanced turnout cleaning and removing contaminants from firefighters' PPE. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1889: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriations; IHL for redesign and renovation of McAllister Whiteside facility at Jackson State. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1890: (Representative Anderson (122nd)) Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize contributions to Pearl River Community College for scholarships. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1891: (Representative Newman) City of Pearl and Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000 in aggregate. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1892: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; Hinds County to establish, maintain and staff a Public Defenders Office. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1893: (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; City of Petal for repairs and improvements to Chappell Hill Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1894: (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; City of Petal for wastewater infrastructure improvements. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1895: (Representative Byrd) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with purchasing fire trucks for volunteer fire departments in the county. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1896: (Representatives Harness, Butler-Washington, Holloway (76th), Paden, Gibbs (36th), Mickens, Thompson) Appropriation; IHL to provide additional funding for Alcorn State to address funding disparity between land grant universities. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1897: (Representatives Harness, Thompson) Appropriation; Franklin County for repairs, reconstruction, upgrades and other improvements to roads and streets in the county. Appropriations A.

H. C. R. No. 52: (Representative Barton) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; urge to extend authorization for the Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 53: (Representative Fondren) Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize the week May 5-11, 2024, as. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 54: (Representative Owen) Circuit Judge Claiborne "Buddy" McDonald IV; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 77: (Representative Foster) Raymond High School Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 78: (Representative Young) Lt. Colonel Malachi Sanders; commend upon occasion of retirement as Deputy Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Rules.

H. R. No. 79: (Representative Wallace) Simpson County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. Rules.

H. R. No. 80: (Representative Varner) Florence High School "Eagles" Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning 2024 MHSAA Class 5A Boys Soccer State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 81: (Representatives Bell (65th), Hulum) Ken Evans, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon being named 2024 SWAC Player of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 82: (Representative Varner) Brooke O'Hair; commend and congratulate upon 500th career head coaching win. Rules.

H. R. No. 83: (Representatives Taylor, Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, James-Jones) Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre; commend esteemed service as 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Rules.

H. R. No. 84: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Mildred "Madea" Fields Cassidy; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. Rules.

H. R. No. 85: (Representative Roberson) Tomorrow's 25; commend individuals selected for inclusion in Mississippi Excellence in Coaching Fellowship. Rules.

H. R. No. 86: (Representatives McCray, Eubanks, Hale, Hall, Keen, Kinkade) "Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month"; acknowledge month of May 2024 as for observance. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

S. B. No. 2453: Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

Head Page, Dru Black, introduced the following pages for the week:

Kennedy Banyard	Clinton, MS
Blake Bartlam	Brandon, MS
Carter Jack	Brandon, MS
Gracyn Foster	Laurel, MS
Sadie Grice	Richland, MS
Semya Henderson	Durant, MS
Maci Hinson	Kosciusko, MS
Madysin Marshall	Raymond, MS
Will Neil	McCarley, MS
Braden Overby	Mendenhall, MS
Slayton Scoggin	Florence, MS
Raleigh Seal	Picayune, MS
Xiauna Turner	Utica, MS
Jemerius Wilson	Edwards, MS
Emory Young	Jackson, MS

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hunter Buchanan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jody Jarrell, which motion prevailed.

Representative James-Jones moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of The Honorable Daliah "Bitt" Hooker Randle, which motion prevailed.

At 2:17 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 20, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

(SEVENTY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Charlie F. Barnes, Sr., New Beginnings Fellowship Ministries, Starkville.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith,

Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.
Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of
of.

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the
Mississippi Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025
reappropriate to certain agencies.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2500: Homeless encampments; prohibit on public property and define as public nuisance on private property. Judiciary A.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Appropriations D; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies. Appropriations E.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1898: (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1899: (Representatives Carpenter, Hall, Hawkins, Mattox, Morgan, Sanders) Appropriation; State Veterans Affairs Board for interment of certain persons in the veterans cemeteries. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1900: (Representative Byrd) Appropriation; Forrest County to purchase fire trucks for volunteer fire departments. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1901: (Representative Kinkade) Appropriation; Marshall County to complete Blackwater Road Bridge Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1902: (Representatives Butler-Washington, Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements for Leavell Woods Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1903: (Representatives Yancey, Hurst, Newman, Powell, Shanks, Summers, Tullos, Varner, Wallace) Rankin County Stormwater Management Agency; authorize the establishment of. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1904: (Representatives Keen, Kinkade, Eubanks, Hale, Hall, Harris, McCray, Remak) Appropriation; City of Olive Branch for land acquisition and engineering services for making improvements to Highway 305. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1905: (Representatives Keen, Kinkade, Hall, Eubanks, Hale, Harris, McCray, Remak) Appropriation; Desoto County Regional Utility Authority for expansion of wastewater treatment plant. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1906: (Representatives Boyd (37th), Karriem, McLean) Appropriation; Lowndes County for construction of a fitness facility at Lowndes County Sportsplex. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1907: (Representatives Boyd (37th), Karriem, McLean) Appropriation; Lowndes County for making improvements to the county adult detention center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1908: (Representatives Boyd (37th), Karriem, McLean) Appropriation; Lowndes County for extension of sewer services to an area in South Lowndes County. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1909: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for removal of blighted properties along and near U.S. Highway 80. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1910: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements and upgrades at Sykes Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1911: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements and upgrades at Forest Hill Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1912: (Representative Crudup) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Livingston Park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1913: (Representative Crudup) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making certain improvements at Livingston Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1914: (Representative Porter) Appropriation; Town of Summit for purchase and installation of weather sirens. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1915: (Representative Porter) Appropriation; City of McComb for constructing new fire station and purchasing a new fire truck. Appropriations A.

H. C. R. No. 55: (Representative Crudup) Mississippi Juneteenth Homecoming Weekend 2024; recognize June 13-16, 2024 as. Rules.

H. R. No. 87: (Representative Blackmon) Piney Woods School; commend on HULU documentary and upon celebrating the 115th anniversary of its founding. Rules.

H. R. No. 88: (Representative James-Jones) "Recover Reconnect and Rebuild"; commend Sharkey County on occasion of and honor the lives of those lost during the March 2023 storms. Rules.

H. R. No. 89: (Representative Shanks) 100 Raveno Boys; commend service in WWII and designate June 6-7, 2024, as "Eternal Heroes Memorial Days" in Mississippi. Rules.

H. R. No. 90: (Representative Varner) Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A Soccer State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 91: (Representative Crudup) Lillian Lilly; commend upon the production of her first music video and recognize years of service in gospel music industry. Rules.

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2453: Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

Rep. Faulkner moved to table, which motion failed by the following vote:

Yeas--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulm, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--31.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--79.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Cockerham, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Jackson, L, McCray, Osborne, Yates, Young. Total-9.

Present--Foster, Gibbs, K, Rosebud. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--56

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Faulkner:

AMEND on lines 37 through 38 by striking the following language: "greater than one (1) mile outside its municipal boundaries".

AMEND further on line 41 by deleting the word "that".

AMEND further on line 42 by striking the following language: "extends beyond the municipalities' boundaries".

AMEND further on lines 48 through 49 by striking the following language: "providing service greater than one (1) mile outside its municipal boundaries and".

AMEND further on lines 85 through 86 by striking the following language: "providing service greater than one (1) mile outside its municipal boundaries".

AMEND the title to conform.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Faulkner:

AMEND on line 12 by inserting the following language after the period: "(1)".

AMEND further on line 35 by inserting the following before the word "Notwithstanding": "(2)".

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 42: "This subsection (2) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2026."

AMEND further by inserting the following language after line 93: "This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2026."

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Blackwell, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--38.

Nays--Aguirre, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--74.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Currie, Evans, Foster, Hobgood-Wilkes, Jackson, L, Osborne, Steverson, Yates. Total-10.

Necessary for passage--57

AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Faulkner:

AMEND on line 83 by inserting the following language after the period: "Notwithstanding any law to contrary, in the event such assets are liquidated, the receiver shall return the monetary value of the assets to the original owner of the system or to the non profit of the system."

AMEND the title to conform.

ADOPTED

The question recurred on Amendment No. 1, which amendment was ADOPTED.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2453**. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--32.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Currie, Evans, Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne, Sanford, Stevenson. Total-7.

Present--Burnett, Foster, Jackson, L, Mickens, Rosebud. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--56

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 5: Melissa Cookston; commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author.

H. C. R. No. 16: Jimmy Buffett; commend and celebrate the life and legacy of iconic song writer and businessman and express sympathy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 28: Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 31: Pamela D. C. Junior; commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums.

H. C. R. No. 47: Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS).

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Butler-Washington moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lynn E. Stapleton, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 3:44 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, March 21, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

(EIGHTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Scott Roger, Watermark Church, Lucedale.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak,

Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 3059: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2332: MAEP; revise funding formula. Education.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3059: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1916: (Representative Mims) Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1917: (Representatives Boyd (37th), Karriem, McLean) Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to United Way. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1918: (Representative Porter) Appropriation; Summit Community Development Foundation for development of a public park in Town of Summit. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1919: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Appropriation; City of Greenville for transportation infrastructure and sanitary sewer/water system infrastructure needs. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1920: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; IHL for construction of athletic stadium for Jackson State University. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1921: (Representative McLean) Income tax; increase credit allowed for employers providing dependent care/dependent care stipend for employees. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1922: (Representatives Currie, Mangold) Appropriations; Lincoln County School District for Agriculture Certification testing for students. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1923: (Representative Harness) Appropriation; City of Fayette for improvements to wastewater system and replacing water treatment plant and water meters. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1924: (Representative Calvert) Appropriation; Department of Agriculture for funding the GAP/GHP certification cost-share program. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1925: (Representative Newman) Appropriation; City of Pearl for improvements to portion of U.S. Highway 80 as part of city's lighting project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1926: (Representative Newman) Appropriation; MDOT for construction of a traffic signal at an intersection in the City of Pearl. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1927: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; Hinds County for infrastructure projects in the Town of Utica. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1928: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for acquisition, demolition and removal of blighted properties in House District 66. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1929: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; DFA to provide funding to the Second Chance Outreach Learning Center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1930: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing roads in Lake Hico Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1931: (Representative Burch) Greene County; extend repeal date on assessments in justice court. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1932: (Representatives Hall, Keen, Eubanks, Hale, Kinkade, McCray, Remak) Appropriation; DeSoto County Sheriff's Department for a rapid DNA System. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1933: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Reedtown Water Association for purchasing water meters and related equipment. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1934: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; City of Raymond for the repair of two water tanks. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1935: (Representative Foster) Appropriations; Town of Edwards for making improvements to the livestock arena. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1936: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Town of Learned for repairs and updates to city infrastructure. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1937: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department for purchasing a fire truck. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1938: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Town of Bolton for renovations of facilities of the police department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1939: (Representative Lamar) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred for development of certain property in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1940: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Coahoma County for water and sewer improvement project for Town of Jonestown. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1941: (Representative Paden) Appropriation; Bolivar County for water and sewer improvement project for Town of Alligator. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1942: (Representative Lamar) Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1943: (Representatives Steverson, Lamar, Hines) Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax. Ways and Means.

H. C. R. No. 56: (Representative Lamar) Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team; commend for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 92: (The Entire Membership) Alfred Williams; commend for being the first African American inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. Rules.

H. R. No. 93: (Representative Paden) Charlestien Harris; commend and congratulate upon being named "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year". Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

S. B. No. 2332: MAEP; revise funding formula. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 49: Locke Ward; commend for efforts to revitalize our capital city and honor for galvanizing others to do the same. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 88: "Recover Reconnect and Rebuild"; commend Sharkey County on occasion of and honor the lives of those lost during the March 2023 storms. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Shanks called up:

S. C. R. No. 507: "Omega Psi Phi Day"; designate March 9, 2024, in Mississippi.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell C:

AMEND on lines 3 and 111 by striking "9" and inserting in lieu thereof "21".
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. C. R. No. 507**. On motion of Rep. Shanks the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 54: Circuit Judge Claiborne "Buddy" McDonald IV; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

H. C. R. No. 52: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; urge to extend authorization for the Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

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

H. R. No. 50: Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr.; commend for many years educating children and congratulate upon retirement.

H. R. No. 55: Rust College; commend historical significance and academic excellence of.

H. R. No. 56: Rust College; designate March 26, 2024, as Rust College Day at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 60: Stamps Super Burgers; commend upon being named one of the 2024 USA Today Restaurants of the Year.

H. R. No. 77: Raymond High School Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 85: Tomorrow's 25; commend individuals selected for inclusion in Mississippi Excellence in Coaching Fellowship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. B. No. 2332: MAEP; revise funding formula.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2332.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, Clark, Denton, Hines, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Taylor, Watson. Total--18.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, Osborne, Young. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Butler-Washington, Gibbs, J, Harness, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Karriem. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--57

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James "Goodboy" Jennings, which motion prevailed.

Representative Horne moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mel (Milburn Harrison) Bounds, which motion prevailed.

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

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joshua "Josh" Don Heavener, which motion prevailed.

At 2:35 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 22, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

FIFTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

(EIGHTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rose Ellen Mask McDowell, which motion prevailed.

At 9:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, March 25, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTIETH DAY, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024

(EIGHTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Minister Marlon McDuffie, The Word Center, Jackson, MS.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 537: Recognize outstanding accomplishments of Athletic Program at William Carey University.

S. C. R. No. 538: Request the Governor to Declare a State of Emergency in areas impacted by the ongoing drought and pine beetle outbreak.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1944: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; MS Alliance for Nonprofits and Philanthropy for supporting and strengthening the capacity of charitable organizations in MS. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1945: (Representative Varner) City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1946: (Representative Hulum) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for repairs and upgrades to the park areas of certain facilities. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1947: (Representatives Hines, Bailey) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with transportation and sewer/water improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1948: (Representative Kinkade) City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1949: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Cockerham) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses. Appropriations E.

H. B. No. 1950: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Cockerham) Appropriation; Finance and Admin, Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects. Appropriations E.

H. B. No. 1951: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Cockerham) Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Appropriations E.

H. B. No. 1952: (Representatives Oliver, Read, Cockerham) Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment. Appropriations E.

H. B. No. 1953: (Representatives Lamar, Anthony) Tax credits; authorize for contributions by certain taxpayers to certain hospitals, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1954: (Representatives Aguirre, Turner) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for construction of a fire station and an emergency operations center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1955: (Representative Bell (65th)) Appropriation; City of Jackson for constructing and equipping certain facilities and arenas at City Plaza Project on Terry Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1956: (Representative Butler-Washington) Appropriation; City of Jackson for repair and renovation of blighted, abandoned and dilapidated housing in House District 69. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1957: (Representative Butler-Washington) Appropriation; City of Jackson for repair and renovation of blighted property. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1958: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Appropriation; City of Jackson for completion of construction of the Hanging Moss and Beasley Road Bridge. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1959: (Representative Gibbs (72nd)) Appropriation; Hinds County for installation of surveillance cameras in House District 72 by homeowners association in the district. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1960: (Representative Banks) Sales tax; levy additional tax on retail sales of soft drinks. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1961: (Representatives Banks, Hines, Harness, Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, Gibbs (72nd), Summers, Watson) Appropriation; IHL for repair and improvements to Rose E. McCoy Auditorium at Jackson State University. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1962: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Humphreys County for shortfall in cost of new ambulance service agreement. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1963: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for local match funding for county emergency management agency for construction of certain facilities. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1964: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for making repairs and improvements to the County Courthouse. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1965: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for making improvements to county's emergency communications. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1966: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for Sheriff's Department to replace vehicles and equipment and relocate the department to a new facility. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1967: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for cost of rehabilitation and reconstruction of Sharkey-Issaquena County Hospital. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1968: (Representative James-Jones) Humphreys County; authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1969: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriations; Humphreys County for infrastructure and site development at Humphreys County Industrial Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1970: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for establishing a regional housing recovery strategy. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1971: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for implementing business recovery activities and beginning site development for two pending businesses. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1972: (Representative James-Jones) Appropriation; Sharkey County for local match funding to establish Sharkey County Center for Workforce Development. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1973: (Representative Faulkner) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for infrastructure improvements to be made by city's utility department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1974: (Representative Faulkner) Appropriation: Holly Springs to assist Alliance Healthcare System with building a micro-hospital inside the system hospital's onsite clinic. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1975: (Representative Faulkner) Appropriation; Marshall County for repair and renovation of the courthouse. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1976: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Blackwater Road Bridge Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1977: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Red Banks Road Improvement Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1978: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Marianna Road Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1979: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Byhalia Railroad Bridge Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1980: (Representatives Faulkner, Kinkade) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs to restore the gravesite of Hiram Revels. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1981: (Representative Butler-Washington) Appropriation; City of Jackson Parks and Recreation Department to improve Westside Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1982: (Representatives Lamar, Anthony, Grady) Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1983: (Representatives Lamar, Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1984: (Representative Lamar) Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1985: (Representatives Lamar, Anthony, Summers) Income tax and ad valorem tax; authorize a child credit, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1986: (Representative Lamar) Tax credits; revise provisions regarding eligible charitable organizations assisting with providing health care services to low-income individuals. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1987: (Representative Lamar) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for loans to improve certain properties in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1988: (Representative Lamar) Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1989: (Representative Lamar) Economic development; provide loans for certain projects and authorize issuance of bonds for loans. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1990: (Representative Lamar) Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to establish minimum revenue amount to be produced by certain property. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1991: (Representative Lamar) Sales tax; revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales", "gross income" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1992: (Representative Lamar) Sales tax and income tax; revise certain sales tax rates and diversions, phase out individual income tax. Ways and Means.

H. C. R. No. 57: (Representative James-Jones) Mississippi Juneteenth Homecoming weekend 2024; recognize June 13-16, 2024 as. Rules.

H. R. No. 94: (Representatives Yancey, Powell) "Wait for It..." Robotics Team; commend for winning Inspire Award at the MS FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 95: (Representatives Scoggin, Blackwell, Scott) South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend upon successful championship season of competition. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 50: Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr.; commend for many years educating children and congratulate upon retirement.

H. R. No. 55: Rust College; commend historical significance and academic excellence of.

H. R. No. 56: Rust College; designate March 26, 2024, as Rust College Day at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 60: Stamps Super Burgers; commend upon being named one of the 2024 USA Today Restaurants of the Year.

H. R. No. 77: Raymond High School Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 85: Tomorrow's 25; commend individuals selected for inclusion in Mississippi Excellence in Coaching Fellowship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Barbara Thaggard, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mae Ruth Tillman Magee, which motion prevailed.

At 4:12 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, March 26, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

(EIGHTY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Karl Twyner, Professor and Department of Music Chair at Rust College, Holly Springs.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Jackson, K and Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1353: Horseracing; include in equine liability.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 537: Recognize outstanding accomplishments of Athletic Program at William Carey University. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 538: Request the Governor to Declare a State of Emergency in areas impacted by the ongoing drought and pine beetle outbreak. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

S. B. No. 2468: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2825: Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2846: Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

H. B. No. 1916: Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS A

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

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS C AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CLAY DEWEESE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS D AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2844: Variable Compensation Plan; make certain amendments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS E

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

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of, for eligible ARPA administration and reporting expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1950: Appropriation; Finance and Admin, Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KARL OLIVER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS E AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2840: Building Fund for the Arts; authorize Mississippi Arts Commission to retain monies for administrative costs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise and bring forward related provisions and provide for determination of unobligated funds by Nov. 1. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KARL OLIVER, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPALITIES

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

S. B. No. 2707: Business Improvement District Act; technical amendments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

RANDY RUSHING, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

S. B. No. 2072: Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2156: Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2157: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2340: Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2888: Medical Cannabis Research Advisory Board; enact and create the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Research Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

H. B. No. 1855: Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1485: Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income". Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1710: Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1768: Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1939: Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred for development of certain property in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1942: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1943: Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1953: Tax credits; authorize for contributions by certain taxpayers to certain hospitals, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1982: Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1984: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1985: Income tax and ad valorem tax; authorize a child credit, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1986: Tax credits; revise provisions regarding eligible charitable organizations assisting with providing health care services to low-income individuals. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1987: Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for loans to improve certain properties in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1990: Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to establish minimum revenue amount to be produced by certain property. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1991: Sales tax; revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales", "gross income" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Representative Faulkner introduced the President, Faculty, and students from Rust College, and presented House Resolution 56.

Representative Powell called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2453:** (Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of.) passed, and moved to reconsider amendment # 3 to the strike-all amendment, which motion prevailed.

A motion to table amendment # 3 prevailed.

A point of order was raised by REPRESENTATIVE Faulkner. The bill was set aside.

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1949. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne, Scott, Summers. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1950: Appropriation; Finance and Admin. Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1950. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total-118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne, Wallace. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1951.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1952.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2840: Building Fund for the Arts; authorize Mississippi Arts Commission to retain monies for administrative costs.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2840. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise related programs, provide procedure of unobligated funds, and transfer certain funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2848. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2285**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2844: Variable Compensation Plan; make certain amendments.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2844**. On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson,

Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2468: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2468.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2825: Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2825.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to

the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2846: Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2846.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 88 by changing the figures "30" to "29"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2487.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Evans, Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

H. B. No. 1916: Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1916.** On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Jackson, K, McCray, Mims, Osborne.

Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND further on lines 219 through 224 by striking the following: "However, for calendar year 2024, additional credits in the aggregate amount of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) may be allocated for contributions to eligible charitable organizations described in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section and awarded according to the provisions of subsection (8)(b)(ii) of this section.

AMEND title to conform.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND by striking lines 179 through 185.

AMEND title to conform.

No Action

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 65 by inserting "Has at least fifty percent (50%) of enrolled" before "Children".

AMEND title to conform.

LOST

AMENDMENT NO. 4 BY REPRESENTATIVE Johnson:

AMEND on line 225 by striking "fifty percent (50%) and inserting in lieu thereof "sixty percent (60%).".

AMEND on line 228 by striking "fifty percent (50%) and inserting in lieu thereof "forty percent (40%)".

AMEND title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Bennett, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--34.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--80.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Jackson, L, McCarty, McCray, Osborne, Rosebud, Yates. Total-7.

Present--Blackmon. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--58

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1988. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Anderson, J, Sanders. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Jackson, K, McCarty, McCray, Osborne, Scott, Summers, Watson, Young. Total-9.

Present--Banks, Clark, Crudup, Evans, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Karriem, Paden, Porter. Total--11.
Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1953: Tax credits; authorize for contributions by certain taxpayers to certain hospitals, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1953. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold,

Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1990: Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to establish minimum revenue amount to be produced by certain property.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1990.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Johnson, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--68.

Nays--Anderson, J, Arnold, Banks, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackwell, Burch, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crawford, Eubanks, Fondren, Gibbs, J, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hurst, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, McCarty, Nelson, Owen, Paden, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Felsher, Jackson, K, Ladner, McCray, Osborne, Rosebud. Total-10.

Present--Blackmon, Brown, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Jackson, L, Mattox, Yates. Total--11.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1990: Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to establish minimum revenue amount to be produced by certain property.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by REPRESENTATIVE Faulkner.

SPEAKER'S RULING

(Senate Bill No. 2453 - Point of Order Improper vote count)

The Gentleman from Marshall, Mr. Faulkner, made a point of order that the bill requires a 2/3 vote because "it gives a gratuity to a "non-profit" and requires a 2/3 vote by " House Rule and the State Constitution".

SB 2453 authorizes the Public Service Commission to cancel any municipality's

certificate to provide utility service under certain circumstances. The bill was originally adopted by the House on March 20 with one amendment, a strike-all amendment and one amendment to the strike-all, Amendment #3. The language subject to this point of order was contained in Amendment #3; and was offered by the Gentleman from Marshall.

I did allow the Gentleman to make the point of order; however, the point of order was not timely made. Previous Speaker's rulings provide that if a point of order is going to be made on an amendment or a bill, it shall be made before that amendment or bill is adopted by the House.

Once an amendment or bill is adopted, a point of order related to the content of that amendment or bill is not timely made thereafter. See Speaker's Rulings on March 2, 1995, March 3, 1996, and February 1, 1999.

The Gentleman made the point of order after passage of the bill on March 20, after reconsideration of the passage of the bill, after reconsideration of the amendment and after the vote to table the amendment. Thus, the point of order was not timely made.

For the reasons stated in this ruling, the Gentleman's point of order is not well taken.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2453. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bell, C, Jackson, K, McCray, Osborne, Rosebud, Steverson. Total-7.

Present--Jackson, L. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--57

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

S. B. No. 2453: Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kem Reid, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Allene Chatham, Cecil Berry Creel, Jr., and Sybil Margaret Gonsoulin Burchinal, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Betsy Diane Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Albert Necaize, and David Files Riemann, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Anderson (122nd), Ladner and McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edward A. Favre, which motion prevailed.

At 3:45 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024

(EIGHTY-SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Samuel Thompson, Hope Springs MB Church, Jackson.

Rep. Gibbs, J led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Jackson, K and Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. C. R. No. 507: "Omega Psi Phi Day"; designate March 9, 2024, in Mississippi.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1993: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; City of Byram for repairing roads in certain subdivisions. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1994: (Representative Ford (73rd)) City of Ridgeland; authorize additional tax on motels and hotels to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 1995: (Representative Nelson) Appropriation; Hinds County for constructing a building for a new fire station for the Byram Volunteer Fire Department in House District 66. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1996: (Representative Porter) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Summit Community Development Foundation with development of a public park in the Town of Summit. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 1997: (Representative Foster) Appropriation; Hinds County Ministerial Alliance for funding the STREAM program. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1998: (Representative Holloway (27th)) Appropriation; Attala County for replacement of a certain bridge. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 1999: (Representative Varner) Appropriation; Rankin County for a required grade separation component of the Florence-Byram Parkway Improvement Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 2000: (Representative Calvert) Appropriation; Department of Agriculture for funding for cost sharing for purchase of wild hog traps. Appropriations B; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4001: (Representative Holloway (27th)) Appropriation; Scott County for purchase of land and making improvements for an industrial park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4002: (Representative Holloway (27th)) Appropriation; Leake County to purchase patrol vehicles for sheriff's department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4003: (Representatives Hulum, Haney) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for removal of blighted properties. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4004: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation; Pine Grove Association for construction of the H.O.P.E. Center multipurpose community facility. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4005: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation; City of Canton for purchase of tasers, training and associated equipment for the Canton Police Department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4006: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation; City of Canton for repairs and upgrades to the HVAC system at the Canton Multipurpose Complex. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4007: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation; City of Canton for upgrades, repairs and renovations to Canton's city hall. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4008: (Representatives Johnson, Cockerham) Appropriation; City of Natchez for cost of various projects. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4009: (Representative Blackmon) Appropriation; City of Canton for multipurpose complex. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4010: (Representatives Johnson, Cockerham, Mims) Appropriation; City of Natchez for stormwater infrastructure projects. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4011: (Representative Varner) Appropriation; City of Florence for establishing a new park and recreation facility. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4012: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements to tennis courts at Battlefield Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4013: (Representative Summers) Appropriation; City of Jackson for renovations and infrastructure improvements Capitol Unit of Boys and Girls Clubs of Central MS. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4014: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Appropriation; Marshall County for water and sewer infrastructure improvements in and along Quality Drive. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4015: (Representatives Kinkade, Faulkner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Marshall County with water and sewer infrastructure improvements in and along Quality Drive. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4016: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Rienzi for making additions to city hall. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4017: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Prentiss County for construction of the New Site Community Center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4018: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for making repairs to and adding storm shelter at the VFW Club. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4019: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Alcorn County for new construction of the Fire Department Southwest Station No. 2 and helipad. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4020: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repairs and renovations to the old hardware building. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4021: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for Booneville Sewer Restoration Project. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4022: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Rienzi for replacing buildings over the city wells. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4023: (Representatives Arnold, Carpenter) Appropriation; City of Belmont for repairing and replacing the existing sewer line. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4024: (Representative Haney) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with the Mississippi Aquarium's Project Penguin. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4025: (Representatives Carpenter, Mattox) Appropriation; Town of Glen to renovate its properties and facilities. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4026: (Representative Carpenter) Appropriations; Tishomingo County for repairs and improvements to the Tishomingo Fire Department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4027: (Representative Carpenter) Appropriation; City of Farmington to upgrade and renovate Farmington City Park. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4028: (Representative Carpenter) Appropriation; Town of Burnsville to pay for costs associated with renovations and repair to the Burnsville Multipurpose Complex. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4029: (Representative Carpenter) Appropriation; Alcorn County to purchase turnout gear for the Alcorn County Fire Department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4030: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Lee County for funding to four volunteer fire departments to purchase fire trucks. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4031: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Lee County for construction of an E-911 command center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4032: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Mantachie Volunteer Fire Department for adding a bay to the fire station. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4033: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for replacement of bridge on Highway 6. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4034: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for construction of a MEMA command center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4035: (Representatives Banks, Brown, Holloway (76th), Summers, Gibbs (72nd), Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, Crudup, Mansell, Nelson, Yates) Appropriation; Jackson Municipal Airport Authority for matching funds for making improvements at the Jackson airport. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4036: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Appropriation; Mooreville-Eggville Volunteer Fire Department for adding a bay to the fire station. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4037: (Representative Eubanks) Appropriation; Department of Public Safety for purchase of razor wire fencing for Texas border. Appropriations C; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4038: (Representative Varner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Florence with establishment of a new park. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4039: (Representative Varner) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Rankin County with Florence-Byram Parkway Project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4040: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rienzi with replacement of two buildings over the city's wells. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4041: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with repairing Wyninegar Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4042: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with construction of the New Site Community Center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4043: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with adding a storm shelter at the VFW Club. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4044: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with construction of the Fire Department Southwest Station No. 2. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4045: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with renovation of building for use as a small business incubator. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4046: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rienzi with additions to city hall. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4047: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with sewer restoration project. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4048: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Belmont with replacement of sewer line. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4049: (Representative Arnold) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with repairing Wyninegar Road. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4050: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repairing Wyninegar Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4051: (Representative Arnold) Appropriation; Prentiss County for repairing Wyninegar Road. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4052: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4053: (Representative Sanford) Suffrage; restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4054: (Representative Sanford) Suffrage; restore to Reggie Latriail Trotter of Covington County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4055: (Representative Sanford) Suffrage; restore to Elaine Goudy of Covington County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4056: (Representative Thompson) Suffrage; restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4057: (Representative Paden) Suffrage; restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4058: (Representative Anthony) Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4059: (Representative Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Delta Community College with annex to its Law Enforcement Training Academy. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4060: (Representative Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Delta Community College with addition to Allied Health/Nursing Building. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4061: (Representative Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress Inc., with constructing an emergency storm shelter. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4062: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; Sunflower Humphries Counties Progress, Inc., for constructing an emergency storm shelter. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4063: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; Sunflower County for purchasing two vehicles for the sheriff's department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4064: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; Sunflower County for constructing facility to house an EOC, fire station and training center. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4065: (Representative Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Sunflower County with constructing facility to house an EOC, fire station and training center. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4066: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; Town of Sunflower for citywide street improvements. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4067: (Representative Anthony) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Sunflower with street improvements. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4068: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; Sunflower County for purchasing three emergency management tankers for fire protection. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4069: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; Town of Inverness for purchasing three vehicles for the police department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4070: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; City of Moorhead for purchasing surveillance and electronic locking equipment for police department and city hall. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4071: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; City of Moorhead for purchasing four vehicles for the police department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4072: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; City of Moorhead for purchasing two vehicles for the fire department. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4073: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; MS Delta Community College for addition to Allied Health/Nursing Building. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4074: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; MS Delta Community College for constructing a residence hall facility for training officers of the Law Enforcement Training Academy. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4075: (Representative Anthony) Appropriation; Indianola Main Street for designing and implementing a wayfinding system. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4076: (Representative Lamar) Sales tax and income tax; revise certain sales tax provisions, phase out individual income tax. Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 4077: (Representative Deweese) Appropriation; Department of Education for Oxford School District's 3-K pilot program. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4078: (Representative James-Jones) Suffrage; restore to Chanty Williams of Coahoma County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4079: (Representative James-Jones) Suffrage; restore to Felisha Turner of DeSoto County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 96: (Representative Thompson) Workers' Memorial Day; recognize upon occasion of 25th anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 97: (Representative Calvert) West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights; commend for winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Softball Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 98: (Representatives Keen, Hall, Kinkade, Remak) Olive Branch High School "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 99: (Representative Calvert) Brock Mosley; commend for winning the Folds of Honor Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River. Rules.

H. R. No. 100: (Representatives Hall, Carpenter, Barton, Bell (21st), Boyd (19th), Byrd, Currie, Deweese, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Horan, Hulum, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Morgan, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Pigott, Rushing, Tubb, Tullos, Zuber) Chief Warrant Officer 4s Derek Abbott and Bryan Zemek; commend distinguished life of service upon their passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 101: (Representative Hurst) Debra Boswell; commend work with Mississippi Animal Rescue League. Rules.

H. R. No. 102: (Representatives Massengill, Creekmore IV) Beulah Baptist Church, in Myrtle, MS; commend and congratulate on the occasion of its 175th anniversary. Rules.

H. R. No. 103: (Representatives Carpenter, Arnold) Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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

S. B. No. 2226: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2382: Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2543: Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; create a cap adjustment based on the loan amount. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2544: Public deposit bidding; conform processes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE AGUIRRE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

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

S. B. No. 2700: State offenders serving sentences in county jails; repeal repealer. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer and authorize parole for certain juvenile homicide offenders. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BECKY CURRIE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

S. B. No. 2062: Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2245: Education data; authorize the Department of Education to report aggregate data in compliance with federal standards. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2246: Preschool reporting requirements; revise technical provisions related thereto. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2339: High school graduation requirements; allow sign language to be counted as a foreign language. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2349: Cardiac emergency response plans; require schools to implement and provide procedures and certain immunity related thereto. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2407: Assistant teachers; revise certain licensure requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2681: Certified Academic Language Therapists; allow to help instruct students with dyslexia in schools. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

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

S. B. No. 2851: Nonprofit agricultural membership organization; authorize to issue health insurance and exempt from insurance regulation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2740: Insurance; authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions to pool risk. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2530: Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2771: Judicial redistricting; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2196: Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2175: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARINE RESOURCES

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

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BRENT ANDERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEDICAID

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

S. B. No. 2823: Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

MISSY MCGEE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND ENERGY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2557: Ground lease for solar installation at Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experimental Stations; authorize. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman
JEFF HALE, Chairman

The Head Page introduced the following pages for the week:

Taimya Adams	Jackson, MS
Taryn Boyd	Mantachie, MS
Paris Brooks	Clinton, MS
Jaylynn Conner	Waynesboro, MS
Jayvien Cotton	Jackson, MS
Charity Donald	Jackson, MS
Chloe Donald	Jackson, MS
Natalie Ann Ford	Vicksburg, MS
Eli Formby	Picayune, MS
Rebekah Formby	Picayune, MS
Dilon Jennings	Lexington, MS
Cooper Lytton	Pelahatchie, MS
Davis McQuirter	Madison, MS
Eli Roberson	Starkville, MS
DeUndra Wilson	Tchula, MS

Representative Summers introduced Phil Stamps, Jr., owner of Stamps Super Burgers, and presented House Resolution 60.

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1988**: (Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lamar called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1990**: (Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to establish minimum revenue amount to be produced by certain property.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing bill was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1485: Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income".

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1485. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem,

Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon, Jackson, K, Mattox, Osborne, Zuber. Total-5.

Present--Brown, Hines. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1710: Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1710. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Mattox, Osborne, Summers. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1764. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1768: Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1768. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1855: Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1855. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Jackson, K, Osborne, Summers. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

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

H. B. No. 1855: Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft.

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1939: Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred for development of certain property in the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1939. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1942: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1942. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1943: Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Anthony:

AMEND on line 276 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1943. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Aguirre, Cockerham, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, McCarty, Owen, Scott, Smith. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1982: Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Grady:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 299:

" (5) (a) During any period of the regular scholastic year or extended school year programs in which academic instruction is being provided to students upon the campuses of a public and private elementary or secondary schools, school resource officers, employed by a local law enforcement agency to provide community policing efforts to combat school violence and improve student and school safety, shall maintain an active and visible presence upon the school campus to which he or she is assigned under the program defined in Section 1 of this act. For purposes of this section, "regular scholastic year" means the minimum one hundred eighty (180) days which public schools are required to be kept in session under Section 37-13-63 to constitute a scholastic year. "Extended school year programs" means those programs authorized by law, which extend beyond the one hundred eighty-day term of a regular scholastic year, including summer school instruction. In the performance of his or her duties, a school resource officer shall report for duty on the campus of the school of assignment not later than one (1) hour before the start of each school day on Monday through Friday, and remain thereon for one (1) hour after the conclusion of normal daily instruction. No school resource officer shall be required to work on Saturday or Sunday, unless a school sponsored event is hosted upon the school campus which the school resource officer has been assigned, which such events shall include extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

(b) When school is not in session (i.e. holidays, summer vacation, fall breaks, declarations of emergency which suspend the requirements for school attendance, etc.), the school resource officer shall report to his or her immediate supervisor within the local law enforcement agency of employment for further assignment of duties that are directly related to activities and functions of the local law enforcement agency.

(c) Notwithstanding a school resource officer's permanent employment with the local law enforcement agency with whom a local school governing authority has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or an interlocal agreement for the assignment of a school resource officer, the employing local law enforcement agency shall not require a school resource officer to leave his or her assigned post at a school during the time specified for the performance of his or her duties as prescribed in paragraph (a) of this subsection to perform work duties directly related to activities and functions of the local law enforcement agency, unless it has been determined by the chief law enforcement officer of the employing agency that exigent circumstances exist, which have created an emergency situation of an impending catastrophic nature that requires swift action to prevent imminent danger to life, substantial harm to the public welfare or serious damage to property."

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1982.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1983. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Jackson, K, Osborne, Owen. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1984: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1984. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L,

James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1985: Income tax and ad valorem tax; authorize a child credit, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1985. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Harness, Jackson, K, Osborne, Read. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1986: Tax credits; revise provisions regarding eligible charitable organizations assisting with providing health care services to low-income individuals.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1986. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott,

Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1987: Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for loans to improve certain properties in the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1987.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

H. B. No. 1991: Sales tax; revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales", "gross income" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1991.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver,

Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, Jackson, K, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2248: City of Amory; authorize to enact a tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2248.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Eubanks. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Crawford, Currie, Evans, Jackson, K, Ladner, Osborne, Owen. Total-9.

Present--Ford, J, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--65

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

S. B. No. 2248: City of Amory; authorize to enact a tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1943: Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax.

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

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David West James, which motion prevailed.

At 2:55 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 2:00 PM, Thursday, March 28, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

(EIGHTY-SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Marcus Mann, First Baptist Church, Carthage.

Rep. Holloway, K led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Osborne. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Horan and Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1705: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1704: Appropriations; revise certain FY 2024 appropriations and direct transfers.

S. B. No. 2143: Ad valorem tax; designate the authority of certain counties to levy up to seven mills for garbage collection.

S. B. No. 2318: Ad valorem taxes; authorize local governments to grant exemptions for raw materials and work in progress inventory.

S. B. No. 2897: Ad valorem tax on home; allow credit or rebate for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses of military members.

S. B. No. 2990: Taxation of oilfield services; restructure.

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

S. B. No. 3099: Income tax; authorize a credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.

S. B. No. 3105: Tobacco excise tax; provide rate for heated tobacco products.

S. B. No. 3106: Tax exemptions; revise qualifying standards for business enterprises operating data centers.

S. B. No. 3161: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refineries of oil, gas and petroleum products.

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2822: Administrative Office of Courts; bring forward code sections related to. Judiciary A.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

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

S. B. No. 2308: Mississippi Public Records Act; extend date of repeal on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS

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

S. B. No. 2425: Ballot harvesting; define terms. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

S. B. No. 2159: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2441: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit distribution or sale of certain products. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2545: Auditing threshold; define monetary donations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2788: Mississippi Real Estate Commission; remove Home Inspector Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
BUSINESS AND COMMERCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman
SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
BUSINESS AND COMMERCE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2762: Retainage; further define and outline the process related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman
DONNIE BELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MILITARY AFFAIRS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2514: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LESTER CARPENTER, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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

S. B. No. 2558: Mental Health Regional Commissions; authorize boards of supervisors to agree to board compositions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2858: Patients with life-threatening or debilitating illness; authorize to receive individualized investigative treatment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2871: The Mississippi Juvenile Tobacco Access Prevention Act of 1997; amend to provide consistent reference to age. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND MEDICAID

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2883: Community health workers; revise provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman
MISSY MCGEE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2310: County authorization to assess emergency telecommunications service charge; extend date of repeal on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2601: Utility Service; prevent government restrictions based on energy source required. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2603: Excavation; revise procedures and required white lining in certain stances. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 27: Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead; commend for philanthropic work and leadership. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest MS Community College Cheer Team; commend for winning 2024 UCA/UDA College Cheerleading National Championship, Open All-Girl Division. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 44: Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team; commend on winning NCJAA Region 23 Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 51: Lawrence "Bud" Young; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 56: Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team; commend for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 48: Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 26: Ripley High School Golf Team; commend upon winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 38: Phil Pinstein; commend life and legacy of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 71: L.C. Gladney; commend extraordinary service in World War II and many contributions to his community. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 80: Florence High School "Eagles" Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning 2024 MHSAA Class 5A Boys Soccer State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 82: Brooke O'Hair; commend and congratulate upon 500th career head coaching win. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 90: Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A Soccer State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 95: South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend upon successful championship season of competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

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

S. B. No. 2698: Cyber Security Review Board; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JILL FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County, as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway." Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2643: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to William Forrest Winter. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2509: Motor Carrier Regulatory Law; extend repeal on voluntary inspection program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2645: Mississippi Department of Transportation; design-build requirement revisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2635: Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2250: Squatted vehicles; ban. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STEVE MASSENGILL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

S. B. No. 2570: Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from PPRB provisions on rental/leasing of real property for agency business. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

S. B. No. 2572: State Workforce Investment Board; amend to allow for proxy participation in meetings to meet quorum. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman

Representative Foster introduced the Raymond High School Rangers Basketball Team, House Resolution 77.

Representative Barton introduced musical artist, Don Poythress, who performed one of his songs for the Entire Membership.

Representative Steverson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1943:** (Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2072: Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2072. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bounds, Deweese, Fondren, McCarty, McGee, Mims, Powell, Yancey. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway, G, Horan, Osborne, Summers. Total-4.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2156: Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2156. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2157: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2157. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to

the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2340: Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2340.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2888: Medical Cannabis Research Advisory Board; enact and create the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Research Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2888.** On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to

the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--106.

Nays--Calvert, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Keen, Ladner, Smith. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Holloway, G, Horan, Kinkade, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Summers. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2408.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2557: Ground lease for solar installation at Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experimental Stations; authorize.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2557**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Horan, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford, J called up:

S. B. No. 2698: Cyber Security Review Board; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2698**. On motion of Rep. Ford, J the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horan, Osborne, Powell. Total-3.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2840: Building Fund for the Arts; authorize Mississippi Arts Commission to retain monies for administrative costs.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. C. R. No. 507: "Omega Psi Phi Day"; designate March 9, 2024, in Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2248: City of Amory; authorize to enact a tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mamie Louise Stubbs, June Hearn, Charles "Chuck" Wright, Etaw Buckman Robb, Cynthia "Cyndee" Goff, and George F. "Pete" Bloss, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representatives Aguirre and Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Rayburn Parks, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joan Morphis, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Lott and Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ann Johnson Morris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Yates moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Amy Rice Gables, which motion prevailed.

At 2:40 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, March 29, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

(EIGHTY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Osborne. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Cockerham and Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2143: Ad valorem tax; designate the authority of certain counties to levy up to seven mills for garbage collection. County Affairs; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2318: Ad valorem taxes; authorize local governments to grant exemptions for raw materials and work in progress inventory. Ways and Means; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 2897: Ad valorem tax on home; allow credit or rebate for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses of military members. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 2990: Taxation of oilfield services; restructure. Ways and Means; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency.

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3099: Income tax; authorize a credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees. Workforce Development; Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3105: Tobacco excise tax; provide rate for heated tobacco products. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3106: Tax exemptions; revise qualifying standards for business enterprises operating data centers. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3161: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refineries of oil, gas and petroleum products. Ways and Means.

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024

At 9:06 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, April 1, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

(NINETY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Kenji Holloway.

Rep. Holloway, K led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1725: Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds. Appropriations E; Appropriations A.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4080: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 104: (Representatives Remak, Carpenter) K.T. Robbins; honor extraordinary service to the United States during WWII. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE AND UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2417: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman
DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi Youth Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman
DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman

Rep. Shanks called up:

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend recognition to United States Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith as first woman elected to represent Mississippi in Washington, D.C.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Denton, Faulkner, James-Jones, Karriem, Summers, Taylor. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Clark, Gibbs, J, Harness, Johnson, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Rosebud, Scott, Watson. Total-14.

Present--Butler-Washington, Hines, Holloway, G, Hulum, McCray, Porter, Sanders. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--51

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 49: Locke Ward; commend for efforts to revitalize our capital city and honor for galvanizing others to do the same.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest MS Community College Cheer Team; commend for winning 2024 UCA/UDA College Cheerleading National Championship, Open All-Girl Division.

H. C. R. No. 44: Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team; commend on winning NCJAA Region 23 Championship.

H. C. R. No. 51: Lawrence "Bud" Young; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 56: Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team; commend for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Harness, Osborne, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

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

H. R. No. 88: "Recover Reconnect and Rebuild"; commend Sharkey County on occasion of and honor the lives of those lost during the March 2023 storms.

H. R. No. 38: Phil Pinstein; commend life and legacy of.

H. R. No. 71: L.C. Gladney; commend extraordinary service in World War II and many contributions to his community.

H. R. No. 80: Florence High School "Eagles" Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning 2024 MHSAA Class 5A Boys Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 82: Brooke O'Hair; commend and congratulate upon 500th career head coaching win.

H. R. No. 90: Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 95: South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend upon successful championship season of competition.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1704: Appropriations; revise certain FY 2024 appropriations and direct transfers.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ann Johnson Morris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Robert Mathis, which motion prevailed.

At 4:15 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

(NINETY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Henry Pullum, Associate Pastor of New Mt. Zion, Jackson.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2453: Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4081: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4082: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Kenneth Almons of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4083: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4084: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Larry Mangum of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4085: (Representatives Bell (65th), Rosebud) Suffrage; restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4086: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Greer of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4087: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Rondale Hughes of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4088: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Jose Williams of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4089: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Walter Lewis of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4090: (Representatives Johnson, Mims) Adams County; authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4091: (Representative Calvert) Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on Tourism Commission and hotel/motel tax, and authorize room occupancy tax. Ways and Means; Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4092: (Representative McCray) Suffrage; restore to Tamerl Hearn Johnson of DeSoto County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4093: (Representatives Hulum, Porter) Suffrage; restore to Kynoa Trotter of Pike County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4094: (Representatives McGee, Watson) City of Hattiesburg; authorize to utilize a portion of its traffic fine money for community development initiatives. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4095: (Representatives Anthony, Rosebud) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4096: (Representative Anthony) Suffrage; restore to Kunta Gates of Humphreys County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 105: (Representatives Calvert, Smith, Horne, Young) Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

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

S. B. No. 2404: State Bond Attorney; authorize interim appointment in case of conflict of interest. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2406: MS Public Records Act; exempt certain private information of persons conducting in-state operations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2569: State employee telework policies; amend. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2649: Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2699: Purchasing law; raise expenditure triggering requirements for competitive bids. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY AND
APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN FORD, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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

S. B. No. 2004: Grain grading; require state or federal certification and compliance with Federal Grain Inspection Service standards. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2519: Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BILL PIGOTT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2576: Voter ID; clarify what constitutes a valid voter ID. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

NOAH SANFORD, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

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

S. B. No. 2886: Nicotine vapor device directory; require manufacturers to provide certification, set penalties and other provisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LEE YANCEY, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
COUNTY AFFAIRS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2311: Sheriffs; revise cap on annual salary supplement. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
COUNTY AFFAIRS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2502: Counties; shorten notice requirement for special meetings from five days to three days. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

LARRY BYRD, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DRUG POLICY

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

S. B. No. 2279: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STACEY HOBGOOD-WILKES, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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

S. B. No. 2169: Local supplement for assistant teachers; prohibit school districts from reducing when given state minimum raise. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2556: Early Learning Collaborative Act; require the Department of Education to provide certain data on educational effects. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2684: Department of Education; to require to study and develop guidance on technology, nutrition and transportation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2689: State subject area tests and accountability standards; replace with college prep test and revise provisions. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2690: Charter schools; set certain school accreditation rating requirements for renewal of charter. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2693: Failing schools and districts of transformation; revise certain provisions related thereto. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2682: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAMING

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

S. B. No. 2780: Authority of Secretary of State to approve leases located on Public Trust Tidelands; clarify. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CASEY EURE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
INSURANCE AND STATE AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2125: State employees; authorize the state to offer health savings accounts to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JERRY R. TURNER, Chairman
HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY A

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

S. B. No. 2776: Immediate possession; authorize for certain public agencies for roads & public utilities for an economic development project. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2266: Mississippi Electronic Court System; require free access for public defenders. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2038: Adoption petitions; clarify that attached certificate may be executed by any physician. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2037: Child support award; cost of health insurance coverage obtained by noncustodial parent considered in determining. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2180: Department of Public Safety; remove prior written approval for certain events and authorize enforcement of municipal code. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2529: District attorneys; amend provision related to temporary appointments. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2549: Chancery clerk; increase fees for recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2268: Missing or unidentified persons; provide procedures regarding investigation of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2535: Divorce; authorize a court to grant when it is determined that a marriage is irretrievably broken. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2822: Administrative Office of Courts; bring forward code sections related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOEY HOOD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

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

S. B. No. 2614: Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; amend certain provisions related to the filing of motions under. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2288: Images or audio altered or created by digitization; criminalize dissemination of in certain circumstances. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2355: Walker's Law; enact to criminalize sexual extortion. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2186: Sale of seized weapons; authorize use of proceeds to purchase equipment. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2177: Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
MARINE RESOURCES AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2647: Mississippi Comprehensive Coastal Conservation and Restoration Act of 2024; enact. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BRENT ANDERSON, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2862: Radiological health services; authorize Board of Health to collect fees in congruence with certain federal regulation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SAM CREEKMORE IV, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND MARINE RESOURCES

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2454: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; set to repeal on July 1, 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

BRENT POWELL, Chairman
BRENT ANDERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 45: George County High School; commend upon winning first ever MHSAA Class 5A Fast Pitch Softball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 42: Hilda Moore Turner; commend her life upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 43: Bobby Rush; commend and congratulate on winning his 3rd Grammy. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 46: John D. Roberts; commend upon receiving Legion of Honor for valiant and heroic service during World War II. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 50: Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir; commend upon winning 100th Grand Champion title. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 537: Recognize outstanding accomplishments of Athletic Program at William Carey University. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 520: Designate "Family Medicine Appreciation Day" in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 530: Designate March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 531: Declare that March 21, 2024, is "World Down Syndrome in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 532: Commend the life of U.S. Marine Sergeant Harold Hammett of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, lost in World War II Battle Tarawa. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 534: Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 536: Extend congratulations of Legislature to Blues Legend Bobby Rush for winning 3rd Grammy Award for "Best Traditional Blues Album." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 48: William Jarrell; commend upon 100th birthday celebration and for his World War II service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 70: Theo Carouthers; commend upon being named 2023 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 78: Lt. Colonel Malachi Sanders; commend upon occasion of retirement as Deputy Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 72: Meridian High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 7A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 23: Miss Vivian O'Neal; commend upon winning Miss Mississippi 2023. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 102: Beulah Baptist Church, in Myrtle, MS; commend and congratulate on the occasion of its 175th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 25: Dr. Portia E. Ellis; commend service as State Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 42: Christopher Brown; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 43: Mical Cook; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 46: Michael E. "Mike" Griffin; honor life and service of retired officer who died while helping fellowman in vehicle accident. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 51: George A. Schloegel; commend life upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 57: Former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 59: Luther Cunningham "L.C." Sims; commend extraordinary service in World War II and contributions to his community. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 62: Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team; commend upon winning MAIS AAAAAA State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 63: Hartfield Academy Hawkettes Dance Team; commend for winning the MAIS Spirit Competition. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 64: Hartfield Academy Softball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 65: Hartfield Academy Varsity Cheerleaders; commend and congratulate. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 66: Jake "Moffitt the Medalist" Moffitt; commend and congratulate upon winning back-to-back medalist honors. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 68: Head Coach Craig Dailey; commend for earning sixteen basketball championship titles. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 69: Delta Academy "Lady Raiders" Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 73: The Piney Woods School; designate April 10, 2024, as Piney Woods Day at the Capitol. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 74: Canton Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 75: Blue Mountain High School "Lady Cougars" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Girls Basketball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 76: Charleston High School Tigers Football Team; commend for winning the 2023 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 79: Simpson County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 81: Ken Evans, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon being named 2024 SWAC Player of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 83: Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre; commend esteemed service as 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 84: Mildred "Madea" Fields Cassidy; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 86: "Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month"; acknowledge month of May 2024 as for observance. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 87: Piney Woods School; commend on HULU documentary and upon celebrating the 115th anniversary of its founding. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 89: 100 Raveno Boys; commend service in WWII and designate June 6-7, 2024, as "Eternal Heroes Memorial Days" in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 91: Lillian Lilly; commend upon the production of her first music video and recognize years of service in gospel music industry. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 92: Alfred Williams; commend for being the first African American inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 93: Charlestien Harris; commend and congratulate upon being named "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year". Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 94: "Wait for It..." Robotics Team; commend for winning Inspire Award at the MS FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 97: West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights; commend for winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Softball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 98: Olive Branch High School "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 99: Brock Mosley; commend for winning the Folds of Honor Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 100: Chief Warrant Officer 4s Derek Abbott and Bryan Zemek; commend distinguished life of service upon their passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 101: Debra Boswell; commend work with Mississippi Animal Rescue League. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 103: Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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

S. B. No. 2142: Designate American Quarter Horse as the "Official State Horse of the State of Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2218: Mississippi Ireland Trade Commission; establish. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2457: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2575: Campaign finance; reform. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2907: PERS optional retirement program for IHL employees; revise remittance of employer's contribution based on start date. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
STATE AFFAIRS AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2853: Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Corporation; create. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY

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

S. B. No. 2703: Cybersecurity; prohibit agencies from paying ransoms. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JILL FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
TRANSPORTATION AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2644: Harvest permit license tag; increase weight category for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

STEVE MASSENGILL, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2728: University of Mississippi; authorize to enter long-term lease with approval of I.H.L. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

DONNIE SCOGGIN, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

S. B. No. 2298: Bonds; raise maximum fee paid to state's bond attorney from \$500.00 to \$750.00 for validation and issuance of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2304: Income tax refunds; provide procedures for MDOR to set off debts owed to MDHS against, and for hearings and appeals. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2476: Tax credits for qualified charitable and qualified foster care charitable organizations; extend repealer on. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2492: Use tax; allow municipalities to use revenue for personal property or equipment to be used for certain authorized purposes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2493: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2567: On-premises tobacco permit; authorize Department of Revenue to issue. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area." Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2830: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise definition and annual report due date, and correct agency reference. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2903: MS Deferred Comp; allow Roth and other after-tax accounts, and comply with qualified domestic relations orders. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2917: Capitol Complex Improvement District; define authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2466: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2532: Bonds; clarify municipalities and counties may issue serial and single term. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2697: Property exemption; property used exclusively and directly for certain purposes belongs to the foundation using it. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2470: Sales tax; move the back-to-school sales tax holiday to the second Friday in July. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

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

S. B. No. 2652: Wild turkey stamps; require for wild turkey hunters 16 years of age or older. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

BILL KINKADE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2244: Foster care children; allow free access to museums and state parks, allow free transcripts from colleges and junior colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

OTIS ANTHONY, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS AND JUDICIARY A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2262: Child support; revise provision related to in order to mirror current DHS practice and federal requirements. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

OTIS ANTHONY, Chairman
JOEY HOOD, Chairman

Head Page, Ben Adams, introduced the following pages for the week:

Cole Cress	Ridgeland, MS
Smith Graham	Columbus, MS
Gipson Hicks	Columbus, MS
Noelle Pernleitner	Dortmund, Germany
Ruby Reece	Richland, MS
Elizabeth Whittington	Jackson, MS
Katherine Woodard	Hattiesburg, MS
Lizzie Young	Hattiesburg, MS

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 27: Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead; commend for philanthropic work and leadership.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Shanks moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby the foregoing resolution was adopted, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 27: Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead; commend for philanthropic work and leadership.

A committee substitute was adopted.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K,

Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Gibbs, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

At 10:14 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:32 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2340: Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes.

S. B. No. 2698: Cyber Security Review Board; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2072: Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of.

S. B. No. 2156: Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Gordon Robinson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dorie Ladner, which motion prevailed.

At 1:35 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

(NINETY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Robert James, Faith Tabernacle, Wiggins.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4097: (Representatives Brown, Johnson) Appropriation; Hinds County for constructing a community center in Town of Pocahontas. Appropriations A.

H. B. No. 4098: (Representative Mickens) Suffrage; restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4099: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4100: (Representative Thompson) Suffrage; restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4101: (Representative Mickens) Suffrage; restore to Tony Lavell Smith of Noxubee County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4102: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Earl Greer of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4103: (Representative Karriem) Suffrage; restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4104: (Representative Karriem) Suffrage; restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 106: (Representative Powell) Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MAIS Division I Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 107: (Representative Creekmore IV) Chief William Anthony Anderson, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Rules.

H. R. No. 108: (Representative Carpenter) Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Basketball Team; commend on winning class 4A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 109: (Representative Bell (65th)) Former State Trooper Felicia Breland; mourn loss and commemorate life, legacy and service of. Rules.

Representative Summers introduced Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr., House Resolution 50.

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2298: State Bond Attorney; revise minimum and maximum fee paid to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2298**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Eubanks, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2304: Income tax refunds; provide procedures for MDOR to set off debts owed to MDHS against, and for hearings and appeals.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2304**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Harness, Horan, Lancaster, Osborne, Yancey. Total-6.

Present--Anthony, Faulkner, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Rosebud. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2476: Tax credits for qualified charitable and qualified foster care charitable organizations; delete repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2476**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr.

Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bennett, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Faulkner, Karriem. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2492: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure purposes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2492.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representatives Blackwell and Scoggin introduced the South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band, House Resolution 95.

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2493: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2493.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Eure, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2567: On-premises tobacco permit; authorize Department of Revenue to issue.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2567.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Burch, Clark, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Karriem, Ladner, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Summers, Thompson, Turner. Total--17.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Mangold, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Faulkner, Luther-Waldo. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2696**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2801**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith,

Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2803.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Evans, Newman, Sanford, Scott. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Crudup. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2830: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise definition and annual report due date, and correct agency reference.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2830.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott,

Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eure, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2903: MS Deferred Comp; allow Roth and other after-tax accounts, and comply with qualified domestic relations orders.

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

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2917: Capitol Complex Improvement District; define authority.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2917**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Bailey, Bell, C, Osborne, Young. Total-5.

Present--Clark, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Porter, Scott. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Aguirre called up:

S. B. No. 2532: Bonds; clarify municipalities and counties may issue serial and single term.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2532**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2697: Property exemption; revise provisions regarding property belonging to certain foundations.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2697.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Haney called up:

S. B. No. 2470: Sales tax; move the back-to-school sales tax holiday to the second Friday in July.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Haney:

AMEND on line 178 by striking "Saturday" and inserting in lieu thereof "Sunday"
AMEND further on line 377 by striking "July 1, 2024" and inserting in lieu thereof "its passage"
AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scott:

AMEND on line 176 after One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) by adding "computers"
AMEND title to conform.

The foregoing amendment lost by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Young. Total--40.

Nays--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Jackson, K, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Foster, Osborne, Watson, Yates. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2470**. On motion of Rep. Haney the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Currie called up:

S. B. No. 2700: State offenders serving sentences in county jails; repeal repealer.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2700**. On motion of Rep. Currie the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Carpenter. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Osborne, Summers. Total--5.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2448**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill,

Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Crawford, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2445.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. McGee the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1725: Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act.

Representatives Barton and Fondren introduced Lucy Buffett, the sister of Jimmy Buffett, and other family members, House Concurrent Resolution 16.

At 11:06 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:31 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Turner called up:

S. B. No. 2851: Nonprofit agricultural membership organization; authorize to issue health insurance and exempt from insurance regulation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2851. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Evans, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Turner called up:

S. B. No. 2740: Insurance; authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions to pool risk.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2740. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Turner called up:

S. B. No. 2125: State employees; authorize the state to offer health savings accounts to.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2125. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Turner called up:

S. B. No. 2530: Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2530. On motion of Rep. Turner the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Brown. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Anderson, B called up:

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2648**. On motion of Anderson, B the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans, Osborne, Scott. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Aguirre called up:

S. B. No. 2226: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2226**. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--81.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Butler-Washington, Clark, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Mickens, Nelson, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--24.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Bailey, Bell, C, Burnett, Crudup, Osborne, Paden. Total-7.

Present--Blackmon, Brown, Denton, Evans, Foster, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Jackson, L, McCray, Rosebud. Total--10.

Necessary for passage--53

Representative Carpenter introduced Friends of Mississippi Veterans, Mr. Jack Winstead, House Concurrent Resolution 27.

Rep. Aguirre called up:

S. B. No. 2382: Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2382. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Eubanks, Evans, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, James-Jones, Karriem, Ladner, McCray, McKnight, Nelson, Paden, Pigott, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Osborne, Yates. Total-3.

Present--Blackmon, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Holloway, K, Porter, Rosebud. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Aguirre called up:

S. B. No. 2543: Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; create a cap adjustment based on the loan amount.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2543. On motion of Rep. Aguirre the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold,

Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Bailey, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Currie, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J. Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K. Hulum, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C. Hawkins, Luther-Waldo, Osborne, Yates. Total-5.

Present--Hines. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders and district attorneys; revise provisions related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2022.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B. Anderson, J. Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C. Bell, D. Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R. Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, J. Gibbs, K. Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Holloway, G. Holloway, K. Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K. James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Boyd, A. Jackson, L. Smith. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Denton, Hawkins, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Blackmon, Crudup, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Johnson, McCray, Porter, Summers. Total--8.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2771: Judicial redistricting; bring forward code sections related to.

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

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2196: Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2196**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Hines. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

A motion to table the committee strike all # 1 amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2174**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Anthony, Bell, C, Hulum, Karriem, Nelson, Taylor. Total--6.
Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Evans, Faulkner, Harness, Jackson, L, Porter, Rosebud, Summers. Total--9.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Horan called up:

S. B. No. 2175: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.

A motion to table the committee strike all # 1 amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Horan: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2175.** On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Guice, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Evans, Foster, Harness, Hines, Jackson, K, McCray, Rosebud, Young. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Rushing called up:

S. B. No. 2707: Business Improvement District Act; technical amendments.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2707.** On motion of Rep. Rushing the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway,

G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McGee called up:

S. B. No. 2823: Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2823.** On motion of Rep. McGee the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Blackwell, Boyd, R, Crawford, Eubanks. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Haney, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mims, Osborne, Owen, Smith. Total-9.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2762: Retainage; further define and outline the process related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND on lines 38 through 42 by deleting the following language:
"After the contractor has completed fifty percent (50%) of the work in substantial compliance with the contract requirements and thereafter remains in substantial compliance with the contract requirements, no further retainage may be withheld."

AMEND further on lines 57 through 61 by deleting the following language:

"After the subcontractor has completed fifty percent (50%) of the work in substantial compliance with the subcontract requirements and thereafter remains in substantial compliance with the subcontract requirements, no further retainage may be withheld."

AMEND further on lines 76 through 80 by deleting the following language:

"After the sub-subcontractor has completed fifty percent (50%) of the work in substantial compliance with the sub-subcontract requirements and thereafter remains in substantial compliance with the sub-subcontract requirements, no further retainage may be withheld."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2762**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, A, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2717**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford,

Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ford, K, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Brown, Clark, Faulkner, Jackson, L, Karriem, Summers. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2570: Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from PPRB provisions on rental/leasing of real property for agency business.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bell (21st):

AMEND on line 438 by striking "2025" and inserting in lieu thereof "2027".

AMEND further on line 834 by striking "2025" and inserting in lieu thereof "2027".

AMEND title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2570**. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 2572: State Workforce Investment Board; amend to allow for proxy participation in meetings to meet quorum.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2572. On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--James-Jones, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2310: County authorization to assess emergency telecommunications service charge; extend date of repeal on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2310. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Hobgood-Wilkes, McLean, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2603: Excavation; revise procedures and required white lining in certain stances.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2603. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--McLean, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2454: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; set to repeal on July 1, 2024.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2454. On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Anderson, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 38: Phil Pinstein; commend life and legacy of.

H. R. No. 71: L.C. Gladney; commend extraordinary service in World War II and many contributions to his community.

H. R. No. 80: Florence High School "Eagles" Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning 2024 MHSAA Class 5A Boys Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 82: Brooke O'Hair; commend and congratulate upon 500th career head coaching win.

H. R. No. 88: "Recover Reconnect and Rebuild"; commend Sharkey County on occasion of and honor the lives of those lost during the March 2023 storms.

H. R. No. 90: Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 95: South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend upon successful championship season of competition.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. C. R. No. 509: Extend recognition to United States Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith as first woman elected to represent Mississippi in Washington, D.C.

S. B. No. 2157: Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact.

S. B. No. 2453: Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of.

S. B. No. 2557: Ground lease for solar installation at Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experimental Stations; authorize.

S. B. No. 2888: Medical Cannabis Research Advisory Board; enact and create the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Research Program.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1353: Horseracing; include in equine liability.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 26: Ripley High School Golf Team; commend upon winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

At 3:11 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 4, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

(NINETY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Revered Marvin Nimax, St. Mary United Freewill Baptist Church, McComb.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 540: Recognize legacy of Rosie S. Simmons as the first African American since Reconstruction to serve as Bolivar County Circuit Clerk.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

H. B. No. 310: Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days.

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.

H. B. No. 893: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation.

H. B. No. 1102: DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances.

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 1279: Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to.

H. B. No. 1288: Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named.

H. B. No. 1519: Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate.

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development fund; bring forward code section on.

H. B. No. 1638: Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds.

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 74: Memorial highways; designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 75: Memorial highway; designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 155: Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities.

H. B. No. 317: EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty.

H. B. No. 619: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 751: Commercial motor vehicles; extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program.

H. B. No. 760: MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians.

H. B. No. 823: Memorial bridge; designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge."

H. B. No. 978: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing of claims.

H. B. No. 1001: Veterans cemeteries; authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act.

H. B. No. 1006: Recreation crab licenses; limit to license holders rather than households.

H. B. No. 1007: Oyster tags; authorize the printing of by the catcher.

H. B. No. 1030: DHS; authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds.

H. B. No. 1037: Deficit appropriations; revise process for state agencies to avoid the need for. (PEER bill).

H. B. No. 1079: Clean claim; clarify requirements for.

H. B. No. 1121: State officers; make minor, nonsubstantive changes regarding swearing in of.

H. B. No. 1129: Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health.

H. B. No. 1210: The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish.

H. B. No. 1213: Living Donor Protection Act; create.

H. B. No. 1216: Memorial highways; designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1287: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1343: Scrivener's affidavit; revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired.

H. B. No. 1376: Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in.

H. B. No. 1463: "Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway"; specify parameters of location for designation.

H. B. No. 1525: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

H. C. R. No. 52: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; urge to extend authorization for the Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project.

H. C. R. No. 54: Circuit Judge Claiborne "Buddy" McDonald IV; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

S. C. R. No. 539: Designate March 2024 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi."

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 540: Recognize legacy of Rosie S. Simmons as the first African American since Reconstruction to serve as Bolivar County Circuit Clerk. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. R. No. 110: (Representative Ford (73rd)) City of Ridgeland; commend upon the 125th anniversary of its founding. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS B AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS C AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CLAY DEWEESE, Chairman

JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS D AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS E AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KARL OLIVER, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1646: City of West Point; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1720: City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1752: City of Fulton; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1931: Greene County; extend repeal date on assessments in justice court. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1716: Jackson County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1723: Pike County; authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize certain lease-purchase arrangement. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1743: Humphreys County; authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1758: Jefferson Davis County; increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage collection and disposal. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1854: Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1948: City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1968: Humphreys County; authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4090: Adams County; authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE BARNETT, Chairman

Representative Massengill introduced 2023 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year, Mr. Theo Carouthers, House Resolution 70.

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

H. C. R. No. 45: George County High School; commend upon winning first ever MHSA Class 5A Fast Pitch Softball State Championship.

H. C. R. No. 42: Hilda Moore Turner; commend her life upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 43: Bobby Rush; commend and congratulate on winning his 3rd Grammy.

H. C. R. No. 46: John D. Roberts; commend upon receiving Legion of Honor for valiant and heroic service during World War II.

H. C. R. No. 50: Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir; commend upon winning 100th Grand Champion title.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

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

S. C. R. No. 537: Recognize outstanding accomplishments of Athletic Program at William Carey University.

S. C. R. No. 520: Designate "Family Medicine Appreciation Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 530: Designate March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 531: Declare that March 21, 2024, is "World Down Syndrome in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 532: Commend the life of U.S. Marine Sergeant Harold Hammett of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, lost in World War II Battle Tarawa.

S. C. R. No. 534: Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Ridgeland, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 536: Extend congratulations of Legislature to Blues Legend Bobby Rush for winning 3rd Grammy Award for "Best Traditional Blues Album."

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Owen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

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

H. R. No. 48: William Jarrell; commend upon 100th birthday celebration and for his World War II service.

H. R. No. 70: Theo Carouthers; commend upon being named 2023 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year.

H. R. No. 78: Lt. Colonel Malachi Sanders; commend upon occasion of retirement as Deputy Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

H. R. No. 72: Meridian High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 7A State Championship.

H. R. No. 23: Miss Vivian O'Neal; commend upon winning Miss Mississippi 2023.

H. R. No. 102: Beulah Baptist Church, in Myrtle, MS; commend and congratulate on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.

H. R. No. 25: Dr. Portia E. Ellis; commend service as State Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

H. R. No. 42: Christopher Brown; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor.

H. R. No. 43: Mical Cook; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor.

H. R. No. 46: Michael E. "Mike" Griffin; honor life and service of retired officer who died while helping fellowman in vehicle accident.

H. R. No. 51: George A. Schloegel; commend life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 59: Luther Cunningham "L.C." Sims; commend extraordinary service in World War II and contributions to his community.

H. R. No. 62: Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team; commend upon winning MAIS AAAAAA State Championship.

H. R. No. 63: Hartfield Academy Hawkettes Dance Team; commend for winning the MAIS Spirit Competition.

H. R. No. 64: Hartfield Academy Softball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS State Championship.

H. R. No. 65: Hartfield Academy Varsity Cheerleaders; commend and congratulate.

H. R. No. 66: Jake "Moffitt the Medalist" Moffitt; commend and congratulate upon winning back-to-back medalist honors.

H. R. No. 68: Head Coach Craig Dailey; commend for earning sixteen basketball championship titles.

H. R. No. 69: Delta Academy "Lady Raiders" Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship.

H. R. No. 73: The Piney Woods School; designate April 10, 2024, as Piney Woods Day at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 74: Canton Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 75: Blue Mountain High School "Lady Cougars" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Girls Basketball State Championship.

H. R. No. 76: Charleston High School Tigers Football Team; commend for winning the 2023 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 79: Simpson County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration.

H. R. No. 81: Ken Evans, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon being named 2024 SWAC Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 83: Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre; commend esteemed service as 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

H. R. No. 84: Mildred "Madea" Fields Cassidy; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 86: "Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month"; acknowledge month of May 2024 as for observance.

H. R. No. 87: Piney Woods School; commend on HULU documentary and upon celebrating the 115th anniversary of its founding.

H. R. No. 89: 100 Raveno Boys; commend service in WWII and designate June 6-7, 2024, as "Eternal Heroes Memorial Days" in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 91: Lillian Lilly; commend upon the production of her first music video and recognize years of service in gospel music industry.

H. R. No. 92: Alfred Williams; commend for being the first African American inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame.

H. R. No. 93: Charlestien Harris; commend and congratulate upon being named "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year".

H. R. No. 94: "Wait for It..." Robotics Team; commend for winning Inspire Award at the MS FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship.

H. R. No. 97: West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights; commend for winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Softball Championship.

H. R. No. 98: Olive Branch High School "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball State Championship.

H. R. No. 99: Brock Mosley; commend for winning the Folds of Honor Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River.

H. R. No. 101: Debra Boswell; commend work with Mississippi Animal Rescue League.

H. R. No. 103: Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2246: Preschool reporting requirements; revise technical provisions related thereto.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2246**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barton, Bell, D, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Owen called up:

S. B. No. 2339: High school graduation requirements; allow sign language to be counted as a foreign language.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2339. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2349: Cardiac emergency response plans; require schools to implement and provide procedures and certain immunity related thereto.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McCarty:

Amend on line 61 by inserting "annually" before the semicolon.

Further, amend on line 68 by adding the following after the period:

"A school or local and regional board of education may accept gifts, grants and donations, including in-kind donations designated for the purchase of an AED that meets the standards established by the United States Food and Drug Administration and for the costs incurred to inspect and maintain such device and train staff in the use of such device."

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2349**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McCarty:

Amend after line 314 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 2. Section 29-3-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

29-3-63. (1) The holder of a lease of sixteenth section or lieu land, at the expiration thereof, shall have a prior right, exclusive of all other persons, to re-lease or to extend an existing lease as may be agreed upon between the holder of the lease and board of education subject to the classification of said land. Provided, however, no holder of a lease of sixteenth section land classified as agricultural land shall have any priority rights in extending his lease contract, except as otherwise provided in Section 29-3-81. Provided, however, the compensation on an annual basis shall be the fair market rental of the land excluding buildings and improvements made on such land by the lessee, the title to which is not held in trust for the public schools, but in no event shall the compensation be less than the minimum amounts prescribed in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The board of education shall not lease or extend a lease on land classified as industrial or commercial at an annual rental less than five percent (5%) of the current market value, exclusive of buildings or improvements not owned by the school district. Such minimum acceptable percentage shall not apply to land classified as farm-residential, residential, recreational and other land; however, fair market rental will apply

to those lands as determined by appraisal, comparative analysis or comparison with the private sector.

(3) The prior right to re-lease or extend an existing oil, gas and mineral lease, or any part thereof, granted under this section shall be conditioned upon the existence of production of oil, gas or other minerals thereunder in paying quantities, or the existence of a well capable of such production, or the existence of drilling or reworking operations at the time of lease expiration. Provided, however, that said lease may, in the discretion of the board of education, be extended only as to the lands included in a unit or units as defined by the appropriate agency having jurisdiction over said unit or units. The replacement lease shall be upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the holder of the lease and the board of education, provided that the rental and royalty provisions shall not be less than the rental and royalty provisions as set out in the expired lease and the primary term shall not exceed the limitations in Section 29-3-99. Bonus payment for the replacement lease shall be consistent with the requirements set out in Section 29-3-65 with respect to oil, gas and mineral leases.

(4) Where used in this section and Section 29-3-65, the term "oil and gas lease" or "oil, gas and mineral lease" shall include all leases originally executed pursuant to Section 29-3-99.

(5) The right to re-lease an oil, gas and mineral lease provided in subsection (3) above extends to oil, gas and mineral leases which have already expired as of May 7, 1992, subject to an accounting for production from the date of lease expiration to the date of the replacement lease authorized herein.

(6) The board of education of a school district located in a municipality where Interstate 59 and U.S. Highway 49 intersect in the Broadway - West Pine redevelopment area may grant the holder of a valid lease with a term of ninety-nine (99) years, which has completely satisfied the financial obligation of the original lease agreement, being free and clear of any debt pertaining thereto, and which has less than thirty (30) years remaining on its original term, the right to extend said lease for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years under any additional agreed upon terms, which shall serve as an addendum to the original lease agreement, and for consideration acceptable to the board and spread upon its minutes."

Further, amend by renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2232**. On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2556: Early Learning Collaborative Act; require the Department of Education to provide certain data on educational effects.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2556.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2689: State subject area tests and accountability standards; replace with college prep test and revise provisions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend on line 1232 by striking "30" and inserting in lieu thereof: "28".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2689.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp,

Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Bailey, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Summers, Thompson. Total--6.

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

Present--Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Gibbs, J, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, L, Karriem, Scott. Total--12.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. McCarty called up:

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2695.** On motion of Rep. McCarty the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Powell called up:

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Bounds: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2283.** On motion of Rep. Powell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Remak. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Massengill called up:

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The Little Biloxi Bridge located on United States Highway 49 in Harrison County, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "Willie E. King Memorial Bridge" in memory of the late World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King, who courageously gave his life during the Omaha Beach invasion of Normandy.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE LITTLE BILOXI BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 49 IN HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "WILLIE E. KING MEMORIAL BRIDGE" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE WORLD WAR II INFANTRYMAN WILLIE EDWARD KING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2060.** On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segments in Bolivar County and Jones County as in honor individuals.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

Amend after line 25 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 3. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 28 located in Soso, Jones County, Mississippi, extending for a distance of approximately one (1) mile in the northwesterly direction beginning at its intersection with Margay Road to a point of termination at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 29, is designated and shall be known as the "Paul Holifield Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section."

Further, amend by renumbering succeeding any sections accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform on line 6 by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 28 LOCATED IN THE SOSO, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "PAUL HOLIFIELD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY;"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND THOMPSON:

Amend by striking SECTION 1 in its entirety on lines 8 through 16, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:

"SECTION 1. (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 278 (Noah Curtis Street) located in Shannon, Lee County, Mississippi, extending for a distance of approximately one (1) mile in the westerly direction from the eastern entrance of Shannon Primary School to a point immediately west of the on-ramp interchange with U.S. Highway 45, is designated and shall be known as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section."

Further, amend the title to conform on lines 1 and 2 by striking "MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 145/U.S. HIGHWAY 45", and inserting in lieu thereof:

"U.S. HIGHWAY 278 (NOAH CURTIS STREET)".

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 145/U.S. Highway 45 located in Lee County, Mississippi, extending for a distance of approximately one (1) mile in the easterly direction from Shannon Avenue to North Collins in the Town of Shannon, Lee County, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 446 located in Bolivar County, Mississippi, extending for a distance of approximately one (1) mile in the easterly direction from its point of intersection with Shaw-Skene Road to its point of intersection with Gilbert Road, is designated and shall be known as the "H.M. "Mack" Grimmert Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 145/U.S. HIGHWAY 45 LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF SHANNON, LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "JOHNNY R. PATTERSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 446 LOCATED IN BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "H.M. "MACK" GRIMMETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2634**. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Arnold called up:

S. B. No. 2643: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to William Forrest Winter.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2643**. On motion of Rep. Arnold the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Horne, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative McCarty introduced the Athletic Program at William Carey University, Senate Concurrent Resolution 537.

Rep. Massengill called up:

S. B. No. 2509: Motor Carrier Regulatory Law; extend repeal on voluntary inspection program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2509. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Tubb called up:

S. B. No. 2645: Mississippi Department of Transportation; design-build requirement revisions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Currie:

Amend after line 216 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 2. The construction of roundabouts, traffic circles and other similar traffic features shall be prohibited anywhere within the territorial boundaries of Lincoln County under the authority of the county's board or supervisors or within the jurisdictional limits of the local governing authorities of any incorporated towns, cities or municipalities located therein."

Further, amend renumbering the succeeding section accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform.

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2645**. On motion of Rep. Tubb the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Currie, Ladner. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Gibbs, J, Osborne, Sanders, Taylor.
Total-5.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Massengill called up:

S. B. No. 2635: Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2635**. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold,

Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Rushing. Total-2.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up:

S. B. No. 2644: Harvest permit license tag; increase weight category for.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2644. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Clark, Evans, Harness, Holloway, G. Total--4.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2441: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit distribution or sale of certain products.

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Bell, C as follows:

I raise a point of order that the strike-all amendment for Senate Bill 2441 is not germane to the bill and violates House Rule. In order to be germane, an amendment must relate to the subject matter under consideration and the fundamental purpose of the amendment must relate to the fundamental purpose of the bill. Senate Bill 2441 original purpose deals with the regulation of alternative nicotine products, specifically regulating electronic cigarettes. Senate Bill 2441 is amending 97-32-51, the section of the law that deals with nicotine products; however, the strike-all amendment attempts to regulate Kratom. Kratom is a product totally unrelated to nicotine and is no way related to the fundamental purpose of the original bill.

The bill was set aside pending a Speaker's Ruling.

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2788: Mississippi Real Estate Commission; remove Home Inspector Board.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2788**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--McCarty, Owen. Total--2.

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

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Sanford called up:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2144**. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Clark, Gibbs, J, Scott. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Blackmon, Brown, Evans, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, Johnson, Karriem, Paden. Total--9.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Sanford called up:

S. B. No. 2425: Ballot harvesting; define terms.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The foregoing amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Read, Remak, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--43.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2425.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--41.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Ford, K called up:

S. B. No. 2308: Mississippi Public Records Act; extend date of repeal on.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2308. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

At 11:29 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:35 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Pending at the time was a Speaker's Ruling on a point of order by Representative Bell, C.

SPEAKER'S RULING

(Senate Bill No. 2441 - Germaneness of a Strike-All Amendment)

The gentleman from Hinds, Mr. Bell, raised the point of order that the strike-all amendment to SB 2441 is not germane to SB 2441.

SB 2441 prohibits any person from distributing, selling, offering for sale or furnishing any electronic cigarette, electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine that can be ingested into the body by inhaling or vaporizing, or any cartridge, component, liquid, capsule, or powder used to refill such electronic cigarette or electronic device that cannot be legally marketed or sold under federal law by rule, regulation or guidance promulgated by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

It also provides an exception for any such product where the manufacturer has filed a premarket tobacco product application that remains under review by the United States Food and Drug Administration. Thus, it only regulates alternative nicotine and tobacco products.

Sections 1 through 12 of the strike-all amendment regulate tobacco products. Sections 13 through 15 regulate Kratom. Upon review of the definition of Kratom in the strike-all, it is neither an alternative nicotine product or a tobacco product.

In order for an amendment to be germane to a bill, the subject matter of the amendment must be related to the subject matter of the bill. Further, the fundamental purpose of the amendment must relate to the fundamental purpose of the bill. The fundamental purpose of the bill is to restrict alternative nicotine and tobacco only. The fundamental purpose of the amendment is to regulate tobacco products and Kratom. Although the topics seem related because they are forms of drugs, the inclusion of Kratom adds a different drug that is neither tobacco nor alternative nicotine, with no explanation for how it is related to the other two drug categories. Thus, the inclusion of Kratom is unrelated to the fundamental purpose of the bill and impermissibly broadens the scope of the bill.

Since there is no correlation between the fundamental purposes of adding Kratom to S.B.2771; the point of order that the strike-all amendment is not germane is well taken.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Yancey:

AMEND on line 104 by inserting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024" before the period.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2441**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Haney, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Bell, C, Gibbs, J, Jackson, L, McCray. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2417: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; revise provisions of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2417**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee,

McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Blackwell, Currie, Eubanks, Haney, Ladner, McCarty, Sanders, Young. Total--8.

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

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Jackson, L. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2728: University of Mississippi; authorize to enter long-term lease with approval of I.H.L.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Deweese:

AMEND on lines 25 and 39 by deleting the words and figures "thirty (30)" and inserting the words and figures "forty (40)"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES DEWEESE AND HINES:

AMEND on lines 19-20 and 35-36 by deleting the words "the University of Mississippi" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "any state institution of higher learning under its management and control"

AMEND FURTHER on line 24 by deleting the word "university" and inserting the word "institution"

AMEND FURTHER on lines 48, 58 and 61 by deleting the words "University of Mississippi" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "state institution of higher learning for which the property is leased"

AMEND FURTHER the title on lines 2-3 by deleting the words "THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "ANY STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING UNDER ITS MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL,"; and on line 11 by deleting the words "UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LEASED"; and on lines 7, 14 and 15 by deleting the word "UNIVERSITY" and inserting the word "INSTITUTION"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2728.** On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Currie, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Carpenter, Mattox, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford, K called up:

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2486.** On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Smith, Summers, Tubb. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford, K called up:

S. B. No. 2649: Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2649**. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

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

Present--Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Hines, Johnson, Summers, Thompson. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Ford, K called up:

S. B. No. 2699: Purchasing law; raise expenditure triggering requirements for competitive bids.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2699**. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Osborne, Turner. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2886: Nicotine vapor device directory; require manufacturers to provide certification, set penalties and other provisions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2886**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Barnett, Byrd, Clark, Eubanks, Haney, Hobgood-Wilkes, McCarty, Owen, Scott. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--James-Jones, Osborne. Total--2.

Present--Butler-Washington. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Sanford called up:

S. B. No. 2576: Voter ID; clarify what constitutes a valid voter ID.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2576**. On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Burch, Eubanks. Total--2.
Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Anderson, J, Karriem, Sanders, Taylor, Young. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Sanford called up:

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES CLARK AND SCOTT:

AMEND on line 49 by inserting the following before the period:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2424.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Brown. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Sanford called up:

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2577.** On motion of Rep. Sanford the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Anthony called up:

S. B. No. 2262: Child support; revise provision related to in order to mirror current DHS practice and federal requirements.

A motion to table the committee amendment prevailed.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2262. On motion of Rep. Anthony the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Ladner. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mansell called up:

S. B. No. 2244: Foster care children; allow free access to museums and state parks, allow free transcripts from colleges and junior colleges.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES ANTHONY AND MANSELL:

AMEND on line 107 by striking state park and inserting in lieu thereof: museum

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2244**. On motion of Rep. Mansell the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Smith. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Owen called up:

S. B. No. 2519: Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2519**. On motion of Rep. Owen the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--103.

Nays--Blackwell, Boyd, R, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Scott. Total--6.

Absent or those not voting--McCarty, McGee, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Evans, Faulkner, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Porter, Summers, Thompson. Total--10.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2159: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2159. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hawkins, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2545: Auditing threshold; define monetary donations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2545. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2873**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bailey, Bell, C, Butler-Washington, Clark, Faulkner, James-Jones, Scott, Summers, Thompson. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Crawford, McLean, Osborne, Yates. Total-5.

Present--Evans, McCray, Rosebud, Young. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Yancey called up:

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2857**. On motion of Rep. Yancey the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Keen, Ladner, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Butler-Washington, Jackson, L. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Carpenter called up:

S. B. No. 2514: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2514.** On motion of Rep. Carpenter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Kinkade called up:

S. B. No. 2652: Wild turkey stamps; require for wild turkey hunters 16 years of age or older.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2652.** On motion of Rep. Kinkade the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--101.

Nays--Barnett, Burch, Currie, Eubanks, Eure, Grady, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Massengill, McCarty, Oliver, Owen. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Luther-Waldo, Osborne, Sanford, Smith, Yates. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--71

Representative Scoggin entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segments in Bolivar County and Jones County as in honor individuals.

Representative Hobgood-Wilkes entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2649: Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director.

Representative McCarty entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.

Representatives Deweese and McGee moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of The Honorable Hal Neilson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Henry Parker Johnson, Jr. , Fred Steiner, and Amy Dornbusch, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Erik Kahlstorf, and Jeff Irland, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Minnye Mazique, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Banks, Bell C, Brown, Crudup and Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joseph Lewis, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Jackson L and Rosebud moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Julis Harris, which motion prevailed.

Representative Cockerham moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charlene Arnette Anderson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Crawford moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Courtney Maureen Smith, which motion prevailed.

Representative Stevenson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Wallis Bruce Dees, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mansell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lorraine Jones Saint Sing, which motion prevailed.

At 2:52 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SIXTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

(NINETY-FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 624: Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures.

H. B. No. 728: Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities.

H. B. No. 871: Balance billing; exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on.

H. B. No. 1583: Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act; create.

H. B. No. 1648: Electronic bids; authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements.

H. B. No. 776: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 848: CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law.

H. B. No. 974: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS.

H. B. No. 1207: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans.

H. B. No. 1439: Riparian rights; revise what may be included in.

H. B. No. 1620: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance.

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 539: Designate March 2024 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi." Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4105: (Representative Holloway (27th)) Suffrage; restore to Frederick Kenyon Clark of Leake County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4106: (Representative Blackmon) Suffrage; restore to Jason Terrell Carter of Madison County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4107: (Representatives Deweese, Hawkins, Horan, Massengill) Lafayette County; authorize contributions to the Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4108: (Representative Steverson) Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 58: (Representatives Byrd, Anthony, Carpenter) Republic of China (Taiwan); commend friendship with State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Rules.

H. R. No. 111: (Representatives Bell (65th), Hulum, Anderson (110th), Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Hines, Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Jackson (11th), Jackson (45th), James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young) Angel Jackson; commend and congratulate upon being named SWAC's Women's Defensive Player of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 112: (Representative Oliver) Winona High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 3A State Football Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 8: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend for winning the 2023-2024 4A Girls State Championship and being "back-to-back" champions. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 53: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize the week May 5-11, 2024, as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 47: Sedric Scott; commend upon service to the community as Mississippi State Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 104: K.T. Robbins; honor extraordinary service to the United States during WWII. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 105: Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 106: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MAIS Division I Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 107: Chief William Anthony Anderson, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 108: Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Basketball Team; commend on winning class 4A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 109: Former State Trooper Felicia Breland; mourn loss and commemorate life, legacy and service of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 112: Winona High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 3A State Football Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 538: Request the Governor to Declare a State of Emergency in areas impacted by the ongoing drought and pine beetle outbreak. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Clerk announced the following committee appointments:

Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Jason White
Manly Barton
John Read
Trey Lamar
Karl Oliver
Clay Deweese
Bryant Clark

Representative Varner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Reverend Jack Anthony Hester, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Maxine Hendon, which motion prevailed.

At 9:09 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, April 8, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTIETH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

(NINETY-EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

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

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 8, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 1353: Horseracing; include in equine liability. Monday, April 8, 2024, 12:00 PM

H. B. No. 1704: Appropriations; revise certain FY 2024 appropriations and direct transfers. Monday, April 8, 2024, 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4109: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Jay Jackson of Hinds County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4110: (Representative Bell (65th)) Suffrage; restore to Tramaine Wagner of Walthall County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 113: (Representatives Bell (65th), Bell (65th), Hulum, Hulum, Anderson (110th), Anderson (110th), Anthony, Anthony, Bailey, Bailey, Banks, Banks, Blackmon, Blackmon, Brown, Brown, Burnett, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Butler-Washington, Clark, Clark, Cockerham, Cockerham, Crudup, Crudup, Denton, Denton, Faulkner, Faulkner, Foster, Foster, Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (36th), Gibbs (72nd), Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Harness, Hines, Hines, Holloway (27th), Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Holloway (76th), Jackson (11th), Jackson (11th), Jackson (45th), Jackson (45th), James-Jones, James-Jones, Johnson, Johnson, Karriem, Karriem, McCray, McCray, Mickens, Mickens, Osborne, Nelson, Paden, Osborne, Porter, Paden, Rosebud, Porter, Sanders, Rosebud, Scott, Sanders, Summers, Scott, Taylor, Summers, Thompson, Taylor, Watson, Thompson, Young, Watson, Young) Coach Tomekia Reed; commend upon being named SWAC Coach of the Year and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 114: (Representative Bell (65th)) Ellis "Scott" Slater; commend life upon his passing. Rules.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 57: Former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

H. R. No. 100: Chief Warrant Officer 4s Derek Abbott and Bryan Zemek; commend distinguished life of service upon their passing.

H. R. No. 47: Sedric Scott; commend upon service to the community as Mississippi State Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

H. R. No. 104: K.T. Robbins; honor extraordinary service to the United States during WWII.

H. R. No. 105: Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 106: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MAIS Division I Championship.

H. R. No. 107: Chief William Anthony Anderson, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 108: Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Basketball Team; commend on winning class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 109: Former State Trooper Felicia Breland; mourn loss and commemorate life, legacy and service of.

H. R. No. 112: Winona High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 3A State Football Championship.

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

H. R. No. 57: Former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

H. R. No. 100: Chief Warrant Officer 4s Derek Abbott and Bryan Zemek; commend distinguished life of service upon their passing.

H. R. No. 47: Sedric Scott; commend upon service to the community as Mississippi State Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

H. R. No. 104: K.T. Robbins; honor extraordinary service to the United States during WWII.

H. R. No. 105: Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 106: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MAIS Division I Championship.

H. R. No. 107: Chief William Anthony Anderson, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 108: Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Basketball Team; commend on winning class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 109: Former State Trooper Felicia Breland; mourn loss and commemorate life, legacy and service of.

H. R. No. 112: Winona High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 3A State Football Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Representative Aguirre called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2543:** (Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; create a cap adjustment based on the loan amount.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Scoggin called up:

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

Amend on Line 486 by inserting the following before the period: ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024". Amend title to conform.

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2729**. On motion of Rep. Scoggin the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2159: Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure.

S. B. No. 2246: Preschool reporting requirements; revise technical provisions related thereto.

S. B. No. 2262: Child support; revise provision related to in order to mirror current DHS practice and federal requirements.

S. B. No. 2308: Mississippi Public Records Act; extend date of repeal on.

S. B. No. 2310: County authorization to assess emergency telecommunications service charge; extend date of repeal on.

S. B. No. 2339: High school graduation requirements; allow sign language to be counted as a foreign language.

S. B. No. 2382: Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers.

S. B. No. 2509: Motor Carrier Regulatory Law; extend repeal on voluntary inspection program.

S. B. No. 2514: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of.

S. B. No. 2519: Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2532: Bonds; clarify municipalities and counties may issue serial and single term.

S. B. No. 2545: Auditing threshold; define monetary donations.

S. B. No. 2576: Voter ID; clarify what constitutes a valid voter ID.

S. B. No. 2603: Excavation; revise procedures and required white lining in certain stances.

S. B. No. 2643: Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to William Forrest Winter.

S. B. No. 2644: Harvest permit license tag; increase weight category for.

S. B. No. 2740: Insurance; authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions to pool risk.

S. B. No. 2830: Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise definition and annual report due date, and correct agency reference.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 23: Miss Vivian O'Neal; commend upon winning Miss Mississippi 2023.

H. R. No. 42: Christopher Brown; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor.

H. R. No. 43: Mical Cook; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor.

H. R. No. 48: William Jarrell; commend upon 100th birthday celebration and for his World War II service.

H. R. No. 59: Luther Cunningham "L.C." Sims; commend extraordinary service in World War II and contributions to his community.

H. R. No. 63: Hartfield Academy Hawkettes Dance Team; commend for winning the MAIS Spirit Competition.

H. R. No. 64: Hartfield Academy Softball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS State Championship.

H. R. No. 65: Hartfield Academy Varsity Cheerleaders; commend and congratulate.

H. R. No. 68: Head Coach Craig Dailey; commend for earning sixteen basketball championship titles.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 69: Delta Academy "Lady Raiders" Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship.

H. R. No. 70: Theo Carouthers; commend upon being named 2023 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year.

H. R. No. 72: Meridian High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 7A State Championship.

H. R. No. 73: The Piney Woods School; designate April 10, 2024, as Piney Woods Day at the Capitol.

H. R. No. 74: Canton Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 75: Blue Mountain High School "Lady Cougars" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Girls Basketball State Championship.

H. R. No. 76: Charleston High School Tigers Football Team; commend for winning the 2023 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 78: Lt. Colonel Malachi Sanders; commend upon occasion of retirement as Deputy Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

H. R. No. 79: Simpson County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 81: Ken Evans, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon being named 2024 SWAC Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 83: Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre; commend esteemed service as 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

H. R. No. 84: Mildred "Madea" Fields Cassidy; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 87: Piney Woods School; commend on HULU documentary and upon celebrating the 115th anniversary of its founding.

H. R. No. 89: 100 Raveno Boys; commend service in WWII and designate June 6-7, 2024, as "Eternal Heroes Memorial Days" in Mississippi.

H. R. No. 92: Alfred Williams; commend for being the first African American inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame.

H. R. No. 93: Charlestien Harris; commend and congratulate upon being named "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year".

H. R. No. 94: "Wait for It..." Robotics Team; commend for winning Inspire Award at the MS FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship.

H. R. No. 97: West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights; commend for winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Softball Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 99: Brock Mosley; commend for winning the Folds of Honor Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River.

H. R. No. 101: Debra Boswell; commend work with Mississippi Animal Rescue League.

H. R. No. 102: Beulah Baptist Church, in Myrtle, MS; commend and congratulate on the occasion of its 175th anniversary.

H. R. No. 103: Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 25: Dr. Portia E. Ellis; commend service as State Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

H. R. No. 46: Michael E. "Mike" Griffin; honor life and service of retired officer who died while helping fellowman in vehicle accident.

H. R. No. 51: George A. Schloegel; commend life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 62: Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team; commend upon winning MAIS AAAAAA State Championship.

H. R. No. 66: Jake "Moffitt the Medalist" Moffitt; commend and congratulate upon winning back-to-back medalist honors.

H. R. No. 86: "Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month"; acknowledge month of May 2024 as for observance.

H. R. No. 91: Lillian Lilly; commend upon the production of her first music video and recognize years of service in gospel music industry.

H. R. No. 98: Olive Branch High School "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 728: Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities.

H. B. No. 624: Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures.

H. B. No. 1583: Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act; create.

H. B. No. 1648: Electronic bids; authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 871: Balance billing; exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 52: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; urge to extend authorization for the Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project.

H. C. R. No. 54: Circuit Judge Claiborne "Buddy" McDonald IV; commend life and legacy upon his passing.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 74: Memorial highways; designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway".

H. B. No. 75: Memorial highway; designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 155: Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities.

H. B. No. 317: EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty.

H. B. No. 619: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway.

H. B. No. 751: Commercial motor vehicles; extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program.

H. B. No. 760: MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians.

H. B. No. 823: Memorial bridge; designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge."

H. B. No. 978: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing of claims.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1001: Veterans cemeteries; authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act.

H. B. No. 1006: Recreation crab licenses; limit to license holders rather than households.

H. B. No. 1007: Oyster tags; authorize the printing of by the catcher.

H. B. No. 1030: DHS; authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds.

H. B. No. 1037: Deficit appropriations; revise process for state agencies to avoid the need for. (PEER bill).

H. B. No. 1079: Clean claim; clarify requirements for.

H. B. No. 1121: State officers; make minor, nonsubstantive changes regarding swearing in of.

H. B. No. 1129: Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health.

H. B. No. 1210: The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish.

H. B. No. 1213: Living Donor Protection Act; create.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1216: Memorial highways; designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1287: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1343: Scrivener's affidavit; revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired.

H. B. No. 1376: Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in.

H. B. No. 1463: "Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway"; specify parameters of location for designation.

H. B. No. 1525: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Amy Rice Gables, and Ellie Lum Helms, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bennett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terry Lee Welch, Sr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joan Thompson, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Elton Wall, which motion prevailed.

At 4:13 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

(NINETY-NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Wylie Lowery, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1024: DHS; authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations.

H. B. No. 1644: Ambulance services providers; contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court.

H. B. No. 1473: Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash.

H. B. No. 1697: Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize payment to family up to 30 days.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1664: Acceptance or offer of gifts; revise provisions relating to.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4111: (Representative Hulum) Suffrage; restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4112: (Representative Kinkade) Marshall County; authorize expenditure of county funds for the establishment of county-owned food pantry. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4113: (Representative Massengill) Marshall County; authorize establishment of Chickasaw Trail Tax District and to levy special tax within the district. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4114: (Representative Massengill) Marshall County; authorize to the expenditure of county funds for the establishment of county-owned food pantry. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4115: (Representative Clark) City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4116: (Representative James-Jones) Suffrage; restore to Lamar Sampson of Humphreys County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4117: (Representative Roberson) City of Starkville; authorize to require the sell of certain rural water association assets under certain circumstances. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4118: (Representative Hines) Suffrage; restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4119: (Representative Holloway (27th)) City of Morton; authorize tax on hotels, motels and restaurants to fund tourism, parks and recreation in. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4120: (Representative Hood) City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity. Local and Private Legislation.

H. R. No. 115: (Representative McGee) Scott Griffith; commend upon occasion of his retirement as Elementary Principal of Presbyterian Christian School. Rules.

H. R. No. 116: (Representative Holloway (27th)) Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. Rules.

H. R. No. 117: (Representative Harness) Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball Team; commend for outstanding 2023-2024 season. Rules.

H. R. No. 118: (Representative Harness) Jefferson County High School Football Team; commend upon outstanding football season. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS B AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

C. SCOTT BOUNDS, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS C AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3059: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

CLAY DEWEESE, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS D AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 2170: Appropriation; additional to Department of Health. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

SAM C. MIMS, V, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS E

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

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KARL OLIVER, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
APPROPRIATIONS E AND APPROPRIATIONS A

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measures and report same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KARL OLIVER, Chairman
JOHN READ, Chairman

Head Page, Dru Black, introduced the following pages for the week:

Lindsay Adams	Vicksburg, MS
Madilyn Ard	Ruth, MS
Lucy Bellon	Gulfport, MS
Zoe Byrd	Courtland, MS
Camila Cristobal	Lucedale, MS
Mikayla Davis	Vicksburg, MS
Ella Dean	Lucedale, MS
Hiram Eastland IV	Oxford, MS
Reese Eldridge	Decatur, MS
Lachaya Eppenger	Southaven, MS
Thomas Fountain	Oxford, MS
Lindan Garner	Madison, MS
Micah Haire	Corinth, MS
Adalyn Herrington	Brandon, MS
Ainsley Hurst	Brandon, MS
Kayla McEwen	Glen, MS
Nikyla Newson	Sarah, MS
Madalyn Oliphant	Hickory, MS
Terica Phillips	Jackson, MS

Camryn Robertson	Brandon, MS
Kaleigh Robinson	Jayess, MS
Sophie Slade	Florence, MS
Jocelynn Strickland	Piney Woods, MS
Mary Tate	Brookhaven, MS
Susanna Tate	Brookhaven, MS
Margaret Tiner	Gulfport, MS
Charyah Webb	Senatobia, MS
Hope White	Laurel, MS

Representatives Calvert and Young introduced the Meridian High School Boys Basketball Team, House Resolution 72.

Rep. Anderson (122nd) moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1279: Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Anderson (122nd) moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1439: Riparian rights; revise what may be included in.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development; revise various provisions related to.

On motion of Rep. Horan the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.

Representative Massengill called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2645:** (Mississippi Department of Transportation; design-build requirement revisions.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Turner called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2125:** (State employees; authorize the state to offer health savings accounts to.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2635:** (Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford K called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2649:** (Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Massengill called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2634:** (Memorial highways; designate segments in Bolivar County and Jones County as in honor individuals.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed for purposes of an amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Scoggin:

Amend after line 25 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 3. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 28 located in Soso, Jones County, Mississippi, extending for a distance of approximately one (1) mile in the northwesterly direction beginning at its intersection with Margay Road to a point of termination at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 29, is designated and shall be known as the "Paul Holifield Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section."

Further, amend by renumbering succeeding any sections accordingly.

Further, amend the title to conform on line 6 by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 28 LOCATED IN THE SOSO, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "PAUL HOLIFIELD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2634**. On motion of Rep. Massengill the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Ford J introduced The City of Ridgeland's Mayor and Aldermen, House Resolution 110.

Representative Roberson called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2695**: (Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed for purposes of an amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE McCarty:

AMEND on line 219 by striking:
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2695**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. B. No. 2681: Certified Academic Language Therapists; allow to help instruct students with dyslexia in schools.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2681.** On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hood called up:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from cancelling or denying coverage solely due to roof's age.

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

Rep. Hood called up:

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2792.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2142: Designate American Quarter Horse as the Official State Horse and Kemp's Ridley sea turtle as Official Sea Turtle of Mississippi.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2142.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Boyd, R, Newman. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Haney, Osborne, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Holloway, G. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits under certain conditions.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

AMEND on lines 59, 63, 75, 76 and 77, 84, 93, 103 and 104, 109, 124 and 125, 138, 139, 166, 168, 178, 183, 186, 187, 190 and 191, 191 and 192, 213 and 214, 236, 243, 251, 253, 253 and 254, 259, 261 and 262, 271 and 272, 287, 295 and 296, 302, 307, 317 and 318, 341, 344, 360, 363, 370, 884 and 885, 1392 and 1393, 1395 and 1396, 1402, 1404, 1405, and 1692 by deleting "and/or distilled spirits"

AMEND further on line 61, 231, 232 and 233, 240 and 241, 248, 252, 254, 258, 267, 274, 276, 280, 283, 288, 296, 306, 473, 1398 and 1399, 1403 and 1406 by deleting "and distilled spirits"

Amend further on line 79 by inserting the following after the period:

"A direct shipper may sell and ship wine to an address in the state regardless of whether the address is in an area in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized or otherwise prohibited by law."

AMEND further on line 81 by deleting "Class 1 or"

AMEND further on line 117 and 118, 119 and 120, 141, 149, 198, 242, 612 and 615 by deleting "or distilled spirits"

AMEND further by deleting lines 145 through 146

AMEND further on line 147 by striking "(d)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(c)" and on 151 by striking "(e)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(d)"

AMEND further by deleting lines 158 through 165

AMEND further on line 166 by striking "(g)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(f)" and on 168 by striking "(h)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(g)"

AMEND further on lines 195 and 196, and 200 and 201 by deleting "and nine (9) nine-liter cases of distilled spirits"

AMEND further on line 204 by deleting "and/or nine (9) nine-liter cases of distilled spirits"

AMEND further on lines 610 and 611 by striking "twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%)" and inserting in lieu thereof "eighteen percent (18%)"

AMEND further on lines 139 through 144 by striking "and/or distilled spirits that is available through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department (wine or distilled spirits for which the annual allotment through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department has been distributed to retailers will not be considered to be available through the division)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"that is contracted through Mississippi distributors, brokers, and solicitors within the state. Wines which are very limited in quantity and are commonly referred to by the broker as highly allocated items noted as "Allocated Item - See Broker" on the TAP Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue website are eligible for sale at a package retailer and also through direct shipment by a direct shipper"

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 134:

" Information reported to the department under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall not be subject to disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983."

AMEND title to conform

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2405.** On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Arnold, Blackwell, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Crawford, Currie, Evans, Ladner, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Turner, Varner. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Luther-Waldo, Osborne, Rushing. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2457: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

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

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Zuber: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT
PROPOSED BY: REPRESENTATIVE ZUBER

AMEND on lines 12146 through 12148 by deleting all after "2024" and inserting in lieu thereof, the following:
"and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2799**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--77.

Nays--Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Bounds, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCarty, McGee, Nelson, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--30.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Deweese, Eubanks, Evans, Hood, Osborne, Owen, Powell, Yates, Young. Total-10.

Present--Anderson, J, Barnett, Hobgood-Wilkes, Jackson, L, McCray. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--54

Representative Paden introduced Charlestien Harris, 2023 Financial Counselor of the Year, House Resolution 93.

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 2853: Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Corporation; create.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2853**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--75.

Nays--Arnold, Bailey, Bell, C, Boyd, R, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Jackson, K, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Mangold, McCray, Nelson, Newman, Paden, Read, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Varner, Watson. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Deweese, James-Jones, McCarty, Osborne, Rushing, Summers. Total-7.

Present--Anthony, Banks, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Denton, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Johnson, Porter. Total--12.

Necessary for passage--62

At 11:04 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Powell entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits under certain conditions.

Representative Hines entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1024: DHS; authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations.

H. B. No. 1644: Ambulance services providers; contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary.

H. B. No. 1664: Acceptance or offer of gifts; revise provisions relating to.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Rex Staten, which motion prevailed.

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

Representative Rushing moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Krissi Harris Munn, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Don Geil, Sr. , Earnest J. Cameron, Lawrence E. Rolfs, Jr. , Phillip W. Carbo, Jose Ricardo Valdez, Sr. , Percy James Wetzel, and Marty Jeryl Ladner, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Glen Allred, and Charles Gatlin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Benjamin Simo, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Blake Alford, Stanley Edward Bailey, Lynn McCormick, James Stephen "Steve" Moore, Chris Mooneyham, and Dyer Atkinson, which motion prevailed.

At 1:34 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

(ONE HUNDREDTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Broderick Hutchins, Mt. Able, Canton.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King.
Senators Branning, DeLano, Ladner

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information.
Senators Boyd, DeLano, Sparks

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 27: Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead; commend for philanthropic work and leadership.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest MS Community College Cheer Team; commend for winning 2024 UCA/UDA College Cheerleading National Championship, Open All-Girl Division.

H. C. R. No. 44: Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team; commend on winning NCJAA Region 23 Championship.

H. C. R. No. 49: Locke Ward; commend for efforts to revitalize our capital city and honor for galvanizing others to do the same.

H. C. R. No. 51: Lawrence "Bud" Young; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 56: Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team; commend for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 541: Encourage further economic ties between Mississippi and Taiwan.

S. C. R. No. 542: Extend condolences of the Legislature on the passing of Elbert Riley Hilliard, Director Emeritus of the MDAH.

S. C. R. No. 543: Commend Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1086: Land partitions; revise provision that regulate.

H. B. No. 1143: Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 299: Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales.

H. B. No. 325: Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise.

H. B. No. 846: Chancery clerk fees; conform recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands.

H. B. No. 873: Purple Alert; establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive disabilities.

H. B. No. 922: Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan.

H. B. No. 1015: DPS; authorize inspectors to assist other officers.

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 541: Encourage further economic ties between Mississippi and Taiwan. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 542: Extend condolences of the Legislature on the passing of Elbert Riley Hilliard, Director Emeritus of the MDAH. Rules.

S. C. R. No. 543: Commend Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team. Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4121: (Representative Summers) Suffrage; restore to Lasondra Bowling of Rankin County. Judiciary B.

H. B. No. 4122: (Representative McGee) Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting. Local and Private Legislation.

H. C. R. No. 59: (Representative Grady) Swetman Security Service; commend upon 50th anniversary. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 60: (Representative Denton) Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 61: (Representatives Deweese, Horan) Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan; commend upon winning NCAA Division I national title in shot put. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 62: (Representatives Deweese, Horan) Jalani Davis; recognize and commend for winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Women's Weight Throw. Rules.

H. R. No. 119: (Representatives Bell (65th), Hulum) Jordan O'Neal; commend upon being named 2024 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year. Rules.

H. R. No. 120: (Representative Boyd (19th)) 2023 Keath Killebrew Memorial Rodeo; commend upon winning awards from the International Pro Rodeo Association. Rules.

H. R. No. 121: (Representatives Bell (65th), Hulum) Jackson State University Tigers Women's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2024 SWAC Women's Basketball Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 122: (Representative Harness) Arthur "Mr. D" Davis; commend legacy and success of as owner of the "Old Country Store" in Lorman, MS. Rules.

H. R. No. 123: (Representatives Gibbs (72nd), Foster) "Don't Sugarcoat It Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol; designate April 15, 2024 as. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 110: City of Ridgeland; commend upon the 125th anniversary of its founding. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 111: Angel Jackson; commend and congratulate upon being named SWAC's Women's Defensive Player of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. C. R. No. 59: Swetman Security Service; commend upon 50th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 113: Coach Tomekia Reed; commend upon being named SWAC Coach of the Year and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 114: Ellis "Scott" Slater; commend life upon his passing. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 115: Scott Griffith; commend upon occasion of his retirement as Elementary Principal of Presbyterian Christian School. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 116: Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 117: Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball Team; commend for outstanding 2023-2024 season. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 118: Jefferson County High School Football Team; commend upon outstanding football season. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Massengill moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 310: Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, McCarty, Osborne, Rushing. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1288: Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Massengill moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1519: Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

On motion of Rep. Massengill the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

Rep. Aguirre moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1102: DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber. Total--78.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crawford, Denton, Eubanks, Faulkner, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Paden, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--35.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Evans, Osborne, Yates. Total-4.

Present--Foster, Gibbs, J, Holloway, G, Mickens, Porter. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--56

On motion of Rep. Zuber the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

Rep. Zuber moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1697: Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize payment to family up to 30 days.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2799**: (Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 848: CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law.

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

On motion of Rep. Powell the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare supplements.

Representative Blackmon introduced the Piney Woods School, House Resolution 73.

Rep. Lamar called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

S. B. No. 2903: MS Deferred Comp; allow Roth and other after-tax accounts, and comply with qualified domestic relations orders.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND by inserting the following language after line 90 and renumbering the succeeding section accordingly:

SECTION 3. Section 25-11-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 25-11-123. All of the assets of the system shall be credited according to the purpose for which they are held to one (1) of four (4) reserves; namely, the annuity savings account, the annuity reserve, the employer's accumulation account, and the expense account.

(a) Annuity savings account. In the annuity savings account shall be accumulated the contributions made by members to provide for their annuities, including interest thereon which shall be posted monthly. Credits to and charges against the annuity savings account shall be made as follows:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2010, the employer shall cause to be deducted from the salary of each member on each and every payroll of the employer for each and every payroll period nine percent (9%) of earned compensation as defined in Section 25-11-103. Future contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation; however, any member earning at a rate less than Sixteen Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$16.67) per month, or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per year, shall contribute not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) per month, or Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per year.

(2) The deductions provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be made notwithstanding that the minimum compensation provided by law for any member is reduced by the deduction. Every member shall be deemed to consent and agree to the deductions made and provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall receipt for his full salary or compensation, and payment of salary or compensation less the deduction shall be a full and complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatsoever for the services rendered by the person during the period covered by the payment, except as to the benefits provided under Articles 1 and 3. The board shall provide by rules for the methods of collection of contributions from members and the employer. The board shall have full authority to require the production of evidence necessary to verify the correctness of amounts contributed.

(b) Annuity reserve. The annuity reserve shall be the account representing the actuarial value of all annuities in force, and to it shall be charged all annuities and all benefits in lieu of annuities, payable as provided in this article. If a beneficiary retired on account of disability is restored to active service with a compensation not less than his average final compensation at the time of his last retirement, the remainder of his contributions shall be transferred from the annuity reserve to the annuity savings account and credited to his individual account therein, and the balance of his annuity reserve shall be transferred to the employer's accumulation account.

(c) Employer's accumulation account. The employer's accumulation account shall represent the accumulation of all reserves for the payment of all retirement allowances and other benefits payable from contributions made by the employer, and against this account shall be charged all retirement allowances and other benefits on account of members. Credits to and charges against the employer's accumulation account shall be made as follows:

(1) On account of each member there shall be paid monthly into the employer's accumulation account by the employers for the preceding fiscal year an amount equal to a certain percentage of the total earned compensation, as defined in Section 25-11-103, of each member. * * * From and after the effective date of this act, the increase in the employer's contribution rate scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2024, is rescinded and shall not take effect.

(2) For the public good, any recommendation by the board to adjust the employer contributions shall be accompanied by at least two (2) assessments from actuaries who are independent from each other and the retirement plan. The actuaries shall analyze the economic impact of any such recommendation to the system and state, including, but not limited to, information showing the fiscal impact to every agency and arm of the state, including, but not limited to, state agencies, cities, counties and school districts. The actuarial assessments, with any such recommendation to adjust the employer contributions, shall be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee and Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

(3) The board shall have the authority to make recommendations regarding additional funding sources for the retirement plan, including employer contribution increases, based on the assets and liabilities of the retirement plan, and the analyses required by paragraph (2) of this subsection (c). The Legislature shall have the sole authority to implement any such recommendations.

(4) This section shall not be construed to provide authority to reduce or eliminate any earned benefits to be provided by the state to persons drawing a retirement allowance or to members of the system as of the effective date of this act.

(** *5) On the basis of regular interest and of such mortality and other tables as are adopted by the board of trustees, the actuary engaged by the board to make each valuation required by this article during the period over which the accrued liability contribution is payable, immediately after making that valuation, shall determine the uniform and constant percentage of the earnable compensation of each member which, if contributed by the employer on the basis of compensation of the member throughout his entire period of membership service, would be sufficient to provide for the payment of any retirement allowance payable on his account for that service. The percentage rate so determined shall be known as the "normal contribution rate." After the accrued liability contribution has ceased to be payable, the normal contribution rate shall be the percentage rate of the salary of all members obtained by deducting from the total liabilities on account of membership service the amount in the employer's accumulation account, and dividing the remainder by one percent (1%) of the present value of the prospective future salaries of all members as computed on the basis of the mortality and service tables adopted by the board of trustees and regular interest. The normal rate of contributions shall be determined by the actuary after each valuation.

(** *6) The total amount payable in each year to the employer's accumulation account shall not be less than the sum of the percentage rate known as the "normal contribution rate" and the "accrued liability contribution rate" of the total compensation earnable by all members during the preceding year, provided that the payment by the employer shall be sufficient, when combined with the amounts in the account, to provide the allowances and other benefits chargeable to this account during the year then current.

(** *7) The accrued liability contribution shall be discontinued as soon as the accumulated balance in the employer's accumulation account shall equal the present value, computed on the basis of the normal contribution rate then in force, or the prospective normal contributions to be received on account of all persons who are at that time members.

(** *8) All allowances and benefits in lieu thereof, with the exception of those payable on account of members who receive no prior service credit, payable from contributions of the employer, shall be paid from the employer's accumulation account.

(** *9) Upon the retirement of a member, an amount equal to his retirement allowance shall be transferred from the employer's accumulation account to the annuity reserve.

(** *10) The employer's accumulation account shall be credited with any assets authorized by law to be credited to the account.

(d) Expense account. The expense account shall be the account to which the expenses of the administration of the system shall be charged, exclusive of amounts payable as retirement allowances and as other benefits provided herein. The Legislature shall make annual appropriations in amounts sufficient to administer the system, which shall be credited to this account. There shall be transferred to the State Treasury from this account, not less than once per month, an amount sufficient for payment of the estimated expenses of the system for the succeeding thirty (30) days. Any interest earned on the expense account shall accrue to the benefit of the system. However, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 25-11-15(10) and 25-11-105(f)(v)5, all expenses of the administration of the system shall be paid from the interest earnings, provided the interest earnings are in excess of the actuarial interest assumption as determined by the board, and provided the present cost of the administrative expense fee of two percent (2%) of the contributions reported by the political subdivisions and instrumentalities shall be reduced to one percent (1%) from and after July 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984, and shall be eliminated thereafter.

(e) Collection of contributions. The employer shall cause to be deducted on each and every payroll of a member for each and every payroll period, beginning subsequent to January 31, 1953, the contributions payable by the member as provided in Articles 1 and 3.

The employer shall make deductions from salaries of employees as provided in Articles 1 and 3 and shall transmit monthly, or at such time as the board of trustees designates, the amount specified to be deducted to the Executive Director of the Public Employees'

Retirement System. The executive director, after making a record of all those receipts, shall deposit such amounts as provided by law.

(f) (1) Upon the basis of each actuarial valuation provided herein, the board of trustees shall biennially determine the normal contribution rate and the accrued liability contribution rate as provided in this section. The sum of these two (2) rates shall be known as the "employer's contribution rate." The percentage rate of those contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation.

(2) The amount payable by the employer on account of normal and accrued liability contributions shall be determined by applying the employer's contribution rate to the amount of compensation earned by employees who are members of the system. Monthly, or at such time as the board of trustees designates, each department or agency shall compute the amount of the employer's contribution payable, with respect to the salaries of its employees who are members of the system, and shall cause that amount to be paid to the board of trustees from the personal service allotment of the amount appropriated for the operation of the department or agency, or from funds otherwise available to the agency, for the payment of salaries to its employees.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-106:

(i) Constables shall pay employer and employee contributions on their net fee income as well as the employee contributions on all direct treasury or county payroll income.

(ii) The county shall be responsible for the employer contribution on all direct treasury or county payroll income of constables.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-106.1, chancery and circuit clerks shall be responsible for both the employer and employee share of contributions on the proportionate share of net income attributable to fees, as well as the employee share of net income attributable to direct treasury or county payroll income, and the employing county shall be responsible for the employer contributions on the net income attributable to direct treasury or county payroll income.

(5) Once each year, under procedures established by the system, each employer shall submit to the Public Employees' Retirement System a copy of their report to Social Security of all employees' earnings.

(6) The board shall provide by rules for the methods of collection of contributions of employers and members. The amounts determined due by an agency to the various funds as specified in Articles 1 and 3 are made obligations of the agency to the board and shall be paid as provided herein. Failure to deduct those contributions shall not relieve the employee and employer from liability thereof. Delinquent employee contributions and any accrued interest shall be the obligation of the employee and delinquent employer contributions and any accrued interest shall be the obligation of the employer. The employer may, in its discretion, elect to pay any or all of the interest on delinquent employee contributions. From and after July 1, 1996, under rules and regulations established by the board, all employers are authorized and shall transfer all funds due to the Public Employees' Retirement System electronically and shall transmit any wage or other reports by computerized reporting systems.

AMEND further the title online 14 by inserting the following language after the semicolon:

TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-11-123, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INCREASE IN THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION RATE THAT IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2024, IS RESCINDED AND SHALL NOT TAKE EFFECT; TO REQUIRE THAT ANY RECOMMENDATION BY THE BOARD TO ADJUST EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS BE ACCOMPANIED BY AT LEAST TWO INDEPENDENT ACTUARIAL ASSESSMENTS; TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE RETIREMENT PLAN, INCLUDING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION INCREASES, BASED ON THE PLAN'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, AND THE REQUIRED ACTUARIAL ASSESSMENTS; TO RESERVE TO THE LEGISLATURE THE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS; TO SPECIFY THAT THE SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO

REDUCE OR ELIMINATE ANY EARNED BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE STATE TO CURRENT RETIREES OR CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM;

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2903**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Anthony, Bell, C, Butler-Washington, Evans, Faulkner, Karriem, Rosebud, Summers, Taylor, Thompson. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Crudup, Grady, Haney, Osborne, Read, Scott, Young. Total-8.

Present--Banks, Bennett, Denton, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, McCray, Paden, Watson. Total--10.

Necessary for passage--52

Rep. Horan called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

S. B. No. 2771: Judicial redistricting; bring forward code sections related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2771**. On motion of Rep. Horan the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Anthony. Total--1.
Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Osborne, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Gibbs, J, Rosebud. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from cancelling or denying coverage solely due to roof's age.

A motion to table the committee strike-all amendment prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2130.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Arnold, Carpenter, Ford, K, Guice, Horne, Newman, Pigott, Turner. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Hawkins, Hurst, Osborne, Sanford. Total-4.

Present--Faulkner, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 893: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation.

H. B. No. 776: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise certain provisions regarding authority of municipalities and counties under.

H. B. No. 1620: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance.

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.

H. B. No. 1473: Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash.

Rep. Lamar moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1638: Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

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

Present--Anthony, Brown, Butler-Washington, Crawford, Faulkner, Karriem, Rosebud, Thompson. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2466: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Lamar:

AMEND on line 44 by inserting the following after the period:

"In the case of a permittee using such an age-verification app, it shall be a defense to an alleged violation of paragraph (a) of this subsection (1) if the permittee used the age-verification app prior to selling, furnishing, giving, or causing to be sold, furnished or given, any alcoholic beverages to a person and the app incorrectly indicated the person to be twenty-one (21) years of age or older."

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2466.** On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Barnett, Sanford. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hines, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Crawford, Evans, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Jackson, L, Rosebud. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2858: Health benefit plans; set provisions related to diagnostic breast exams and individualized investigational drugs.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

AMEND on line 47 by deleting "subdivision." and inserting "paragraph; or"; and by inserting the following after line 47:

"(vi) An individual who has documentation from his or her physician that the individual has been diagnosed with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)." AMEND FURTHER on line 51 by inserting the following after the word "profile": ", or long-acting injectable antiretroviral drugs for the treatment of patients with HIV"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVES CREEKMORE AND TURNER:

AMEND by inserting the following after line 210 and renumbering the succeeding section:

"SECTION 10. As used in this section, the following terms shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

(a) "Cost-sharing requirements" means a deductible, coinsurance, copayment or similar out-of-pocket expense.

(b) "Diagnostic breast examinations" means a medically necessary and appropriate (in accordance with National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines) examination of the breast, including, but not limited to, such an examination using contrast-enhanced mammography, diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound, that is:

(i) Used to evaluate an abnormality seen or suspected from a screening examination for breast cancer; or

(ii) Used to evaluate an abnormality detected by another means of examination.

(c) "Supplemental breast examinations" means a medically necessary and appropriate (in accordance with National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines) examination of the breast, including, but not limited to, such an examination using contrast-enhanced mammography, diagnostic mammography, breast magnetic resonance imaging, or breast ultrasound, that is:

(i) Used to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected; and

(ii) Based on personal or family medical history or additional factors that may increase the individual's risk of breast cancer.

(2) If a group health plan, or a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage, provides benefits with respect to screening, diagnostic breast examinations and supplemental breast examinations furnished to an individual enrolled under such plan, such plan shall not impose any cost-sharing requirements for those services.

(3) If under federal law, application of subsection (2) of this section would result in health savings account ineligibility under Section 223 of the federal Internal Revenue Code, this requirement shall apply only for health savings account-qualified high deductible health plans with respect to the deductible of such a plan after the enrollee has satisfied the minimum deductible under Section 223, except for with respect to items or services that are preventive care pursuant to Section 223(c)(2)(C) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, in which case the requirements of subsection (2) shall apply regardless of whether the minimum deductible under Section 223 has been satisfied.

SECTION 11. Section 83-9-108, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-9-108. (1) Every insurer shall offer in each group or individual policy, contract or certificate of health insurance issued or renewed for persons who are residents of this state, coverage for annual screenings by low-dose mammography for all women thirty-five (35) years of age or older for the presence of occult breast cancer within the provisions of the policy, contract or certificate. This coverage shall be offered on an optional basis, and each primary insured must accept or reject such coverage in writing and accept responsibility for premium payment.

(2) Such benefits shall be at least as favorable as for other radiological examinations and subject to the same dollar limits, deductibles and coinsurance factors. For purposes of this section, "low-dose mammography" means the X-ray examination of the breast using equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including the X-ray tube, filter, compression device, screens, films and cassettes with a radiation exposure which is diagnostically valuable and in keeping with the recommended "Average Patient Exposure Guides" as published by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

(3) Except for cancer policies, nothing in this section shall apply to accident-only, specified disease, hospital indemnity, Medicare supplement, long-term care or limited benefit health insurance policies.

(4) The provisions of Section 10 of this act shall be applicable to the coverage for mammography screenings provided by insurers under the provisions of this section."

AMEND FURTHER the title on line 22 by inserting the following language after the semicolon: "TO PROHIBIT GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS THAT PROVIDE BENEFITS WITH RESPECT TO SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC BREAST EXAMINATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL BREAST EXAMINATIONS FURNISHED TO INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED UNDER SUCH PLANS FROM IMPOSING ANY COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 83-9-108, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS;"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2858**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, J. Gibbs, K. Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G. Holloway, K. Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K. Jackson, L. James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi K-12 and Postsecondary Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties.

A motion to table the committee amendment # 1 prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Felsher:

AMEND on line 87 by deleting the word "and"; on line 90 by deleting the period and inserting a semicolon; and by inserting the following after line 90:

"(r) One (1) member of the Mississippi Youth Council, selected by the members of the council;

(s) One (1) family advocacy representative to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities; and

(t) The Chairmen of the Public Health Committees of the Mississippi Senate and the Mississippi House of Representatives, or their designees from their respective committee membership."

AMEND FURTHER on line 116 by deleting the word "and"; and by inserting the following after line 116 and re-lettering the succeeding paragraph:

"(g) Explore the effect of a multi-tiered wellness program that is conducive to growth, achievement, cultivating resilience, motivation and culturally sensitive personal development; and"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 3 BY REPRESENTATIVE Holloway G:

Amend after line 263 by inserting the following:

"SECTION 3. (1) There is hereby established the Land Grant Institutions Funding History Task Force to Examine 50 years, from 1962 to 2012, of State Funding to the Agricultural Land Grant Extension and Research institutions of higher learning in Mississippi created in Sections 37-121-1 and 37-113-1. The members of the task force shall be as follows:

(a) The Chairmen of the Universities and Colleges Committees of the Mississippi Senate and Mississippi House of Representatives, or their designees from their respective committee membership;

(b) The Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees of the Mississippi Senate and Mississippi House of Representatives, or their designees from their respective committee membership;

(c) A member of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Commissioner of

Higher Education;

(d) The President of Alcorn State University or the president's designee; and

(e) The President of Mississippi State University or the president's designee;

(f) A resident of the state appointed by the Governor who holds an undergraduate degree from Alcorn State University. Such designee shall have significant business or other professional experience;

(g) A resident of the state appointed by the Lieutenant

Governor who holds an undergraduate degree from Mississippi State University. Such designee shall have significant business or other professional experience;

(h) A resident of the state appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Such designee shall have significant business or other professional experience;

(i) The Executive Director of the Joint Legislative

Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) or the executive director's designee.

(2) All appointments to the task force must be made no later than June 30, 2024. After the members are appointed, the members of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or Commissioner of Higher Education shall set the date for an organizational meeting within forty-five (45) days of this bill becoming law and which is mutually acceptable to a majority of the task force members. Meetings of the task force shall be held at the State Capitol or any state institution of higher learning; however, if it is not feasible for the task force to hold an in-person meeting, the task force may convene utilizing an online meeting platform that is accessible for viewing by the public. At the organizational meeting, the task force shall elect a chair from the members designated under paragraphs (a) through (i) of subsection (1). A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum at all task force meetings and shall be required to approve any final report and recommendation.

(3) The task force shall evaluate the current and historical data, resources, and laws and policies of the State of Mississippi. Specifically, the task force shall:

(a) Examine, research, and analyze fifty (50) years of data, from the period of 1962 to 2012, of historical land grant federal and match funding, extension service and research for the land grant state institutions of higher learning in Mississippi to compare and determine the extent to which the institutions were funded under federal land grant laws and policies;

(b) The economic impact on students, faculty, the regional community served by Alcorn State University and Mississippi State University, and the State of Mississippi, which resulted from differences in funding;

(c) Recommendations for the state to address any funding distinctions in prior years by allocating additional state funding to the respective institution for such number of years determined to be appropriate by the task force; and

(d) Review any other relevant matters related to the above issues or of the land grant state institutions of higher learning in Mississippi.

(4) Based upon the results of its research, analysis, and study, the task force shall develop and make recommendations for a plan of action to address any funding differences discovered in prior years and to secure ongoing greater state funding for the land grant state institutions of higher learning in Mississippi, in future years.

(5) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation and subject to appropriations, members of the task force who are not state employees may be compensated at the per diem rate authorized by Section 25-3-69 and reimbursed in accordance with Section 25-3-41 for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. However, task force members may not incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless previously authorized by vote at a meeting of the task force, which action must be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting. Per diem and expense payments made pursuant to this subsection may be paid from any funds made available to the task force for that purpose.

(6) The Mississippi Department of Archives and History and the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning and any other related agency, entity or organization with expertise

in higher education, federal designated land grant institutions, historically black colleges and universities, legislative funding history and other issues shall assist the task force.

(7) The Department of Finance and Administration and the Legislative Budget Office shall provide administrative, technology and clerical support to meetings of the task force and draft the final report.

(8) Before December 31, 2024, the task force shall prepare and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, with copies to all task force members."

Further, amend the title to conform on line 23, by inserting the following after the semicolon:

"TO CREATE THE LAND GRANT INSTITUTIONS FUNDING HISTORY TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE 50 YEARS OF FUNDING TO THE STATE AGRICULTURAL LAND GRANT EXTENSION AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PRESCRIBE THE MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIFIC DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE; TO REQUIRE THE TASK FORCE TO SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS WORK AND RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, TO THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ON FUNDING, POLICY AND LAWS IN MISSISSIPPI WITH A GOAL OF GREATER INVESTMENT IN THE STATE LAND GRANT SYSTEM FOR THE FUTURE;".

LOST

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2727**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Bailey, Brown, Hines. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Creekmore called up:

S. B. No. 2862: Radiological health services; authorize Board of Health to collect fees in congruence with certain federal regulation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2862**. On motion of Rep. Creekmore the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Byrd called up:

S. B. No. 2311: Sheriffs; revise cap on annual salary supplement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2311.** On motion of Rep. Byrd the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Carpenter, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Yancey. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Creekmore, Osborne, Stevenson. Total-4.

Present--Aguirre, Evans. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. B. No. 2682: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO STRIKE-ALL AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Roberson:

AMEND on line 397 by inserting the following language after "2024":
", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2682**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 974: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Turner. Total-2.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bennett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1207: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Ford, K called up:

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2179**. On motion of Rep. Ford, K the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Karriem, Summers. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Eure, Evans, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Hines. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Eure called up:

S. B. No. 2780: Authority of Secretary of State to approve leases located on Public Trust Tidelands; clarify.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2780**. On motion of Rep. Eure the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Bennett, Boyd, R, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Felsher, Ford, J, Grady, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Read, Scott, Summers. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese, Haney, McCarty, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Evans. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Hood called up:

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact.

A motion to table the committee amendment # 1 prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 BY REPRESENTATIVE Hood: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The foregoing amendment was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson,

Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Mickens, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--37.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Burnett, Rosebud. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2753. On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--80.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--31.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Burnett, Crudup, Evans, Foster, Gibbs, K, McCray, Mickens, Rosebud. Total--9.

Necessary for passage--56

Representative Summers entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2755: Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact.

Representative Harness entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi K-12 and Postsecondary Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties.

Representative Turner entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2311: Sheriffs; revise cap on annual salary supplement.

At 12:20 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:34 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Hood called up:

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2764.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Nelson, Osborne, Young. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up:

S. B. No. 2776: Immediate possession; authorize for certain public agencies for roads & public utilities for an economic development project.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2776.** On motion of Rep. Hood the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eure, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--Banks, Blackmon, Blackwell, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crawford, Crudup, Estrada, Eubanks, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Hall, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Mattox, Porter, Scott, Taylor, Thompson, Watson. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Felsher, Osborne, Young. Total-4.

Present--Evans, Hulum, Summers. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Yates called up:

S. B. No. 2180: CCID inferior Court and DPS; revision provisions related to.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2180**. On motion of Rep. Yates the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Crawford, Keen, Smith. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Currie, Grady, Osborne, Young. Total-5.

Present--Bailey, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Porter. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Read called up:

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3036**. On motion of Rep. Read the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin,

Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--105.

Nays--Clark, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, McGee, Scott, Watson. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Massengill, McMillan, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Bell, C, Crudup, Harness, Holloway, G, Owen, Porter. Total--7.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: These amendments in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3037, S. B. No. 3038, S. B. No. 3041** and **S. B. No. 3023**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Owen, Scott. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3026**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up:

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3032**. On motion of Rep. Bounds the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up:

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: These amendments in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3040, S. B. No. 3021, S. B. No. 3044, S. B. No. 3035, S. B. No. 3020** and **S. B. No. 3045**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hale, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3039**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice,

Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Anthony, Banks, Karriem, Owen, Rosebud. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Deweese called up:

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3014**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Blackwell, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Deweese called up:

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3033**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to

the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up:

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3029.** On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Guice, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Blackwell, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up:

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3034**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Rushing. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up:

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3027**. On motion of Rep. Deweese the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor,

Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up:

S. B. No. 3059: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3059.** On motion of Rep. Cockerham the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

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

Present--Owen. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: These amendments in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3046, S. B. No. 3018, S. B. No. 3042, S. B. No. 3019, S. B. No. 3057, S. B. No. 3043, S. B. No. 3047, S. B. No. 3048, S. B. No. 3049, S. B. No. 3051, S. B. No. 3050, S. B. No. 3052, S. B. No. 3030, S. B. No. 3024, S. B. No. 3031** and **S. B. No. 3025**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.
Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hines, Ladner, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Yancey, Young. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3053**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3054**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3055**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Brown, Faulkner, Hines, Summers, Young. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Mims called up:

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

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2170**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson,

Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Gibbs, J, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up:

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3028**. On motion of Rep. Mims the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, J, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: These amendments in effect, set out entirely new bills.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3015, S. B. No. 3016, S. B. No. 3017, S. B. No. 3008, S. B. No. 3009, S. B. No. 3010, S. B. No. 3011, S. B. No. 3012, S. B. No. 3013, S. B. No. 3007** and **S. B. No. 3056**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bills passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, J, Osborne, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3022**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3006.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Blackwell, Boyd, R, Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--James-Jones, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Jackson, L, Summers, Young. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3058**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--James-Jones, Osborne, Sanders. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Jackson, L, Karriem, Rosebud, Summers, Young. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3162**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3163**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Karriem, Summers, Taylor, Young. Total--4.

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

Present--Banks, Brown, Faulkner, Holloway, G. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3164**. On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Porter. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up:

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3165.** On motion of Rep. Oliver the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the following bill which had been laid on the table subject to call:

S. B. No. 2457: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Zuber:

AMEND on lines 343, 344 and 347 by inserting the word "Mississippi" before the word "Highway"

AMEND further on line 348 by inserting "U.S." before the word "Highway"

AMEND further on line 840 by deleting ", and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024"

ADOPTED

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2457**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Byrd, Currie, Evans, Ladner, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Varner. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Cockerham, Luther-Waldo, Osborne, Rushing, Summers, Turner. Total-7.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Hines, Holloway, G, Mattox. Total--5.
Necessary for passage--56

At 3:02 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:15 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up:

S. B. No. 2693: Failing schools and districts of transformation; revise certain provisions related thereto.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCARTY, OWEN AND ROBERSON: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2693**. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-

Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Anderson, J, Banks, Brown, Clark, Harness, Hines, Jackson, K, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Taylor, Watson, Young. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--James-Jones, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

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

S. B. No. 2693: Failing schools and districts of transformation; revise certain provisions related thereto.

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1646: City of West Point; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1646. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Boyd, R, Eubanks, Guice, Horne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Currie, Ladner, Osborne, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Crawford, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1720: City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1720. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J,

Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Boyd, R, Eubanks, Guice, Horne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Currie, Ladner, Osborne, Owen, Rosebud, Tullos. Total-7.

Present--Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1752: City of Fulton; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1752. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Eubanks, Guice, Horne. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Currie, Ladner, Osborne, Owen, Tullos. Total-7.

Present--Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1931: Greene County; extend repeal date on assessments in justice court.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1931. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan,

Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Currie, Ladner, Osborne, Summers, Tullos.
Total-6.

Present--Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1716: Jackson County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1716. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Eubanks. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne, Tullos.
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1723: Pike County; authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize certain lease-purchase arrangement.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1723. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-

Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--James-Jones, Ladner, Osborne, Tullos. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1743: Humphreys County; authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1743. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Osborne, Tullos. Total-5.

Present--Bailey, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1758: Jefferson Davis County; increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage collection and disposal.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1758. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade,

Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Guice, Horne, Morgan, Pigott, Tubb. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1854: Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1854.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Osborne, Tullos. Total-3.

Present--Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1948: City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1948.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott,

Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Osborne, Tullos. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--71

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1968: Humphreys County; authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 1968. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Lamar, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Remak, Tullos. Total-9.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--75

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4090: Adams County; authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4090. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott,

Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Osborne, Tullos. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2405**: (Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits under certain conditions.) passed, and moved to reconsider for purposes of an amendment, which motion prevailed.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Powell:

AMEND on lines 59, 63, 75, 76 and 77, 84, 93, 103 and 104, 109, 124 and 125, 138, 139, 166, 168, 178, 183, 186, 187, 190 and 191, 191 and 192, 213 and 214, 236, 243, 251, 253, 253 and 254, 259, 261 and 262, 271 and 272, 287, 295 and 296, 302, 307, 317 and 318, 341, 344, 360, 363, 370, 884 and 885, 1392 and 1393, 1395 and 1396, 1402, 1404, 1405, and 1692 by deleting "and/or distilled spirits"

AMEND further on line 61, 231, 232 and 233, 240 and 241, 248, 252, 254, 258, 267, 274, 276, 280, 283, 288, 296, 306, 473, 1398 and 1399, 1403 and 1406 by deleting "and distilled spirits"

Amend further on line 79 by inserting the following after the period:

"A direct shipper may sell and ship wine to an address in the state regardless of whether the address is in an area in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized or otherwise prohibited by law."

AMEND further on line 81 by deleting "Class 1 or"

AMEND further on line 117 and 118, 119 and 120, 141, 149, 198, 242, 612 and 615 by deleting "or distilled spirits"

AMEND further by deleting lines 145 through 146

AMEND further on line 147 by striking "(d)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(c)" and on 151 by striking "(e)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(d)"

AMEND further by deleting lines 158 through 165

AMEND further on line 166 by striking "(g)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(f)" and on 168 by striking "(h)" and inserting in lieu thereof "(g)"

AMEND further on lines 195 and 196, and 200 and 201 by deleting "and nine (9) nine-liter cases of distilled spirits"

AMEND further on line 204 by deleting "and/or nine (9) nine-liter cases of distilled spirits"

AMEND further on lines 610 and 611 by striking "twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%)" and inserting in lieu thereof "eighteen percent (18%)"

AMEND further on lines 139 through 144 by striking "and/or distilled spirits that is available through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department (wine or distilled spirits for which the annual allotment through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department has been distributed to retailers will not be considered to be available through the division)" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"that is contracted through Mississippi distributors, brokers, and solicitors within the state. Wines which are very limited in quantity and are commonly referred to by the broker as highly allocated items noted as "Allocated Item - See Broker" on the TAP Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue website are eligible for sale at a package retailer and also through direct shipment by a direct shipper"

AMEND further by inserting the following after line 134:

" Information reported to the department under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall not be subject to disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983."

AMEND title to conform

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2405**. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Arnold, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Crawford, Currie, Evans, Ford, J, Ladner, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Turner, Varner. Total--19.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Luther-Waldo, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Stevenson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

H. B. No. 1720: City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

Representative Turner by unanimous consent withdrew the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2311** passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. C. R. No. 520: Designate "Family Medicine Appreciation Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 530: Designate March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 531: Declare that March 21, 2024, is "World Down Syndrome in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 532: Commend the life of U.S. Marine Sergeant Harold Hammett of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, lost in World War II Battle Tarawa.

S. C. R. No. 534: Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Ridgeland, Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 536: Extend congratulations of Legislature to Blues Legend Bobby Rush for winning 3rd Grammy Award for "Best Traditional Blues Album."

S. C. R. No. 537: Recognize outstanding accomplishments of Athletic Program at William Carey University.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2454: Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; set to repeal on July 1, 2024.

S. B. No. 2556: Early Learning Collaborative Act; require the Department of Education to provide certain data on educational effects.

S. B. No. 2572: State Workforce Investment Board; amend to allow for proxy participation in meetings to meet quorum.

S. B. No. 2707: Business Improvement District Act; technical amendments.

S. B. No. 2788: Mississippi Real Estate Commission; remove Home Inspector Board.

S. B. No. 2851: Nonprofit agricultural membership organization; authorize to issue health insurance and exempt from insurance regulation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 47: Sedric Scott; commend upon service to the community as Mississippi State Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

H. R. No. 57: Former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing.

H. R. No. 100: Chief Warrant Officer 4s Derek Abbott and Bryan Zemek; commend distinguished life of service upon their passing.

H. R. No. 104: K.T. Robbins; honor extraordinary service to the United States during WWII.

H. R. No. 105: Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry; commend life and legacy upon her passing.

H. R. No. 106: Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MAIS Division I Championship.

H. R. No. 107: Chief William Anthony Anderson, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing.

H. R. No. 108: Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Basketball Team; commend on winning class 4A State Championship.

H. R. No. 109: Former State Trooper Felicia Breland; mourn loss and commemorate life, legacy and service of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. R. No. 112: Winona High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 3A State Football Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Deweese moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Albert Price "Sonny" Grantham, and The Honorable Johnny Wayne "Judge" McLarty, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary McCoy, which motion prevailed.

At 4:26 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 11, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Brian Henderson, Community Church, Southaven.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; bring forward code sections related to.

H. B. No. 313: Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions.

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

H. B. No. 418: Continuing education training for police officers; extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers.

H. B. No. 504: Rural Fire truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.

H. B. No. 756: Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 759: Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from.

H. B. No. 1090: Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organization to receive and administer.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1206: Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, racoons and bobcats with dogs and guns.

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

H. B. No. 1271: Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions.

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

H. B. No. 1577: Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible.

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

H. B. No. 1683: MS Charter School Act of 2013; bring forward for purposes of possible amendments.

H. B. No. 1696: Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1105: Limited Liability Company; remove prohibition on using the words "partnership" and "limited partnership" when providing a name for.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 653: Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of.

H. B. No. 697: Mississippi Aviation Safety Act; create.

H. B. No. 845: Charitable organizations; require IRS forms filed annually with Secretary of State to be for the most recent fiscal year end.

H. B. No. 939: Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of.

H. B. No. 1021: Pawnbrokers; authorize Commissioner of Banking to establish by rule a process allowing certain purchased and/or pledged goods to be stored off premises.

H. B. No. 1194: Expulsions; authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to.

H. B. No. 1230: Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027.

H. B. No. 1286: Motor vehicles; provide procedure for licensing rental fleets.

H. B. No. 1304: Grain graders; provide process for certification of.

H. B. No. 1341: Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice.

H. B. No. 1568: Jackson State University; authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus.

H. B. No. 1617: County industrial development authorities certain; revise certain provisions regarding.

H. B. No. 1669: Assistant teachers; revise qualifications for employment.

H. B. No. 1675: Unclaimed property; prescribe process to be used by certain cooperatives with regard to disposition of.

H. B. No. 1685: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2244: Foster care children; allow free access to museums and state parks, allow free transcripts from colleges and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 2349: Cardiac emergency response plans; require schools to implement and provide procedures and certain immunity related thereto.

S. B. No. 2417: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 331: Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction.

H. B. No. 755: Parole; extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility.

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.

H. B. No. 758: Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 763: Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in certain counties.

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.

H. B. No. 1196: Sextortion; create crime of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 119: Jordan O'Neal; commend upon being named 2024 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 120: 2023 Keath Killebrew Memorial Rodeo; commend upon winning awards from the International Pro Rodeo Association. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 533: Recognize legislative members of Kappa Alpha Psi and designate March 12, 2024, as "Kappa Day at the State Capitol." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 541: Encourage further economic ties between Mississippi and Taiwan. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 542: Extend condolences of the Legislature on the passing of Elbert Riley Hilliard, Director Emeritus of the MDAH. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 124: Republic of China (Taiwan); commend friendship with State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4123: (Representative Sanford) Suffrage; restore to Scotty Adam McMahan of Covington County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 124: (Representatives Byrd, Carpenter) Republic of China (Taiwan); commend friendship with State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Rules.

H. R. No. 125: (Representative Bell (21st)) Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon his passing as the founder of American Family Association. Rules.

Representatives Banks and Summers introduced Pamela D. C. Junior, House Concurrent Resolution 31.

Representative Smith introduced the family of former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, House Resolution 57.

Representatives Carpenter and Thompson introduced Luther Cunningham "L.C." Sims, House Resolution 59.

On motion of Rep. Read the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1705: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds in the treasury.

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

Rep. Turner moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1143: Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Felsher called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2727**: (Mississippi K-12 and Postsecondary Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hood called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2753**: (SAFER Act; enact.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Barnett called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **H. B. No. 1720**: (City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 299: Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales.

H. B. No. 325: Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise.

H. B. No. 846: Chancery clerk fees; conform recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands.

H. B. No. 873: Purple Alert; establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive disabilities.

H. B. No. 922: Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan.

H. B. No. 1015: DPS; authorize inspectors to assist other officers.

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2125: State employees; authorize the state to offer health savings accounts to.

S. B. No. 2543: Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; create a cap adjustment based on the loan amount.

S. B. No. 2645: Mississippi Department of Transportation; design-build requirement revisions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 27: Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead; commend for philanthropic work and leadership.

H. C. R. No. 41: Northwest MS Community College Cheer Team; commend for winning 2024 UCA/UDA College Cheerleading National Championship, Open All-Girl Division.

H. C. R. No. 44: Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team; commend on winning NCJAA Region 23 Championship.

H. C. R. No. 49: Locke Ward; commend for efforts to revitalize our capital city and honor for galvanizing others to do the same.

H. C. R. No. 51: Lawrence "Bud" Young; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement.

H. C. R. No. 56: Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team; commend for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Eubanks and McCray moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Egner, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Deweese and Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Hazel Virginia Stovall, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jerry Benton Slay, Brenda Ann Reynolds, Bobby Joe Barton, Robert Freeman West, John Parkman Slay, Charles Roger Hayes, Margie Ree Brock Slay, Virginia Charlene

Rainer, Peggy Dianne Holloman, Coach Benson Powell Holland, Martha Gwendolyn Hayes, Della Satcher, Mallory J. Kirkland, Vernon Ray Smith, Jo Ann Pippen, Terry Randall McNeill, Billy Wayne Smith, and Norma Jean Davis, which motion prevailed.

At 10:30 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, April 12, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lee Yancey.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Absent or those not voting--Burch, Osborne. Total-2.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Burch and Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, April 12, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 728: Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities. Friday, April 12, 2024, 9:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1410: Insurance reimbursement rates; revise certain provisions.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on.
Senators Carter, Williams, Harkins

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 349: Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender.

H. B. No. 634: Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount.

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

H. B. No. 1379: "Students Safe at School Act"; create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations.

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.

H. B. No. 1618: PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition.

H. B. No. 1660: Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of.

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 722: Judicial districts; revise.

H. B. No. 774: MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act; create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting.

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

H. B. No. 1265: Pharmacists; authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or contracts.

H. B. No. 1344: Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State.

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.

H. B. No. 1478: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation.

H. B. No. 1607: Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create.

H. B. No. 1706: Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of, for eligible ARPA administration and reporting expenses.

H. B. No. 1950: Appropriation; Finance and Admin, Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects.

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1813: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

S. B. No. 2001: City of Houston; extend repeal date for tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks and recreation.

S. B. No. 2084: DeSoto County; authorize the contribution of funds for membership to the Chamber of Commerce.

S. B. No. 2138: DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority; increase borrowing/bonding authority from \$40 Million to \$80 Million.

S. B. No. 2510: Neshoba County; authorize board to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit.

S. B. No. 2663: City of Carthage; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

S. B. No. 2925: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

S. B. No. 2983: City of Philadelphia; authorize governing authorities to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit.

S. B. No. 2984: Jackson County & City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, & authorize increased contribution.

S. B. No. 3060: City of Pearl & Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in the aggregate.

S. B. No. 3062: Marshall County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

S. B. No. 3081: City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax.

S. B. No. 3082: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to the United Way.

S. B. No. 3100: Leake County; authorize lease between county economic development authority and East Central CC for workforce training center.

S. B. No. 3101: Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

S. B. No. 3102: Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize to contribute to Pearl River Community College County Tuition Assistance Program.

S. B. No. 3158: City of Winona; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on restaurants.

S. B. No. 3218: Hinds County; authorize to enter 30-year lease and finance 30-year certificates of participation for public safety facility.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2649: Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2635: Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles.

S. B. No. 2762: Retainage; further define and outline the process related to.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3103: Lauderdale County; extend authorization of assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 2001: City of Houston; extend repeal date for tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2084: DeSoto County; authorize the contribution of funds for membership to the Chamber of Commerce. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2138: DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority; increase borrowing/bonding authority from \$40 Million to \$80 Million. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2510: Neshoba County; authorize board to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2663: City of Carthage; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2925: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2983: City of Philadelphia; authorize governing authorities to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 2984: Jackson County & City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, & authorize increased contribution. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3060: City of Pearl & Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in the aggregate. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3062: Marshall County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3081: City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3082: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to the United Way. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3100: Leake County; authorize lease between county economic development authority and East Central CC for workforce training center. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3101: Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3102: Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize to contribute to Pearl River Community College County Tuition Assistance Program. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3158: City of Winona; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on restaurants. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3218: Hinds County; authorize to enter 30-year lease and finance 30-year certificates of participation for public safety facility. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

Rep. Hood moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1271: Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Burch, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Banks, Brown, Clark, Crudup, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Scott. Total--8.

Necessary for passage--57

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 418: Continuing education training for police officers; extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers.

On motion of Rep. Powell the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.

On motion of Rep. Ford, J the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

Representative Deweese called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 3039:** (Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 310: Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days.

H. B. No. 974: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS.

H. B. No. 1102: DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances.

H. B. No. 1105: Limited Liability Company; remove prohibition on using the words "partnership" and "limited partnership" when providing a name for.

H. B. No. 1207: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".

H. B. No. 1279: Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to.

H. B. No. 1288: Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named.

H. B. No. 1410: Insurance reimbursement rates; revise certain provisions.

H. B. No. 1439: Riparian rights; revise what may be included in.

H. B. No. 1519: Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2311: Sheriffs; revise cap on annual salary supplement.

S. B. No. 2349: Cardiac emergency response plans; require schools to implement and provide procedures and certain immunity related thereto.

S. B. No. 2417: Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; revise provisions of.

S. B. No. 2681: Certified Academic Language Therapists; allow to help instruct students with dyslexia in schools.

S. B. No. 2776: Immediate possession; authorize for certain public agencies for roads & public utilities for an economic development project.

S. B. No. 2862: Radiological health services; authorize Board of Health to collect fees in congruence with certain federal regulation.

S. B. No. 3032: Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1143: Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat.

H. B. No. 1638: Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds.

H. B. No. 1697: Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize payment to family up to 30 days.

H. B. No. 1813: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2244: Foster care children; allow free access to museums and state parks, allow free transcripts from colleges and junior colleges.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 653: Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of.

H. B. No. 697: Mississippi Aviation Safety Act; create.

H. B. No. 845: Charitable organizations; require IRS forms filed annually with Secretary of State to be for the most recent fiscal year end.

H. B. No. 939: Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of.

H. B. No. 1021: Pawnbrokers; authorize Commissioner of Banking to establish by rule a process allowing certain purchased and/or pledged goods to be stored off premises.

H. B. No. 1194: Expulsions; authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to.

H. B. No. 1230: Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027.

H. B. No. 1286: Motor vehicles; provide procedure for licensing rental fleets.

H. B. No. 1304: Grain graders; provide process for certification of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1341: Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice.

H. B. No. 1568: Jackson State University; authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus.

H. B. No. 1617: County industrial development authorities certain; revise certain provisions regarding.

H. B. No. 1669: Assistant teachers; revise qualifications for employment.

H. B. No. 1675: Unclaimed property; prescribe process to be used by certain cooperatives with regard to disposition of.

H. B. No. 1685: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

At 9:14 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 4:00 PM, Monday, April 15, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-FIFTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED FIFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lance Varner.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Simmons (13th)

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Simmons (13th)

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.
Senators Fillingane, Hill, Barrett

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

NO HEADER IMPLEMENTED FOR D2 **S. B. No. 2332:** MAEP; revise funding formula.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.
Senators Carter, Williams, McMahan

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."
Senators Branning,Parks,Younger

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1665: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize incentive for development of property in.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1676: Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 783: Child custody; require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2142: Designate American Quarter Horse as the "Official State Horse of the State of Mississippi."

S. B. No. 2226: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2457: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

S. B. No. 2470: Sales tax; move the back-to-school sales tax holiday to the second Friday in July.

S. B. No. 2530: Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create.

S. B. No. 2567: On-premises tobacco permit; authorize Department of Revenue to issue.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 42: Hilda Moore Turner; commend her life upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 43: Bobby Rush; commend and congratulate on winning his 3rd Grammy.

H. C. R. No. 45: George County High School; commend upon winning first ever MHSAA Class 5A Fast Pitch Softball State Championship.

H. C. R. No. 46: John D. Roberts; commend upon receiving Legion of Honor for valiant and heroic service during World War II.

H. C. R. No. 50: Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir; commend upon winning 100th Grand Champion title.

S. C. R. No. 545: Recognize Jessica Banahan McNeel as MDE "2024 Mississippi Parent of the Year."

S. C. R. No. 546: Designate April 11, 2024, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments.
Senators Thompson,England,Brumfield

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.
Senators Hopson,McCaughn,DeLano

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Seymour

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.
Senators Hopson,McCaughn,Thompson

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.
Senators Hopson,McCaughn,Thompson

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.
Senators Hopson,McCaughn,DeLano

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.
Senators Hopson,Branning,Thompson

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.
Senators Hopson,McCaughn,Thompson

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.
Senators Hopson,McCaughn,Tate

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.
Senators Hopson,Branning,Thompson

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.
Senators Hopson,Branning,Jackson

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.
Senators Hopson,Parker,Blackwell

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.
Senators Hopson,Parker,Blackwell

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.
Senators Hopson,McCaughn,Tate

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.
Senators Hopson,Branning,Jackson

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.
Senators Hopson,DeLano,Barnett

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

Senators Hopson, Branning, Jackson

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1816: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024.

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 120: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from preclicensing requirements.

H. B. No. 1035: Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act".

H. B. No. 1068: County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically.

H. B. No. 1092: Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of.

H. B. No. 1192: Virtual public schools; authorize operation by certain educational providers or locally sponsored virtual public schools.

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish.

H. B. No. 1316: Public purchasing; require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS.

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.
Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Hickman

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.
Senators Fillingane, Sparks, McLendon

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements.
Senators Sparks, Berry, Suber

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court.
Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans.
Senators Carter, Horhn, McMahan

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development fund; bring forward code section on.
Senators Sparks, Suber, Johnson

H. B. No. 1725: Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act.
Senators Blackwell, Boyd, Wiggins

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.
Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Wiggins

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age.
Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, Johnson

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.
Senators England, Fillingane, Tate

S. B. No. 2175: Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of.
Senators Fillingane, England, McCaughn

S. B. No. 2196: Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport.

Senators Fillingane,Thompson,Berry

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district.

Senators DeBar,McCaughn,Polk

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues.

Senators England,Tate,Parker

S. B. No. 2441: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit distribution or sale of certain products.

Senators Fillingane,Hill,Hickman

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers.

Senators Barnett,Chassaniol,Sparks

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer and authorize parole for certain juvenile homicide offenders.

Senators Barnett,Chassaniol,Sparks

S. B. No. 2570: Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from PPRB provisions on rental/leasing of real property for agency business.

Senators Sparks,Robinson,Suber

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of.

Senators England,Fillingane,Parker

S. B. No. 2682: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on.

Senators DeBar,Blount,Parker

S. B. No. 2689: State subject area tests and accountability standards; replace with college prep test and revise provisions.

Senators DeBar,Hopson,Norwood

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.

Senators DeBar,Robinson,McMahan

S. B. No. 2699: Purchasing law; raise expenditure triggering requirements for competitive bids.

Senators Simmons (12th),Hopson,Polk

S. B. No. 2700: State offenders serving sentences in county jails; repeal repealer.

Senators Barnett,Barrett,Sparks

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

Senators Sparks,Suber,Brumfield

S. B. No. 2728: University of Mississippi; authorize to enter long-term lease with approval of I.H.L.

Senators Boyd,DeLano,Sparks

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of.
Senators Boyd, Williams, Hopson

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact.
Senators Wiggins, Hopson, Harkins

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership.
Senators Wiggins, Thompson, Barnett

S. B. No. 2771: Judicial redistricting; bring forward code sections related to.
Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, DeBar

S. B. No. 2780: Authority of Secretary of State to approve leases located on Public Trust Tidelands; clarify.
Senators Blount, Thompson, Younger

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.
Senators Wiggins, Boyd, Turner-Ford

S. B. No. 2823: Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility.
Senators Blackwell, Boyd, Wiggins

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2652: Wild turkey stamps; require for wild turkey hunters 16 years of age or older.
Senators Whaley, Suber, Younger

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2170: Appropriation; additional to Department of Health.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Polk

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Polk

S. B. No. 2468: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Harkins

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Wiggins

S. B. No. 2825: Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

S. B. No. 2846: Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Harkins

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise and bring forward related provisions and provide for determination of unobligated funds by Nov. 1.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support.
Senators Hopson, Parks, DeBar

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.
Senators Hopson, Parks, Butler

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.
Senators Hopson, Parks, Butler

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.
Senators Hopson, Parks, DeLano

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.
Senators Hopson, Parks, DeLano

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.
Senators Hopson, Parks, Butler

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.
Senators Hopson, Parks, DeBar

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.
Senators Hopson, Parks, DeBar

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.
Senators Hopson, Parks, DeBar

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.
Senators Hopson, Frazier, Robinson

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.
Senators Hopson, Frazier, Parker

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Frazier, Parker

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Norwood

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Norwood

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Norwood

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Hill, Butler

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid
Road Construction, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Williams

S. B. No. 3023: Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
Development Authority.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Williams

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Tate

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Tate

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Hill

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Hill

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed
Professional.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Hickman

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Williams

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.
Senators Hopson, Norwood, Hill

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.
Senators Hopson, Parker, Butler

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.
Senators Hopson, Parker, Butler

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Barnett

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock
shows.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, McCaughn

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, McLendon

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, McLendon

- S. B. No. 3041:** Appropriation; Gaming Commission.
Senators Hopson, Williams, Michel
- of. **S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department
Senators Hopson, Williams, Michel
- S. B. No. 3043:** Appropriation; Personnel Board.
Senators Hopson, Williams, Seymour
- S. B. No. 3044:** Appropriation; Military Department.
Senators Hopson, Williams, Tate
- S. B. No. 3045:** Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.
Senators Hopson, Williams, Tate
- S. B. No. 3046:** Appropriation; Audit, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Hickman
- S. B. No. 3047:** Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Wiggins
- S. B. No. 3048:** Appropriation; Secretary of State.
Senators Hopson, Michel, McCaughn
- S. B. No. 3049:** Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Robinson
- S. B. No. 3050:** Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Robinson
- S. B. No. 3051:** Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Turner-Ford
- S. B. No. 3052:** Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.
Senators Hopson, Michel, Turner-Ford
- S. B. No. 3054:** Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell
- S. B. No. 3056:** Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell
- S. B. No. 3057:** Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the
Mississippi Development Authority.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Wiggins
- S. B. No. 3058:** Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025
reappropriate to certain agencies.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Blackwell
- S. B. No. 3059:** Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for
FY2024 and FY2025.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Polk
- S. B. No. 3162:** Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF,
ARPA funds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Butler

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Parks

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3103: Lauderdale County; extend authorization of assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. B. No. 4124: (Representative Anthony) Suffrage; restore to Tony Qualls of Humphreys County. Judiciary B.

H. C. R. No. 63: (Representative Bounds) Neshoba Central High School "Lady Rockets" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 126: (Representatives Anthony, Rosebud, Sanders) Mr. Kierre Rimmer; acknowledge and commend contributions as founder of FlyZone. Rules.

H. R. No. 127: (Representatives Scoggin, Blackwell) West Jones High School Mustangs Football Team; commend for many outstanding achievements during the 2023 MHSAA season. Rules.

H. R. No. 128: (Representative Blackmon) The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fifth symposium. Rules.

H. R. No. 129: (Representatives Scoggin, Blackwell) West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team; commend on winning Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 130: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Hair for Her Day in Mississippi; observe April 20, 2024. Rules.

H. R. No. 131: (Representative Brown) Northwest Jackson Middle School; commend upon being the #1 rated school in the state. Rules.

H. R. No. 132: (Representative Creekmore IV) Alan Hunter; commend Millsaps graduate upon being the first VJ on MTV and upon his contributions to film and television. Rules.

H. R. No. 133: (Representative McGee) Madison Clare (M.C.) Stewart; commend upon being named the first female Angler of the Year. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 121: Jackson State University Tigers Women's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2024 SWAC Women's Basketball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 126: Mr. Kierre Rimmer; acknowledge and commend contributions as founder of FlyZone. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 127: West Jones High School Mustangs Football Team; commend for many outstanding achievements during the 2023 MHSAA season. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 128: The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fifth symposium. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 129: West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team; commend on winning Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 130: Hair for Her Day in Mississippi; observe April 20, 2024. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 131: Northwest Jackson Middle School; commend upon being the #1 rated school in the state. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 3105: Tobacco excise tax; provide rate for heated tobacco products.
Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

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

H. C. R. No. 8: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend for winning the 2023-2024 4A Girls State Championship and being "back-to-back" champions.

H. C. R. No. 53: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize the week May 5-11, 2024, as.

H. C. R. No. 59: Swetman Security Service; commend upon 50th anniversary.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Osborne, Young. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

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

H. R. No. 113: Coach Tomekia Reed; commend upon being named SWAC Coach of the Year and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of the Year.

H. R. No. 114: Ellis "Scott" Slater; commend life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 115: Scott Griffith; commend upon occasion of his retirement as Elementary Principal of Presbyterian Christian School.

H. R. No. 117: Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball Team; commend for outstanding 2023-2024 season.

H. R. No. 118: Jefferson County High School Football Team; commend upon outstanding football season.

H. R. No. 119: Jordan O'Neal; commend upon being named 2024 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 120: 2023 Keath Killebrew Memorial Rodeo; commend upon winning awards from the International Pro Rodeo Association.

H. R. No. 110: City of Ridgeland; commend upon the 125th anniversary of its founding.

H. R. No. 111: Angel Jackson; commend and congratulate upon being named SWAC's Women's Defensive Player of the Year.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

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

S. C. R. No. 533: Recognize legislative members of Kappa Alpha Psi and designate March 12, 2024, as "Kappa Day at the State Capitol."

S. C. R. No. 541: Encourage further economic ties between Mississippi and Taiwan.

S. C. R. No. 542: Extend condolences of the Legislature on the passing of Elbert Riley Hilliard, Director Emeritus of the MDAH.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Hood the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

H. B. No. 1607: Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create.

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

H. B. No. 1316: Public purchasing; require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS.

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; revise bidding procedure.

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.

On motion of Rep. Eure the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 774: MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act; create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting.

On motion of Rep. Horan the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 763: Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in certain counties.

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

H. B. No. 722: Judicial districts; revise.

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

H. B. No. 1478: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation.

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

On motion of Rep. Currie the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 755: Parole; extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility.

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.

H. B. No. 756: Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 759: Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from.

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.

H. B. No. 758: Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility; extend repealer on.

On motion of Rep. McCarty the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1683: MS Charter School Act of 2013; bring forward for purposes of possible amendments.

H. B. No. 1379: "Students Safe at School Act"; create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations.

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1192: Virtual public schools; authorize operation by certain educational providers or locally sponsored virtual public schools.

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish.

On motion of Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1090: Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

On motion of Rep. Turner the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1265: Pharmacists; authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or contracts.

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organizations and others to receive and administer.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 504: Rural Fire truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

Rep. Bounds moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1779: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Cockerham, Jackson, L, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Bounds the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. **B. No. 1776:** Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

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

On motion of Rep. Bounds the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

On motion of Rep. Deweese the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1618: PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition.

On motion of Rep. Deweese the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1793: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology and Barbering, Board of.

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation; Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

Rep. Mims moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1816: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Mims the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses.

H. B. No. 1950: Appropriation; Finance and Admin, Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects.

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

Rep. Kinkade moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1206: Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, raccoons and bobcats with dogs and guns.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Micken, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

S. B. No. 2635: Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles.

S. B. No. 2649: Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director.

S. B. No. 2762: Retainage; further define and outline the process related to.

S. B. No. 3027: Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3033: Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Ford J moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Michael Ingram, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Shanks and Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Prentiss Calhoun, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobbie Jean Wommack, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Holloway G and Wallace moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frank Hood, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Lola Mac Stogner Conerly, and Hilton "Bush Hogg" Keith Thomas, which motion prevailed.

At 4:41 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Mr. Richard Flautt, Grenada Church of God.

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

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

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

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

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

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

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 504: Rural Fire truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities.
Senators Hopson, Thompson, McLendon

H. B. No. 1706: Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, McCaughn

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.
Senators Hopson, DeLano, Blackwell

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".
Senators Bryan, Parker, Parks

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.
Senators Bryan, Blount, DeBar

H. B. No. 848: CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law.

Senators Bryan, Blount, Hopson

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

Senators Bryan, Fillingane, Hickman

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals.

Senators Bryan, Blackwell, Johnson

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

Senators Bryan, Parker, Wiggins

S. B. No. 2886: Nicotine vapor device directory; require manufacturers to provide certification, set penalties and other provisions.

Senators Bryan, Parker, Harkins

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3216: Town of Walnut; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels and to issue bonds for parks and recreation.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2425: Ballot harvesting; define terms.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi Youth Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties.

S. B. No. 2858: Patients with life-threatening or debilitating illness; authorize to receive individualized investigative treatment.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1478: Alternative nicotine products; prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation.
Senators Bryan,Blackwell,Johnson

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 418: Continuing education training for police officers; extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers.
Senators Boyd,DeLano,McCaughn

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 776: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,England

H. B. No. 893: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation.
Senators Harkins,McLendon,Rhodes

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.
Senators Harkins,Sparks,Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,England

H. B. No. 1473: Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash.
Senators Harkins,Sparks,Boyd

H. B. No. 1620: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance.
Senators Harkins,Branning,McMahan

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2298: Bonds; raise maximum fee paid to state's bond attorney from \$500.00 to \$750.00 for validation and issuance of.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Suber

S. B. No. 2493: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Hopson

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County.
Senators Harkins,Chassaniol,Brumfield

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."
Senators Harkins,Whaley,Hornh

S. B. No. 2853: Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Corporation; create.
Senators Harkins,Johnson,Younger

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to.
Senators Fillingane,Sparks,Hopson

S. B. No. 2180: Department of Public Safety; remove prior written approval for certain events and authorize enforcement of municipal code.
Senators Fillingane,Sparks,England

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process.
Senators Johnson,Sparks,Blount

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County, as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."
Senators Branning,Bryan,Younger

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.
Senators Fillingane,DeBar,Williams

H. B. No. 1793: Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Barnett

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Norwood

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Barnett

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Hill,Polk

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Simmons (13th)

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy.
Senators Hopson,Parker,Butler

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Parker,Michel

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Wiggins

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Parker,McLendon

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Parker,McLendon

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Parker,Butler

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Jackson

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.
Senators Hopson,Parker,McLendon

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.
Senators Hopson,Parker,McLendon

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and
Certification Board.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Hickman

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission and Appraiser
Licensing and Certification Board.
Senators Hopson,Michel,Hickman

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.
Senators Hopson,Blackwell,Simmons (13th)

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family
Therapists, Board of Examiners for.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Seymour

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.
Senators Hopson,Turner-Ford,Barnett

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.
Senators Hopson,Wiggins,DeBar

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Hickman

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Hickman

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.
Senators Hopson, Michel, DeBar

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.
Senators Hopson, Parker, McLendon

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Hickman

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.
Senators Hopson, Wiggins, Hickman

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.
Senators Hopson, Turner-Ford, Barnett

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.
Senators Hopson, McCaughn, DeLano

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Blackwell

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Robinson

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Robinson

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.
Senators Hopson, Branning, Thompson

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.
Senators Hopson, DeBar, Polk

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of, for eligible ARPA administration and reporting expenses.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

H. B. No. 1950: Appropriation; Finance and Admin, Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Butler

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.
Senators Hopson, Polk, DeBar

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.
Senators Hopson, Polk, Frazier

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1705: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Harkins

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

Senators Hopson, Polk, Harkins

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 545: Recognize Jessica Banahan McNeel as MDE "2024 Mississippi Parent of the Year." Rules.

S. C. R. No. 546: Designate April 11, 2024, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3216: Town of Walnut; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels and to issue bonds for parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. R. No. 134: (Representatives Owen, Morgan, Pigott, Tubb) Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders; commend for placing first at the 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be

obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 1722: Town of Walnut; authorize tax on hotels/motels, restaurants for parks and recreational facilities. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 1880: Grenada County; expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4115: City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4119: City of Morton; authorize tax on hotels, motels and campsites at certain state park to fund tourism, parks and recreation in. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4120: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4122: Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2001: City of Houston; extend repeal date for tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2084: DeSoto County; authorize the contribution of funds for membership to the Chamber of Commerce. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2138: DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority; increase borrowing/bonding authority from \$40 Million to \$80 Million. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2510: Neshoba County; authorize board to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

S. B. No. 2663: City of Carthage; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2925: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2983: City of Philadelphia; authorize governing authorities to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 2984: Jackson County & City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, & authorize increased contribution. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3060: City of Pearl & Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in the aggregate. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3062: Marshall County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3081: City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3082: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to the United Way. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3100: Leake County; authorize lease between county economic development authority and East Central CC for workforce training center. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3101: Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3102: Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize to contribute to Pearl River Community College County Tuition Assistance Program. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3103: Lauderdale County; extend authorization of assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3158: City of Winona; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on restaurants. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3218: Hinds County; authorize to enter 30-year lease and finance 30-year certificates of participation for public safety facility. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE BARNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

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

H. R. No. 123: "Don't Sugarcoat It Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol; designate April 15, 2024 as. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 125: Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon his passing as the founder of American Family Association. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 132: Alan Hunter; commend Millsaps graduate upon being the first VJ on MTV and upon his contributions to film and television. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 133: Madison Clare (M.C.) Stewart; commend upon being named the first female Angler of the Year. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 134: Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders; commend for placing first at the 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
WAYS AND MEANS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY,
TRANSPARENCY

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 2990: Taxation of oilfield services; restructure. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman
KEVIN FORD, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
WAYS AND MEANS AND LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committees, having had under consideration the following, favorably report same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 4091: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on Tourism Commission and hotel/motel tax, and authorize room occupancy tax. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

SHANE BARNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. President: The above-named committees have had under consideration the following measure and report same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 3099: Income tax; authorize a credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

DONNIE BELL, Chairman
JOHN THOMAS "TREY" LAMAR, III, Chairman

Head Page, Camille Waller, introduced the following pages for the week:

Dawson Barber	Fulton, MS
Zyionn Holmes	Belzoni, MS
Bradison Ivy	Shannon, MS
Corday Kitchens	Jackson, MS
Annabelle Mansell	Clinton, MS
Levi McLeod	Brandon, MS
Mollie McNeel	Pascagoula, MS
William Nelson IV	Madison, MS
Brooke Prestwood	Jackson, MS
Jayla Ramsey	McComb, MS
Coretta Richardson	Okolona, MS
Isabella Runyan	Laurel, MS
Ariyanna Simmons	Tylertown, MS
Matthew Simmons	Brandon, MS
Riley Tingle	Beaumont, MS
Blayden Van Noy	Terry, MS
Ivy Wallace	Clinton, MS
Jakobe Washington	Belzoni, MS
Ethan Williams	Ocean Springs, MS

Representative Oliver introduced the Winona High School Football Team, House Resolution 112.

Representative Mangold introduced Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves Softball Team, House Resolution 14.

Representative Byrd introduced Republic of China (Taiwan), House Resolution 124.

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 313: Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Clark, Scott, Young. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Denton, Hobgood-Wilkes, Rosebud, Thompson. Total--4.

Necessary for passage--69

On motion of Rep. Sanford the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

Rep. Sanford moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1035: Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act".

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Barnett, Calvert, Hobgood-Wilkes, Smith. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Newman, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Anthony. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

On motion of Rep. Guice the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.

Rep. Massengill moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 120: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Massengill the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.

Rep. Aguirre moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1577: Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, L, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman,

Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Crudup, Denton, Faulkner, Jackson, K, Karriem, Paden, Sanders, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Cockerham, McCray, Nelson, Osborne, Rosebud. Total-6.

Present--Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Evans, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, James-Jones, Porter, Scott, Summers. Total--17.

Necessary for passage--50

On motion of Rep. Smith the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 331: Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction.

On motion of Rep. Turner the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from prelicensing requirements.

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

On motion of Rep. Horan the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 783: Child custody; require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time.

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

H. R. No. 121: Jackson State University Tigers Women's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2024 SWAC Women's Basketball Championship.

H. R. No. 126: Mr. Kierre Rimmer; acknowledge and commend contributions as founder of FlyZone.

H. R. No. 127: West Jones High School Mustangs Football Team; commend for many outstanding achievements during the 2023 MHSAA season.

H. R. No. 128: The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fifth symposium.

H. R. No. 129: West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team; commend on winning Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 130: Hair for Her Day in Mississippi; observe April 20, 2024.

H. R. No. 131: Northwest Jackson Middle School; commend upon being the #1 rated school in the state.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Bell (21st) called up:

S. B. No. 3099: Income tax; authorize a credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3099.** On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, MICKENS, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--73

At 10:51 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Lamar the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.

H. B. No. 1660: Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of.

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

H. B. No. 1665: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize incentive for development of property in.

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this subsection unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Applicable percentage" means sixteen percent (16%) for each of the first through third credit allowance dates for purposes of the taxes imposed by Section 27-7-5 or the taxes imposed by Sections 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123.

(b) "CDFI fund" means the Community Development Financial Institutions fund of the United States Department of the Treasury.

(c) "Credit allowance date" means, with respect to any qualified equity investment: (i) the date on which the qualified equity investment is initially made; and (ii) each of the subsequent two (2) anniversary dates of the date the qualified equity investment was initially made.

(d) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(e) "Mississippi qualified community development entity" means a qualified community development entity that is or whose controlling entity is headquartered in the State of Mississippi.

(f) "Principal business operations" means the physical location where at least sixty percent (60%) of a qualified active low-income community business' employees work. An entity that has agreed to relocate employees or a Mississippi business that has agreed to hire employees using the proceeds of a qualified low-income community investment to establish principal business operations in Mississippi is deemed to have principal business operations in Mississippi if the entity satisfies the requirements of this paragraph within one hundred eighty (180) days of receiving the qualified low-income community investment or another date as agreed by the business and the MDA.

(g) "Purchase price" means the amount paid to the qualified community development entity for a qualified equity investment.

(h) "Qualified active low-income community business" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided such entity has its principal business operations within the state's geographical boundary. An entity is deemed a qualified active low-income community business for the duration of a qualified low-income community investment if the qualified community development entity reasonably expects, at the time it makes the qualified low-income community investment, that the entity will continue to satisfy the requirements for being a qualified active low-income community business throughout the entire period of the qualified low-income community investment.

(i) "Qualified community development entity" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided that:

(i) The entity, or an affiliate thereof, has previously entered into an allocation agreement with the CDFI fund with respect to credits authorized by Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(ii) Such allocation agreement includes the State of Mississippi within the service area set forth in the allocation agreement; and

(iii) Except for Mississippi qualified community development entities, the entity, together with affiliates:

1. Has made qualified low-income community investments under Section 57-105-1 et seq. of at least Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) in Mississippi qualified active low-income community businesses;

2. Has made at least One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) of investments in businesses located in Mississippi; or

3. Has received at least four (4) original tax credit certificates from the MDA.

(j) "Qualified equity investment" means an equity investment in a qualified community development entity, if the equity investment:

(i) Is acquired after the effective date of this act at its original issuance solely in exchange for cash, and if not so acquired, was a qualified equity investment in the hands of a prior holder;

(ii) Has at least eighty-five percent (85%) of its cash purchase price used by the qualified community development entity to make qualified low-income community investments in qualified active low-income community businesses that have their principal business operations in the State of Mississippi; and

(iii) Is:

1. Designated by the qualified community development entity as a qualified equity investment under this section; and

2. Is at least fifty percent (50%) designated by the qualified community development entity as a qualified equity investment under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(k) "Qualified low-income community investment" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; provided, however, that the maximum amount of qualified low-income community investments issued for a single qualified active low-income community business, on an aggregate basis with all of its affiliates, that may be included for purposes of complying with subsection (4)(d)(iii) of this section shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), in the aggregate, whether issued by one (1) or several qualified community development entities and exclusive of repaid or redeemed qualified low-income community investments in such business.

(2) A person or entity that holds a qualified equity investment on the credit allowance date shall be entitled to a credit applicable against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123 during the taxable year that includes the credit allowance date. The amount of the credit shall be equal to the applicable percentage for such taxable year of the purchase price paid to the qualified community development entity for the qualified equity investment. The amount of the credit that may be utilized in any one (1) tax year shall be limited to an amount not greater than the total tax liability of the claimant for the taxes imposed by the above-referenced sections. The credit shall not be refundable or transferable. Any unused portion of the credit may be carried forward for seven (7) taxable years beyond the credit allowance date on which the credit was earned. The maximum aggregate amount of qualified equity investments that may be allocated by the MDA may not exceed an amount that would result in taxpayers claiming in any one (1) state fiscal year credits in excess of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), exclusive of credits that might be carried forward from previous taxable years; however, a maximum of Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) with respect to such allocations may be allocated as credits for taxes imposed by Sections 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123. Any person or entity claiming a credit under this section against the taxes imposed by Sections 27-7-5, 27-15-103, 27-15-109 and 27-15-123 shall not be required to pay any additional tax under Section 27-15-123 as a result of claiming such credit. The MDA shall allocate credits within this limit as provided for in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) Tax credits authorized by this section that are earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S corporation or other similar pass-through entity, shall be allocated among its partners, members or shareholders, respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest in such entity or as the partners, members or shareholders mutually agree as provided in an executed document. Such allocation shall be made each taxable year of such pass-through entity which contains a credit allowance date. An allocation or pass-through of a credit is not considered a sale for the purposes of this section or any other state law.

(4) (a) For three (3) consecutive fiscal years beginning July 1, 2024, qualified community development entities shall apply to the MDA for an award of credits and related qualified equity investment authority on a form provided by the MDA that includes:

(i) The name, address, and tax identification number of the applicant, and evidence of the applicant's certification as a qualified community development entity by the CDFI fund;

(ii) A copy of the allocation agreement executed by the applicant or its controlling entity, and the CDFI fund;

(iii) A certificate executed by an executive officer of the applicant attesting that the allocation agreement remains in effect and has not been revoked or canceled by the CDFI fund;

(iv) A description of the proposed amount, structure, and purchaser of the equity investment;

(v) The amount of qualified equity investment authority sought which collectively may not exceed the applicant or its controlling entity's available qualified equity investment authority under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended multiplied by two (2);

(vi) Evidence of the applicant or its controlling entity's available qualified equity investment authority under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(vii) A nonrefundable application fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);

(viii) Except for Mississippi qualified community development entities, evidence that the applicant, on a collective basis with its affiliates, satisfies at least one (1) of the requirements of subsection (1)(i)(iii) of this section for the definition of qualified community development entity; and

(ix) Other information as required by the MDA pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(b) The MDA shall set a date to accept applications not less than thirty (30) days but not more than forty-five (45) days after the CDFI fund announces allocation awards under a notice of funding availability that was published in the Federal Register. In the event that the CDFI fund is unable to publish a notice of funding of allocation awards because of a lack of award authority under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with respect to the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, the MDA shall set a date for accepting applications and waive the requirement that a qualified community development entity designate at least fifty percent (50%) of qualified equity investment authority awarded as a qualified equity investment under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided that the MDA shall give a preference in the award of tax credits to qualified community development entities that apply with remaining allocation under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(c) The MDA shall award credits and the related qualified equity investment authority, subject to the limitations set forth in subsection (2) of this section, fifty percent (50%) to applicants that agree to utilize qualified equity investment authority for loan funds. The MDA may require additional information in the application to delineate between types of applications. Within forty-five (45) days with respect to a loan fund application and ninety (90) days for all other applications, the MDA shall grant or deny the application in full or in part. If the MDA denies any part of the application, the MDA shall inform the applicant of the grounds for the denial. If the applicant provides the information required by the MDA or otherwise completes its application within fifteen (15) days of the notice of denial, the application is deemed complete as of the original date of submission. If the applicant fails to provide the requested information or complete its application within the fifteen-day period, the applicant must submit a new application. If requests for either allocation are not fully subscribed, the MDA shall reallocate such remaining allocation to the other allocation pool. Once the MDA has allocated credits to a qualified community development entity, the corresponding qualified equity investment must be issued and, if applicable, fifty percent (50%) of such qualified equity investment must be designated under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, not later than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of such allocation. If the qualified equity investment is not issued and, if applicable, such designation under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, is not made within such time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to the MDA for reallocation. If the actual dollar amount of qualified equity investment is lower than the amount awarded by the MDA, the MDA shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this section and reissue awards to other applicants that did not receive the awards requested pro rata. Qualified community development entities shall provide the MDA evidence of qualified equity investments and designation under

Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if applicable, within one hundred thirty (130) days from the date of an allocation. An applicant certified an award under this paragraph may transfer all or a portion of its certified qualified equity investment authority to any affiliated qualified community development entity by sending written notice to the MDA endorsing the certificate.

(d) The Department of Revenue may recapture credits under this section if:

(i) Any amount of the federal tax credit available with respect to a qualified equity investment that is eligible for a credit under this section is recaptured under Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(ii) The qualified community development entity redeems a qualified equity investment prior to the seventh anniversary of the issuance of the qualified equity investment; or

(iii) The qualified community development entity fails to invest at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the cash purchase price of the qualified equity investment in qualified low-income community investments within twelve (12) months of the issuance of the qualified equity investment and maintain that level of investment until the seventh anniversary of the initial credit allowance date for the qualified equity investment.

A qualified community development entity shall notify the Department of Revenue of any of the events set forth in this paragraph (d) within five (5) days of actual knowledge of such event.

(e) For purposes of paragraph (d)(iii) of this subsection, an investment is considered maintained by a qualified community development entity even if the investment has been sold or repaid, provided that the qualified community development entity reinvests an amount equal to the capital returned to or recovered by the qualified community development entity from the original investment, exclusive of any profits realized, in another qualified low-income community investment in this state within twelve (12) months after the receipt of that capital. Periodic loan repayments received by a qualified community development entity from a qualified active low-income community business within a calendar year must be treated as maintained in qualified low-income community investments if a qualified community development entity reinvests the repayments in qualified low-income community investments by the end of the following calendar year.

(f) A qualified community development entity is not required to reinvest capital returned from qualified low-income community investments after the sixth anniversary of the issuance of the qualified equity investment, the proceeds of which were used to make the qualified low-income community investment, and the qualified low-income community investment is considered held by the qualified community development entity through the seventh anniversary of the qualified equity investment's issuance.

(g) The MDA shall provide notice to the qualified community development entity and the Department of Revenue of any proposed recapture of credits pursuant to this subsection. The notice must specify the conditions under which the deficiency resulting in the proposed recapture occurred and state that the credits will be recaptured within ninety (90) days unless the qualified community development entity complies with the conditions identified in the notice. If the entity does not comply with the conditions identified in the notice within the ninety-day period, the Department of Revenue shall provide the entity from whom the credit is to be recaptured with a final order of recapture. Any credit for which a final recapture order has been issued must be recaptured by the Department of Revenue from the entity who claimed the credit on a tax return. The qualified equity investment authority of the recaptured credits must be returned to the MDA and must first be awarded pro rata to applicants that have received awards of qualified equity investment authority and complied with this subsection. If credits are recaptured under this section, any remaining credit is forfeited.

(h) The MDA shall not make awards of credits and related qualified equity investment authority after July 1, 2027.

(5) Each qualified community development entity that receives qualified equity investments to make qualified low-income community investments in Mississippi must annually report to the MDA the North American Industry Classification System Code,

the county, the dollars invested, the number of jobs assisted and the number of jobs assisted with wages over one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level for a family of four (4) of each qualified low-income community investment.

(6) The MDA shall file an annual report on all qualified low-income community investments with the Governor, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Senate and the Secretary of State describing the North American Industry Classification System Code, the county, the dollars invested, the number of jobs assisted and the number of jobs assisted with wages over one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level for a family of four (4) of each qualified low-income community investment. The annual report will be posted on the MDA Internet website.

(7) (a) The purpose of this subsection is to authorize the creation and establishment of public benefit corporations for financing arrangements regarding public property and facilities.

(b) As used in this subsection:

(i) "New Markets Tax Credit transaction" means any financing transaction which utilizes either this section or Section 45D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(ii) "Public benefit corporation" means a nonprofit corporation formed or designated by a public entity to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

(iii) "Public entity or public entities" includes utility districts, regional solid waste authorities, regional utility authorities, community hospitals, regional airport authorities, municipal airport authorities, community and junior colleges, educational building corporations established by or on behalf of the state institutions of higher learning, school districts, planning and development districts, county economic development districts, urban renewal agencies, any other regional or local economic development authority, agency or governmental entity, and any other regional or local industrial development authority, agency or governmental entity.

(iv) "Public property or facilities" means any property or facilities owned or leased by a public entity or public benefit corporation.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, public entities are authorized pursuant to this subsection to create one or more public benefit corporations or designate an existing corporation as a public benefit corporation for the purpose of entering into financing agreements and engaging in New Markets Tax Credit transactions, which shall include, without limitation, arrangements to plan, acquire, renovate, construct, lease, sublease, manage, operate and/or improve new or existing public property or facilities located within the boundaries or service area of the public entity. Any financing arrangement authorized under this subsection shall further any purpose of the public entity and may include a term of up to fifty (50) years.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and in order to facilitate the acquisition, renovation, construction, leasing, subleasing, management, operating and/or improvement of new or existing public property or facilities to further any purpose of a public entity, public entities are authorized to enter into financing arrangements in order to transfer public property or facilities to and/or from public benefit corporations, including, without limitation, sales, sale-leasebacks, leases and lease-leasebacks, provided such transfer is related to any New Markets Tax Credit transaction furthering any purpose of the public entity. Any such transfer under this paragraph (d) and the public property or facilities transferred in connection therewith shall be exempted from any limitation or requirements with respect to leasing, acquiring, and/or constructing public property or facilities.

(e) With respect to a New Markets Tax Credit transaction, public entities and public benefit corporations are authorized to enter into financing arrangements with any governmental, nonprofit or for-profit entity in order to leverage funds not otherwise available to public entities for the acquisition, construction and/or renovation of properties transferred to such public benefit corporations. The use of any funds loaned by or contributed by a public benefit corporation or borrowed by or otherwise made available to a public benefit corporation in such financing arrangement shall be dedicated solely to (i) the development of new properties or facilities and/or the renovation of existing properties or facilities or operation of properties or facilities, and/or (ii) the payment of costs and expenditures related to any such financing arrangements,

including, but not limited to, funding any reserves required in connection therewith, the repayment of any indebtedness incurred in connection therewith, and the payment of fees and expenses incurred in connection with the closing, administration, accounting and/or compliance with respect to the New Markets Tax Credit transaction.

(f) A public benefit corporation created pursuant to this subsection shall not be a political subdivision of the state but shall be a nonprofit corporation organized and governed under the provisions of the laws of this state and shall be a special purpose corporation established to facilitate New Markets Tax Credit transactions consistent with the requirements of this section.

(g) Neither this subsection nor anything herein contained is or shall be construed as a restriction or limitation upon any powers which the public entity or public benefit corporation might otherwise have under any laws of this state, and this subsection is cumulative to any such powers. This subsection does and shall be construed to provide a complete additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws.

(8) The MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 27-15-129, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-15-129. (1) The amount of premium tax payable pursuant to Sections 27-15-103, 27-15-109, 27-15-119 and 83-31-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be reduced from the amount otherwise fixed in such sections if the payer files a sworn statement with the required annual report showing as of the beginning of the reporting period that at least the following amounts of the total admitted assets of the payer were invested and maintained in qualifying Mississippi investments as hereinafter defined in subsection (2) of this section over the period covered by such report:

Percentage of Total Admitted Assets in Qualifying Mississippi Investments	Percentage of Premium Tax Payable
1%	99%
2%	98%
3%	97%
4%	96%
5%	95%
6%	94%
7%	93%
8%	92%
9%	91%
10%	80%
15%	70%
20%	60%
25%	50%

(2) For the purpose of this section, "a qualifying Mississippi investment" is hereby defined as follows:

(a) Certificates of deposit issued by any bank or savings and loan association domiciled in this state;

(b) Bonds of this state or bonds of municipal, school, road or levee districts, or other political subdivisions of this state;

(c) Loans evidenced by notes and secured by deeds of trust on property located in this state;

(d) Real property located in this state;

(e) Policy loans to residents of Mississippi, or other loans to residents of this state, or to corporations domiciled in this state;

(f) Common or preferred stock, bonds and other evidences of indebtedness of corporations domiciled in this state; and

(g) Cash on deposit in any bank or savings and loan association domiciled in this state.

"A qualifying Mississippi investment" shall not include any investment for which a credit is allocated under Section 57-105-1 * * *, Section 57-115-1 et seq., and/or Section 1 of this act.

(3) If the credits, or any part thereof, authorized by the preceding provisions of this section shall be held by a court of final jurisdiction to be unconstitutional and void for any reason or to make the annual premium taxes levied by Sections 27-15-103, 27-15-109, 27-15-119 and 83-31-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, unlawfully discriminatory or otherwise invalid under the Fourteenth Amendment or the Commerce Clause of the Constitution of the United States or under any state or other federal constitutional provisions, it is hereby expressly declared that such fact shall in no way affect the validity of the annual premium taxes levied thereby, and that such provisions would have been enacted even though the Legislature had known this credit section would be held invalid.

(4) This section shall apply to taxes accruing and investments existing from and after July 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the

Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique Internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique Internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the

State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark

by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more

than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees,

may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for

recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school

district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products or services. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (I)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however, state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure,

mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(xxxvix) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 1(7) of this act. Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 1(7) of this act and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this

section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the

campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

(x) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act. (i) The Department of Finance and Administration shall enter into nine (9) contracts for the pre-need purchase of labor, services, work, materials, equipment, supplies or other personal property for disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring. One (1) contract shall be entered into for each of the nine (9) Mississippi Emergency Management Association districts:

1. Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica and Yalobusha Counties;
2. Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union Counties;
3. Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Sunflower and Washington Counties;
4. Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston Counties;
5. Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Issaquena, Madison, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo Counties;
6. Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians;
7. Adams, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson Counties;
8. Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry and Wayne Counties; and
9. George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone Counties.

Any such contract shall set forth the manner of awarding such a contract, the method of payment, and any other matter deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Such contract may be entered into only for a term of one (1) year, with an option for an additional one-year extension after the conclusion of the first year of the contract, and only after having solicited bids or proposals, as appropriate, which shall be publicly advertised by posting on a web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration through submission of such advertisement to the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority. The bid opening shall not occur until after the submission has been posted for at least ten (10) consecutive days. The state's share of expenditures for solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring under any contract shall be appropriated and paid in the manner set forth in the contract and in the same manner as for other solid waste collection, disposal, or monitoring expenses of the state. Any contract entered into under this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 17-13-11.

(ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at

the time of a disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 30, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX AND INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS THAT PAY A QUALIFIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITY FOR QUALIFIED EQUITY INVESTMENTS; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE TAX CREDIT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT SHALL BE EQUAL TO A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE ADJUSTED PURCHASE PRICE PAID TO THE QUALIFIED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITY FOR THE QUALIFIED EQUITY INVESTMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THE CREDITS THAT MAY BE ALLOCATED TO ALL TAXPAYERS IN ANY ONE STATE FISCAL YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED \$20,000,000.00 AND THAT THE CREDITS SHALL BE ALLOCATED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECAPTURE OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE CREDIT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO DEFINE THE TERMS "NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT TRANSACTION," "PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION," "PUBLIC ENTITY OR PUBLIC ENTITIES" AND "PUBLIC PROPERTY OR FACILITIES"; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC ENTITIES TO CREATE PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO FINANCING AGREEMENTS AND ENGAGING IN NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT TRANSACTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC ENTITIES TO ENTER INTO FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER TO TRANSFER PUBLIC PROPERTY OR FACILITIES TO OR FROM PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC ENTITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATIONS, WITH RESPECT TO NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT TRANSACTIONS, TO ENTER INTO FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS WITH GOVERNMENTAL, NONPROFIT OR FOR PROFIT ENTITIES IN ORDER TO LEVERAGE FUNDS NOT OTHERWISE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC ENTITIES FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION OF PROPERTIES TRANSFERRED TO A PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION; TO AMEND SECTION 27-15-129, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INVESTMENTS THAT MAY REDUCE A TAXPAYER'S INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX LIABILITY UNDER SUCH SECTION SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY INVESTMENT FOR WHICH A TAX CREDIT IS ALLOCATED UNDER THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3070**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,

Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

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

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 3105: Tobacco excise tax; provide rate for heated tobacco products.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-69-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
27-69-3. When used in this chapter:

(a) "State" means the State of Mississippi as geographically defined, and any and all waters under the jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi.

(b) "State Auditor" means the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Mississippi, or his legally appointed deputy, clerk or agent.

(c) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department of Revenue, and his authorized agents and employees.

(d) "Person" means any individual, company, corporation, partnership, association, joint venture, estate, trust, or any other group, or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as well as the singular, unless the intention to give a more limited meaning is disclosed by the context.

(e) "Consumer" means a person who comes into possession of tobacco for the purpose of consuming it, giving it away, or disposing of it in any way by sale, barter or exchange.

(f) "Tobacco" means any cigarettes, cigars, cheroots, stogies, smoking tobacco (including granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other kinds and forms of tobacco, or substitutes therefor, prepared in such manner as to be suitable for smoking in a pipe or cigarette) and including plug and twist chewing tobacco and snuff, when such "tobacco" is manufactured and prepared for sale or personal consumption. All words used herein shall be given the meaning as defined in the regulations of the Treasury Department of the United States of America. The term "tobacco" also includes heated tobacco products.

(g) "First sale" means and includes the first sale, or distribution of such tobacco in intrastate commerce, or the first use or consumption of such tobacco within this state.

(h) "Drop shipment" means and includes any delivery of tobacco received by any person within this state, when payment for such tobacco is made to the shipper, or seller by or through a person other than a consignee.

(i) "Distributor" includes every person, except retailers as defined herein, in the state who manufactures or produces tobacco or who ships, transports, or imports into this state, or in any manner acquires or possesses tobacco, and makes a first sale of the same in the state.

(j) "Wholesaler" includes dealers, whose principal business is that of a wholesale dealer or jobber, who is known to the retail trade as such, and whose place of business is located in Mississippi or in a state which affords reciprocity to wholesalers domiciled in Mississippi, who shall sell any taxable tobacco to retail dealers only for the purpose of resale.

(k) "Retailer" includes every person, other than a wholesale dealer, as defined above, whose principal business is that of selling merchandise at retail, who

shall sell, or offer for sale tobacco to the consumer. The sale of tobacco in quantity lots by retailers to other retailers, transient vendors, or other persons, shall not be construed as wholesale and shall not qualify such retailer for a permit as a wholesaler.

(l) "Dealer" includes every person, firm, corporation or association of persons, except retailers as defined herein, who manufacture tobacco for distribution, for sale, for use or for consumption in the State of Mississippi.

The word "dealer" is further defined to mean any person, firm, corporation or association of persons, except retailers as defined herein, who imports tobacco from any state or foreign country for distribution, sale, use, or consumption in the State of Mississippi.

(m) "Distributing agent" includes every person in the state who acts as an agent of any person outside the State of Mississippi, by receiving tobacco in interstate commerce, and storing such tobacco in this state subject to distribution, or delivery upon order from the person outside the state to distributors, wholesalers, retailers and dealers.

(n) "Transient vendor" means and includes every person commonly and generally termed "peddlers" and every person acting for himself, or as an agent, employee, salesman, or in any capacity for another, whether as owner, bailee, or other custodian of tobacco, and going from person to person, dealer to dealer, house to house, or place to place, and selling or offering for sale at retail or wholesale tobacco, and every person who does not keep a regular place of business open at all times in regular hours, and every person who goes from person to person, dealer to dealer, house to house, or place to place, and sells or offers for sale tobacco which he carries with him, and who delivers the same at the time of, or immediately after the sale, or without returning to the place of business operations (a permanent place of business within the state) between the taking of the order and the delivery of the tobacco, or

All persons who go from person to person, house to house, place to place, or dealer to dealer, soliciting orders by exhibiting samples, or taking orders, and thereafter making delivery of tobacco, or filling the order without carrying or sending the order to the permanent place of business, and thereafter making delivery of the tobacco pursuant to the terms of the order, or

All persons who go from person to person, place to place, house to house, or dealer to dealer, carrying samples and selling tobacco from samples, and afterwards making delivery without taking and sending an order therefor to a permanent place of business for the filling of the order, and delivery of the tobacco, or the exchange of tobacco having become damaged or unsalable, or the purchase by tobacco of advertising space, or

All persons who have in their possession, or under their control, any tobacco offered, or to be offered for sale or to be delivered, unless the sale or delivery thereof is to be made in pursuance of a bona fide order for the tobacco, to be sold or delivered, the order to be evidenced by an invoice or memorandum.

(o) "Contraband tobacco" means all tobacco found in the possession of any person whose permit to engage in dealing in tobacco has been revoked by the commissioner; and any cigarettes found in the possession of any person to which the proper tax stamps have not been affixed; and any cigarettes improperly stamped when found in the possession of any person; and all other tobacco upon which the excise tax has not been paid.

(p) "Sale" means an exchange for money or goods, giving away, or distributing any tobacco as defined in this chapter.

(q) "Forty-eight (48) hours" and "seventy-two (72) hours" means two (2) calendar days and three (3) calendar days, respectively, excluding Sundays and legal holidays.

(r) "Stamp" or "stamping," or the import of such word, when used in this chapter, means any manner of stamp or impression permitted by the commissioner that carries out the purposes of the chapter in clearly indicating upon the packages of cigarettes taxed the due payment of the tax and clearly identifying, by serial number or otherwise, the permittee who affixed the stamp to the particular package.

(s) "Manufacturer's list price" means the full sales price at which tobacco is sold or offered for sale by a manufacturer to the wholesaler or distributor in this state without any deduction for freight, trade discount, cash discounts, special discounts or deals, cash rebates, or any other reduction from the regular selling price. In the event

freight charges on shipments to wholesalers or distributors are not paid by the manufacturer, then such freight charges required to be paid by the wholesalers and distributors shall be added to the amount paid to the manufacturer in order to determine "manufacturer's list price." In the case of a wholesaler or distributor whose place of business is located outside this state, the "manufacturer's list price" for tobacco sold in this state by such wholesaler or distributor shall in all cases be considered to be the same as that of a wholesaler or distributor located within this state.

(t) "Heated tobacco products" means a product containing tobacco that produces an inhalable aerosol by (i) heating the tobacco without combustion of the tobacco or (ii) heat generated from a combustion source that only or primarily heats rather than burns the tobacco.

SECTION 2. Section 27-69-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-69-13. There is hereby imposed, levied and assessed, to be collected and paid as hereinafter provided in this chapter, an excise tax on each person or dealer in cigarettes, cigars, stogies, snuff, chewing tobacco, and smoking tobacco, or substitutes therefor, upon the sale, use, consumption, handling or distribution in the State of Mississippi, as follows:

(a) On cigarettes, the rate of tax shall be Three and Four-tenths Cents (3.4¢) on each cigarette sold with a maximum length of one hundred twenty (120) millimeters; any cigarette in excess of this length shall be taxed as if it were two (2) or more cigarettes. Provided, however, if the federal tax rate on cigarettes in effect on June 1, 1985, is reduced, then the rate as provided herein shall be increased by the amount of the federal tax reduction. Such tax increase shall take effect on the first day of the month following the effective date of such reduction in the federal tax rate. Heated tobacco products shall not be taxed as cigarettes under this paragraph (a); however, this exclusion shall not affect heated tobacco products for any purposes related to Section 27-70-1 et seq.

(b) On cigars, cheroots, stogies, snuff, chewing and smoking tobacco and all other tobacco products except cigarettes and heated tobacco products, the rate of tax shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the manufacturer's list price.

(c) On heated tobacco products, the rate of tax shall be one and twenty-five one-hundredths cents (1.25¢) on each disposable heated tobacco unit or stick sold to be used for consumption by insertion into a heated tobacco product heating system device.

No stamp evidencing the tax herein levied on cigarettes shall be of a denomination of less than One Cent (1¢), and whenever the tax computed at the rates herein prescribed on cigarettes shall be a specified amount, plus a fractional part of One Cent (1¢), the package shall be stamped for the next full cent; however, the additional face value of stamps purchased to comply with taxes imposed by this section after June 1, 1985, shall be subject to a four percent (4%) discount or compensation to dealers for their services rather than the eight percent (8%) discount or compensation allowed by Section 27-69-31.

Every wholesaler shall purchase stamps as provided in this chapter, and affix the same to all packages of cigarettes handled by him as herein provided.

The above tax is levied upon the sale, use, gift, possession or consumption of tobacco within the State of Mississippi, and the impact of the tax levied by this chapter is hereby declared to be on the vendee, user, consumer or possessor of tobacco in this state; and when said tax is paid by any other person, such payment shall be considered as an advance payment and shall thereafter be added to the price of the tobacco and recovered from the ultimate consumer or user.

SECTION 3. Section 27-69-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-69-27. The payment of the tax imposed by this chapter shall be evidenced by affixing stamps to each individual package of cigarettes usually sold to consumers, as distinguished from cartons or larger units which are composed of a number of individual packages.

Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the stamp shall be affixed within seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of the cigarettes by the wholesaler, and within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the cigarettes by the retailer; provided, that in the case a dealer conducts a wholesale and retail business at one (1) place of business,

stamps shall be affixed within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the cigarettes. However, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to tobacco at the point it is purchased at a sale under Section 27-69-56. The stamp must be so securely affixed as to require the continued application of water or of steam to remove it, or so that it cannot be otherwise removed without destruction or mutilation.

The excise tax imposed on cigars, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff and all other tobacco products except cigarettes and heated tobacco products shall be computed by the application of the excise tax rate to the manufacturer's list price on all purchases of such tobacco. The excise tax shall be due and payable on or before the fifteenth day of the month next succeeding the month in which the tax accrues. The tax shall be filed with the commissioner on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

Provided, however, manufacturers or other wholesale distributors of tobacco, which are subject to the excise taxes imposed by Section 27-69-13 of this chapter for the privilege of selling or using such tobaccos within this state, who maintain "terminals" or warehouses in which such tobaccos are stored, and who sell only to licensed wholesale dealers within the state who are qualified to purchase and affix the stamps required, may maintain such "spot stocks," intended only for such sales, without affixing the stamps or filing returns and paying the tax.

Any person desiring to maintain such "terminal" or warehouse, shall make application to the commissioner and obtain a permit to maintain such stocks without affixing stamps thereto, for sale exclusively to out-of-state purchasers, or licensed wholesale dealers within this state, and the commissioner is hereby authorized to grant such permit upon the execution and filing with the commissioner, by the applicant, a bond with surety companies, authorized to do business in Mississippi, as surety thereon, and conditioned for the strict compliance by the applicant, with the following conditions under which said privilege may be granted.

The person maintaining such stock of untaxed tobacco shall supply to the commissioner monthly, or at such times as the commissioner may require, complete invoices of all tobaccos received, and shall also supply correct invoices of all tobaccos removed from such "terminal" or warehouse, said invoices to contain the correct name and address of all persons to whom such tobacco shall be delivered or consigned, whether within or without the State of Mississippi.

The penalty of such bond shall be determined by the commissioner, in an amount sufficient to protect the State of Mississippi from any loss of revenue which might occur by reason of the failure of principal to strictly adhere to the requirement that no tobacco would be sold from such stock within the State of Mississippi, except to licensed wholesale dealers.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the tobacco tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the tobacco tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-69-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERM "HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCT" UNDER THE TOBACCO TAX LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 27-69-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO LEVY AN EXCISE TAX ON HEATED TOBACCO PRODUCTS UNDER THE TOBACCO TAX LAW; TO AMEND SECTION 27-69-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3105. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Osborne. Total-5.

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

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Lamar called up:

S. B. No. 2990: Taxation of oilfield services; restructure.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-65-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-17. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling any tangible personal property whatsoever there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross proceeds of the retail sales of the business.

(b) Retail sales of farm tractors and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such tractors shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when made to farmers for agricultural purposes.

(c) (i) Retail sales of farm implements sold to farmers and used directly in the production of poultry, ratite, domesticated fish as defined in Section 69-7-501, livestock, livestock products, agricultural crops or ornamental plant crops or used for other agricultural purposes, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such implements, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when used on the farm.

(ii) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate shall also apply to all equipment used in logging, pulpwood operations or tree farming, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such equipment, which is either:

1. Self-propelled, or

2. Mounted so that it is permanently attached to other equipment which is self-propelled or attached to other equipment drawn by a vehicle which is self-propelled.

In order to be eligible for the rate of tax provided for in this subparagraph (ii), such sales must be made to a professional logger. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii), a "professional logger" is a person, corporation, limited liability company or other entity, or an agent thereof, who possesses a professional logger's permit issued by the Department of Revenue and who presents the permit to the seller at the time of

purchase. The department shall establish an application process for a professional logger's permit to be issued, which shall include a requirement that the applicant submit a copy of documentation verifying that the applicant is certified according to Sustainable Forestry Initiative guidelines. Upon a determination that an applicant is a professional logger, the department shall issue the applicant a numbered professional logger's permit.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, retail sales of aircraft, automobiles, trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers and manufactured or mobile homes shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(e) Sales of manufacturing machinery or manufacturing machine parts when made to a manufacturer or custom processor for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state in manufacturing a commodity for sale, rental or in processing for a fee shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%).

(f) Sales of machinery and machine parts when made to a technology intensive enterprise for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state for industrial purposes, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or research and development activities, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%). In order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise for purposes of this paragraph:

(i) The enterprise shall meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(ii) The enterprise shall employ at least ten (10) persons in full-time jobs;

(iii) At least ten percent (10%) of the workforce in the facility operated by the enterprise shall be scientists, engineers or computer specialists;

(iv) The enterprise shall manufacture plastics, chemicals, automobiles, aircraft, computers or electronics; or shall be a research and development facility, a computer design or related facility, or a software publishing facility or other technology intensive facility or enterprise as determined by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(v) The average wage of all workers employed by the enterprise at the facility shall be at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the state average annual wage; and

(vi) The enterprise must provide a basic health care plan to all employees at the facility.

A medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, shall not be considered to be a technology intensive enterprise for the purposes of this paragraph (f).

(g) Sales of materials for use in track and track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(h) Sales of tangible personal property to electric power associations for use in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of one percent (1%).

(i) Wholesale sales of food and drink for human consumption to full-service vending machine operators to be sold through vending machines located apart from and not connected with other taxable businesses shall be taxed at the rate of eight percent (8%).

(j) Sales of equipment used or designed for the purpose of assisting disabled persons, such as wheelchair equipment and lifts, that is mounted or attached to or installed on a private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, at the time when the private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property is sold shall be taxed at the same rate as the sale of such vehicles under this section.

(k) Sales of the factory-built components of modular homes, panelized homes and precut homes, and panel constructed homes consisting of structural insulated panels, shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(l) Sales of materials used in the repair, renovation, addition to, expansion and/or improvement of buildings and related facilities used by a dairy producer shall be taxed at the rate of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%). For the purposes of this paragraph (l), "dairy producer" means any person engaged in the production of milk for commercial use.

(m) Sales of equipment and materials used in connection with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, redrilling, completing, working over, producing, distributing or testing of oil, gas and other mineral resources shall be taxed at the rate of four percent (4%). Operators that rebill sales of equipment and materials to nonoperating working interest owners on behalf of the joint account through joint interest billing (JIB), where the sales tax has been paid or accrued by the operator, shall not be charged sales tax on the JIB as services income.

(2) From and after January 1, 1995, retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, shall be taxed an additional two percent (2%).

(3) A manufacturer selling at retail in this state shall be required to make returns of the gross proceeds of such sales and pay the tax imposed in this section.

SECTION 2. Section 27-65-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows: 27-65-23. Upon every person engaging or continuing in any of the following businesses or activities there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income of the business, except as otherwise provided:

Air-conditioning installation or repairs;

Automobile, motorcycle, boat or any other vehicle repairing or servicing;

Billiards, pool or domino parlors;

Bowling or tenpin alleys;

Burglar and fire alarm systems or services;

Car washing — automatic, self-service, or manual;

Computer software services actually performed within this state;

Cotton compresses or cotton warehouses;

Custom creosoting or treating, custom planning, custom sawing;

Custom meat processing;

Electricians, electrical work, wiring, all repairs or installation of electrical

equipment;

Elevator or escalator installing, repairing or servicing;

Film developing or photo finishing;

Foundries, machine or general repairing;

Furniture repairing or upholstering;

Grading, excavating, ditching, dredging or landscaping;

Hotels (as defined in Section 41-49-3), motels, tourist courts or camps, trailer

parks;

Insulating services or repairs;

Jewelry or watch repairing;

Laundrying, cleaning, pressing or dyeing;

Marina services;

Mattress renovating;

Office and business machine repairing;

Parking garages and lots;

Plumbing or pipe fitting;

Public storage warehouses (There shall be no tax levied on gross income of a public storage warehouse derived from the temporary storage of tangible personal property in this state pending shipping or mailing of the property to another state.);

Refrigerating equipment repairs;

Radio or television installing, repairing, or servicing;

Renting or leasing personal property used within this state;

Services performed in connection with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, producing, distributing, or testing of *** water *** resources not related to the development of oil, gas or other mineral resources;

Shoe repairing;

Storage lockers;

Telephone answering or paging services;
Termite or pest control services;
Tin and sheet metal shops;
TV cable systems, subscription TV services, and other similar activities;
Vulcanizing, repairing or recapping of tires or tubes;
Welding; and
Woodworking or wood-turning shops.

Income from services taxed herein performed for electric power associations in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of one percent (1%).

Income from services taxed herein performed on materials for use in track or track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

Income from services performed in connection with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, redrilling, completing, working over, producing, distributing or testing of oil, gas and other mineral resources, including overhead services, shall be taxed at the rate of four percent (4%). Operators that rebill services to nonoperating working interest owners on behalf of the joint account through joint interest billing (JIB), where the sales tax has been paid or accrued by the operator, shall not be charged sales tax on the JIB as services income.

Income from renting or leasing tangible personal property used within this state shall be taxed at the same rates as sales of the same property.

Persons doing business in this state who rent transportation equipment with a situs within or without the state to common, contract or private commercial carriers are taxed on that part of the income derived from use within this state. If specific accounting is impracticable, a formula may be used with approval of the commissioner.

A lessor may deduct from the tax computed on the rental income from tangible personal property a credit for sales or use tax paid to this state at the time of purchase of the specific personal property being leased or rented until such credit has been exhausted. Charges for custom processing and repairing services may be excluded from gross taxable income when the property on which the service was performed is delivered to the customer in another state either by common carrier or in the seller's equipment.

When a taxpayer performs services covered by this section, which are performed both in intrastate and interstate commerce, the taxpayer may utilize any reasonable formulae of apportionment which will apportion to this state, for taxation, that portion of the services which are performed within the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 3. Section 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-21. (1) (a) (i) Upon every person engaging or continuing in this state in the business of contracting or performing a contract or engaging in any of the activities, or similar activities, listed below for a price, commission, fee or wage, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the total contract price or compensation received, including all charges related to the contract such as finance charges and late charges, from constructing, building, erecting, repairing, grading, excavating, drilling, exploring, testing or adding to any building, highway, street, sidewalk, bridge, culvert, sewer, irrigation or water system, drainage or dredging system, levee or levee system or any part thereof, railway, reservoir, dam, power plant, electrical system, air-conditioning system, heating system, transmission line, pipeline, tower, dock, storage tank, wharf, excavation, grading, water well, any other improvement or structure or any part thereof when the compensation received exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Such activities shall not include constructing, repairing or adding to property which retains its identity as personal property. The tax imposed in this section is levied upon the prime contractor and shall be paid by him.

(ii) Amounts included in the contract price or compensation received representing the sale of manufacturing or processing machinery for a manufacturer or custom processor shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) in lieu of the three and one-half percent (3-1/2%).

(b) The following shall be excluded from the tax levied by this section:

(i) The contract price or compensation received for constructing, building, erecting, repairing or adding to any building, electrical system, air-conditioning system, heating system or any other improvement or structure which is used for or primarily in connection with a residence or dwelling place for human beings. Such residences shall include homes, mobile homes, summer cottages, fishing and hunting camp buildings and similar buildings, but shall not include apartment buildings, condominiums, hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing or retirement homes, tourist cottages or other commercial establishments.

(ii) The portion of the total contract price attributable to design or engineering services if:

1. The total contract price for the project exceeds the sum of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00); or

2. The engineering services are performed by a professional engineer as defined in Section 73-13-3, who is the general or prime contractor.

(iii) The contract price or compensation received to restore, repair or replace a utility distribution or transmission system that has been damaged due to ice storm, hurricane, flood, tornado, wind, earthquake or other natural disaster if such restoration, repair or replacement is performed by the entity providing the service at its cost.

(iv) The contract price or compensation received for constructing, building, erecting, repairing or adding to any building, facility or structure located at any refinery as defined in Section 27-65-24.

(c) Sales of materials and services for use in the activities hereby excluded from taxes imposed by this section, except services used in activities excluded pursuant to paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection, shall be subject to taxes imposed by other sections in this chapter.

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(* * *2) When the work to be performed under any contract is sublet by the prime contractor to different persons, or in separate contracts to the same persons, each such subcontractor performing any part of said work shall be liable for the amount of the tax which accrues on account of the work performed by such person when the tax heretofore imposed has not been paid upon the whole contract by the prime contractor. When a person engaged in any business on which a tax is levied in Section 27-65-23, also qualifies as a contractor, and contracts with the owner of any project to perform any services in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) herein taxed, such person shall pay the tax imposed by this section in lieu of the tax imposed by Section 27-65-23. Any person entering into any contract over Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) as defined in this section shall, before beginning the performance of such contract or contracts, either pay the contractors' tax in advance, together with any use taxes due under Section 27-67-5, or execute and file with the commissioner a good and valid bond in a surety company authorized to do business in this state, or with sufficient sureties to be approved by the commissioner conditioned that all taxes which may accrue to the State of Mississippi under this chapter, or under Section 27-67-5 and Section 27-7-5, will be paid when due. Such bonds shall be either (a) "job bonds" which guarantee payment when due of the aforesaid taxes resulting from performance of a specified job or activity regardless of date of completion; or (b) "blanket bonds" which guarantee payment when due of the aforesaid taxes resulting from performance of all jobs or activities taxable under this section begun during the period specified therein, regardless of date of completion. The payments of the taxes due or the execution and filing of a surety bond shall be a condition precedent to the commencing work on any contract taxed hereunder. Provided, that when any bond is filed in lieu of the prepayment of the tax under this section, that the tax shall be payable monthly on the amount received during the previous month, and any use taxes due shall be payable on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in which the property is brought into Mississippi.

Any person failing either to execute any bond herein provided, or to pay the taxes in advance, before beginning the performance of any contract shall be denied the right to perform such contract until he complies with such requirements, and the commissioner

is hereby authorized to proceed either under Section 27-65-59, under Section 27-65-61 or by injunction to prevent any activity in the performance of such contract until either a satisfactory bond is executed and filed, or all taxes are paid in advance, and a temporary injunction enjoining the execution of such contract shall be granted without notice by any judge or chancellor now authorized by law to grant injunctions.

Any person liable for a tax under this section may apply for and obtain a material purchase certificate from the commissioner which may entitle the holder to purchase materials and services that are to become a component part of the structure to be erected or repaired with no tax due. Provided, that the contractor applying for the contractor's material purchase certificate shall furnish the Department of Revenue a list of all work sublet to others, indicating the amount of work to be performed, and the names and addresses of each subcontractor.

SECTION 4. Section 19-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

19-5-9. (1) The construction codes published by a nationally recognized code group which sets minimum standards and has the proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments are adopted as minimum standard guides for building, plumbing, electrical, gas, sanitary, and other related codes in Mississippi. Any county within the State of Mississippi, in the discretion of the board of supervisors, may adopt building codes, plumbing codes, electrical codes, sanitary codes, or other related codes dealing with general public health, safety or welfare, or a combination of the same, within but not exceeding the provisions of the construction codes published by nationally recognized code groups, by order or resolution in the manner prescribed in this section, but those codes so adopted shall apply only to the unincorporated areas of the county. However, those codes shall not apply to the erection, maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures, except as may be required under the terms of the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973," and shall apply to a master planned community as defined in Section 19-5-10 only to the extent allowed in Section 19-5-10. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize the adoption of any code which applies to the installation, repair or maintenance of electric wires, pipelines, apparatus, equipment or devices by or for a utility rendering public utility services, required by it to be utilized in the rendition of its duly authorized service to the public. Before any such code shall be adopted, it shall be either printed or typewritten and shall be presented in pamphlet form to the board of supervisors at a regular meeting. The order or resolution adopting the code shall not set out the code in full, but shall merely identify the same. The vote or passage of the order or resolution shall be the same as on any other order or resolution. After its adoption, the code or codes shall be certified to by the president and clerk of the board of supervisors and shall be filed as a permanent record in the office of the clerk who shall not be required to transcribe and record the same in the minute book as other orders and resolutions.

(2) If the board of supervisors of any county adopts or has adopted construction codes which do not have proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments, specifications in such codes for cements used in portland cement concrete shall be superseded by nationally recognized specifications referenced in any code adopted by the Mississippi Building Code Council.

(3) All provisions of this section shall apply to amendments and revisions of the codes mentioned in this section. The provisions of this section shall be in addition and supplemental to any existing laws authorizing the adoption, amendment or revision of county orders, resolutions or codes.

(4) Any code adopted under the provisions of this section shall not be in operation or force until sixty (60) days have elapsed from the adoption of same; however, any code adopted for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare may be effective from and after its adoption by a unanimous vote of the members of the board. Within five (5) days after the adoption or passage of an order or resolution adopting that code or codes the clerk of the board of supervisors shall publish in a legal newspaper published in the county the full text of the order or resolution adopting and approving the code, and the publication shall be inserted at least three (3) times, and shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the passage of the order or resolution.

(5) Any person or persons objecting to the code or codes may object in writing to the provisions of the code or codes within sixty (60) days after the passage of the order or

resolution approving same, and if the board of supervisors adjudicates that ten percent (10%) or more of the qualified electors residing in the affected unincorporated areas of the county have objected in writing to the code or codes, then in such event the code shall be inoperative and not in effect unless adopted for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and general welfare until approved by a special election called by the board of supervisors as other special elections are called and conducted by the election commissioners of the county as other special elections are conducted, the special election to be participated in by all the qualified electors of the county residing in the unincorporated areas of the county. If the voters approve the code or codes in the special election it shall be in force and in operation thereafter until amended or modified as provided in this section. If the majority of the qualified electors voting in the special election vote against the code or codes, then, in such event, the code or codes shall be void and of no force and effect, and no other code or codes dealing with that subject shall be adopted under the provisions of this section until at least two (2) years thereafter.

(6) After any such code shall take effect the board of supervisors is authorized to employ such directors and other personnel as the board, in its discretion, deems necessary and to expend general county funds or any other funds available to the board to fulfill the purposes of this section.

(7) For the purpose of promoting health, safety, morals or the general welfare of the community, the governing authority of any municipality, and, with respect to the unincorporated part of any county, the governing authority of any county, in its discretion, is empowered to regulate the height, number of stories and size of building and other structures, the percentage of lot that may be occupied, the size of the yards, courts and other open spaces, the density or population, and the location and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence or other purposes, but no permits shall be required except as may be required under the terms of the "Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973" for the erection, maintenance, repair or extension of farm buildings or farm structures outside the corporate limits of municipalities.

(8) The authority granted in this section is cumulative and supplemental to any other authority granted by law.

(9) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any code adopted by a county before or after April 12, 2001, is subject to the provisions of Section 41-26-14(10).

(10) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the Boards of Supervisors of Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Stone and Pearl River Counties shall enforce the requirements imposed under Section 17-2-1 as provided in such section.

(11) Regardless of whether a county adopts or has adopted codes, as set forth in this section, each and every county in this state shall require permitting as a condition to construction within the unincorporated areas of the county, and such permits shall contain, on their face, in conspicuous print, (a) the contractor's material purchase certificate number to the extent furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(**2) or the contractor's Taxpayer Identification Number as furnished by the Internal Revenue Service, and either a copy of such material purchase certificate furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(**2), or a copy of the contractor's W-9, as the case may be, shall be required to be provided to the county as part of the prime contractor's application for such permit, prior to the issuance of such permit, and (b) the contractor's license or certificate of responsibility number as required by either Section 31-3-14 et seq., 51-5-1 et seq. or 73-59-1 et seq.

SECTION 5. Section 21-19-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-19-25. (1) Any municipality within the State of Mississippi may, in the discretion of its governing authority, adopt building codes, plumbing codes, electrical codes, gas codes, sanitary codes, or any other codes dealing with general public health, safety or welfare, or a combination of the same, by ordinance, in the manner prescribed in this section. Before any such code shall be adopted, it shall be either printed or typewritten, and it shall be presented in pamphlet form to the governing authority of the municipality at a regular meeting. The ordinance adopting the code shall not set out the code in full, but shall merely identify the same. The vote on passage of the ordinance shall be the

same as on any other ordinances. After its adoption, the code shall be certified to by the mayor and clerk of the municipality, and shall be filed as a permanent record in the office of the clerk, who shall not be required to transcribe and record the same in the ordinance book as other ordinances. It shall not be necessary that the ordinance adopting the code or the code itself be published in full, but notice of the adoption of the code shall be given by publication in some newspaper of the municipality for one (1) time, or if there be no such newspaper, by posting at three (3) or more public places within the corporate limits, a notice in substantially the following form:

Notice is given that the city (or town or village) of _____, on the (give date of ordinance adopting code), adopted (state type of code and other information serving to identify the same) code.

(2) If the governing authority of any municipality adopts or has adopted construction codes which do not have proper provisions to maintain up-to-date amendments, specifications in such codes for cements used in portland cement concrete shall be superseded by nationally recognized specifications referenced in any code adopted by the Mississippi Building Code Council.

(3) All the provisions of this section shall apply to amendments and revisions of the code mentioned in this section. Any code adopted in accordance with this section shall not be in force for one (1) month after its passage, unless the municipal authorities in the ordinance authorize to the contrary. The provisions of this section shall be in addition and supplemental to any existing laws authorizing the adoption, amendment or revision of municipal ordinances or codes.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any code adopted by a municipality before or after April 12, 2001, is subject to the provisions of Section 41-26-14(10).

(5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the governing authorities of each municipality in Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, Stone and Pearl River Counties shall enforce the requirements imposed under Section 17-2-1 as provided in such section.

(6) Regardless of whether the governing authority of any municipality adopts or has adopted construction codes, as set forth in this section, each and every governing authority of any municipality shall require permitting as a condition to construction within the municipality's jurisdiction, and any and all such permits shall contain on their faces, in conspicuous print, (a) the contractor's material purchase certificate number to the extent one is furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(* * *2) or the contractor's Taxpayer Identification Number as furnished by the Internal Revenue Service, and either a copy of such material purchase certificate furnished by the Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 27-65-21(* * *2), or a copy of the contractor's W-9, as the case may be, shall be required to be provided to the governing authority of such municipality as part of the contractor's application for such permit, prior to the issuance of such permit, and (b) the contractor's license or certificate of responsibility number as required by either Section 31-3-14 et seq., 51-5-1 et seq. or 73-59-1 et seq.

(7) The provisions of this section shall apply to all municipalities of this state, whether operating under the code charter, a special charter, commission form, or other form of government.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024, and shall stand repealed on June 29, 2024.

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

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-65-17 AND 27-65-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SALES OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS USED IN CONNECTION WITH GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYING, EXPLORING, DEVELOPING, DRILLING, REDRILLING, COMPLETING, WORKING OVER, PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING OR TESTING OF OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES SHALL BE TAXED AT 4%; TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATORS THAT REBILL SALES OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS TO NONOPERATING WORKING INTEREST OWNERS ON BEHALF OF THE JOINT ACCOUNT THROUGH JOINT INTEREST

BILLING (JIB), WHERE THE SALES TAX HAS BEEN PAID OR ACCRUED BY THE OPERATOR, SHALL NOT BE CHARGED SALES TAX ON THE JIB AS SERVICES INCOME; TO ELIMINATE THE 7% TAX ON THE GROSS INCOME OF BUSINESSES PERFORMING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYING, EXPLORING, DEVELOPING, DRILLING, PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING, OR TESTING OF OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ELIMINATE THE 3.5% CONTRACTOR'S TAX ON OIL AND GAS WELL CONTRACTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 19-5-9 AND 21-19-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO A CHANGE IN SUBSECTION DESIGNATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2990**. On motion of Rep. Lamar the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Evans. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. B. No. 1271: Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

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

H. C. R. No. 42: Hilda Moore Turner; commend her life upon her passing.

H. C. R. No. 43: Bobby Rush; commend and congratulate on winning his 3rd Grammy.

H. C. R. No. 45: George County High School; commend upon winning first ever MHSAA Class 5A Fast Pitch Softball State Championship.

H. C. R. No. 46: John D. Roberts; commend upon receiving Legion of Honor for valiant and heroic service during World War II.

H. C. R. No. 50: Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir; commend upon winning 100th Grand Champion title.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 110: City of Ridgeland; commend upon the 125th anniversary of its founding.

H. R. No. 111: Angel Jackson; commend and congratulate upon being named SWAC's Women's Defensive Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 113: Coach Tomekia Reed; commend upon being named SWAC Coach of the Year and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of the Year.

H. R. No. 114: Ellis "Scott" Slater; commend life upon his passing.

H. R. No. 115: Scott Griffith; commend upon occasion of his retirement as Elementary Principal of Presbyterian Christian School.

H. R. No. 117: Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball Team; commend for outstanding 2023-2024 season.

H. R. No. 118: Jefferson County High School Football Team; commend upon outstanding football season.

H. R. No. 119: Jordan O'Neal; commend upon being named 2024 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year.

H. R. No. 120: 2023 Keath Killebrew Memorial Rodeo; commend upon winning awards from the International Pro Rodeo Association.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1206: Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, raccoons and bobcats with dogs and guns.

H. B. No. 1779: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for.

H. B. No. 1816: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Morgan moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of O. K. "Kenny" Moore, Dollie L. Smith, Lizzie "Liz" Mae Breland, Jean Stovall, John Alton Pittman, Carrie Lavada Graham, Richard Curtis Lee, Cooper Brady, James Stinson, John E. Carroll, and Grace Sullivan, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Keith Thomas, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Steve Grace, and Sonny Evans, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Nora Burton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mangold moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Addison "Bubba" Reed, which motion prevailed.

At 1:54 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Frank Gibbs, Mt. Pisgah Church, Vicksburg.

Rep. Holloway, G led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 74: Memorial highways; designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway". Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:00 AM

H. B. No. 75: Memorial highway; designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway." Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:01 AM

H. B. No. 155: Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:02 AM

H. B. No. 317: EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:03 AM

H. B. No. 619: Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:05 AM

H. B. No. 624: Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:06 AM

H. B. No. 751: Commercial motor vehicles; extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:06 AM

H. B. No. 760: MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:07 AM

H. B. No. 823: Memorial bridge; designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge." Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:08 AM

H. B. No. 871: Balance billing; exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:09 AM

H. B. No. 978: State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing of claims. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:10 AM

H. B. No. 1001: Veterans cemeteries; authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:11 AM

H. B. No. 1006: Recreation crab licenses; limit to license holders rather than households. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:12 AM

H. B. No. 1007: Oyster tags; authorize the printing of by the catcher. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:13 AM

H. B. No. 1024: DHS; authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:14 AM

H. B. No. 1030: DHS; authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:15 AM

H. B. No. 1037: Deficit appropriations; revise process for state agencies to avoid the need for. (PEER bill). Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:20 AM

H. B. No. 1079: Clean claim; clarify requirements for. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:22 AM

H. B. No. 1121: State officers; make minor, nonsubstantive changes regarding swearing in of. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:30 AM

H. B. No. 1129: Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:45 AM

H. B. No. 1210: The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:50 AM

H. B. No. 1213: Living Donor Protection Act; create. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 9:59 AM

H. B. No. 1216: Memorial highways; designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:00 AM

H. B. No. 1287: Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway." Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:02 AM

H. B. No. 1343: Scrivener's affidavit; revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:05 AM

H. B. No. 1376: Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:10 AM

H. B. No. 1410: Insurance reimbursement rates; revise certain provisions. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 12:00 PM

H. B. No. 1463: "Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway"; specify parameters of location for designation. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:18 AM

H. B. No. 1525: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:22 AM

H. B. No. 1583: Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act; create. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:30 AM

H. B. No. 1644: Ambulance services providers; contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:31 AM

H. B. No. 1648: Electronic bids; authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 11:33 AM

H. B. No. 1664: Acceptance or offer of gifts; revise provisions relating to. Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 9:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.

Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

Senators DeBar, Boyd, Simmons (13th)

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.

Senators Thompson, Sparks, Ladner

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Wiggins

H. B. No. 756: Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on.

Senators Johnson, Sparks, Parker

H. B. No. 759: Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990; extend repealer on.

Senators Johnson, Sparks, Parker

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

Senators DeBar, Blount, Parker

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

Senators Fillingane, Sparks, DeLano

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

Senators Fillingane, Sparks, Thomas

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from.

Senators Johnson, Sparks, Barnett

H. B. No. 1090: Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

Senators Turner-Ford, Boyd, Sparks

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

Senators Boyd, DeLano, Butler

H. B. No. 1192: Virtual public schools; authorize operation by certain educational providers or locally sponsored virtual public schools.

Senators DeBar, Parker, Hopson

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

Senators Whaley, Suber, England

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).
Senators DeBar,Parker,Robinson

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish.
Senators Whaley,Suber,Younger

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.
Senators Fillingane,Sparks,McCaughn

H. B. No. 1379: "Students Safe at School Act"; create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations.
Senators DeBar,Blount,Polk

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.
Senators Fillingane,Sparks,Hill

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.
Senators DeBar,DeLano,McMahan

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.
Senators Parker,Williams,Michel

H. B. No. 1683: MS Charter School Act of 2013; bring forward for purposes of possible amendments.
Senators DeBar,Parker,Polk

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for.
Senators Chassaniol,Williams,McCaughn

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; bring forward code sections related to.
Senators Williams,DeLano,Parker

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1378: Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older.

H. B. No. 1855: Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

H. B. No. 1710: Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.

H. B. No. 1916: Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1942: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

H. B. No. 1943: Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax.

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

H. B. No. 1984: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products.

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 722: Judicial districts; revise.
Senators Wiggins, McCaughn, DeBar

H. B. No. 774: MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act; create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting.

Senators Blount,Thompson,Younger

H. B. No. 783: Child custody; require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time.

Senators Wiggins,Hopson,Hickman

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from preclicensing requirements.

Senators Michel,Johnson,Suber

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

Senators Wiggins,Barrett,Simmons (12th)

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organization to receive and administer.

Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Barrett

H. B. No. 1265: Pharmacists; authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or contracts.

Senators Michel,Sparks,Whaley

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

Senators Wiggins,Hickman,England

H. B. No. 1316: Public purchasing; require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS.

Senators Wiggins,Barrett,Blackmon

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

Senators Polk,Whaley,Branning

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

Senators Michel,McLendon,Whaley

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

Senators Wiggins,McCaughn,Fillingane

H. B. No. 1607: Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create.

Senators Wiggins,Boyd,Turner-Ford

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

Senators Wiggins,Simmons (12th),Thompson

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2917: Capitol Complex Improvement District; define authority.

Senators Parker, Williams, Suber

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 4125: (Representative Creekmore IV) Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4126: (Representative Creekmore IV) Union County; authorize assessments on civil cases filed and convictions obtained in justice court to maintain law enforcement center. Local and Private Legislation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 60: Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 61: Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan; commend upon winning NCAA Division I national title in shot put. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 62: Jalani Davis; recognize and commend for winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Women's Weight Throw. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. C. R. No. 63: Neshoba Central High School "Lady Rockets" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 122: Arthur "Mr. D" Davis; commend legacy and success of as owner of the "Old Country Store" in Lorman, MS. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Representatives Blackwell and Scoggin introduced the West Jones High School Mustangs Football Team and the West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team, House Resolution 127 and House Resolution 129.

Representative Varner introduced Brooke O'Hair, House Resolution 82.

Representative Varner introduced the Florence High School "Eagles" Boys Soccer Team and the Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team, House Resolution 80 and House Resolution 90.

Rep. Horan moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1196: Sextortion; create crime of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Boyd, A, Smith. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Hobgood-Wilkes, Lamar, Osborne, Rushing, Scoggin. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Horan moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 634: Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing,

Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

On motion of Rep. Hood the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1086: Land partitions; revise provision that regulate.

Rep. Hood moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 349: Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--100.

Nays--Banks, Barnett, Bounds, Burnett, Estrada, Fondren, Owen. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Anthony, Brown, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Summers, Thompson, Watson. Total--13.

Necessary for passage--54

Rep. Creekmore moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1068: County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill,

Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, B, Hobgood-Wilkes, Karriem, McKnight, Osborne, Shanks, Wallace. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1676: Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

Rep. Roberson moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1696: Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulul, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne, Smith. Total-4.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1344: Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bounds, Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Crudup, Faulkner, Thompson. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Yancey moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1092: Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Arnold, Blackwell. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Creekmore, Hobgood-Wilkes, Luther-Waldo, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4091: Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on Tourism Commission and hotel/motel tax, and authorize room occupancy tax.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4091**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Eubanks, Hall. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Currie, Evans, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Oliver, Osborne, Steverson. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 1880: Grenada County; expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 1880**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4115: City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4115**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Eubanks, Hall. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne, Tullos. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4119: City of Morton; authorize tax on hotels, motels and restaurants to fund tourism, parks and recreation in.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4119. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Eubanks, Hall. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4120: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4120. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4122: Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4122. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Karriem, Ladner, Osborne, Sanders, Taylor. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2001: City of Houston; extend repeal date for tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 2001. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Eubanks, Hall. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2084: DeSoto County; authorize the contribution of funds for membership to the Chamber of Commerce.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2084.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Currie, Eubanks, Harness, Ladner, Lamar, Morgan, Osborne. Total-8.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--76

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2138: DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority; increase borrowing/bonding authority from \$40 Million to \$80 Million.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2138.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Osborne, Wallace.
Total-6.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2510: Neshoba County; increase authorized contribution amount made to Philadelphia Transit.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY COMMITTEE: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2510**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Osborne, Roberson. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2663: City of Carthage; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barnett:

AMEND the title on line 3 by striking "2024" and inserting in lieu thereof "2028".

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2663**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Eubanks, Hall. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Crawford, Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2925: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2925**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 2984: Jackson County & City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, & authorize increased contribution.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2984**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Osborne, Tubb. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3060: City of Pearl & Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in the aggregate.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3060**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3062: Marshall County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3062.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3081: City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3081.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Eubanks, Hall. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Boyd, R, Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3082: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to the United Way.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3082.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Eubanks. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Brown, Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3100: Leake County; authorize lease between county economic development authority and East Central CC for workforce training center.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3100.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Osborne, Owen. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3101: Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3101. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Hines, Ladner, Osborne. Total-5.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3102: Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize to contribute to Pearl River Community College County Tuition Assistance Program.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3102. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Brown, Creekmore, Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Osborne. Total-6.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--77

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3103: Lauderdale County; extend authorization of assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3103.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Calvert, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes, Owen. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3158: City of Winona; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on restaurants.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3158.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Eubanks, Hall. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Currie, Ladner, Osborne, Owen. Total-5.

Present--Aguirre, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3218: Hinds County; authorize to enter 30-year lease and finance 30-year certificates of participation for public safety facility.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3218.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Hulum introduced Jackson State University Women's Basketball Coach, Tomekia Reed, House Resolution 113.

Representative Sanders entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 2925: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2226: Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2457: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

S. B. No. 2470: Sales tax; move the back-to-school sales tax holiday to the second Friday in July.

S. B. No. 2530: Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create.

S. B. No. 2567: On-premises tobacco permit; authorize Department of Revenue to issue.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2142: Designate American Quarter Horse as the Official State Horse and Kemp's Ridley sea turtle as Official Sea Turtle of Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 533: Recognize legislative members of Kappa Alpha Psi and designate March 12, 2024, as "Kappa Day at the State Capitol."

S. C. R. No. 541: Encourage further economic ties between Mississippi and Taiwan.

S. C. R. No. 542: Extend condolences of the Legislature on the passing of Elbert Riley Hilliard, Director Emeritus of the MDAH.

S. B. No. 2425: Ballot harvesting; define terms.

S. B. No. 2727: Mississippi K-12 and Postsecondary Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties.

S. B. No. 2858: Health benefit plans; set provisions related to diagnostic breast exams and individualized investigational drugs.

S. B. No. 3099: Income tax; authorize a credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Lancaster moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Donald Reginald "Reggie" Callahan, and Betty Jean Ray Clark, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Deweese and Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Curtis Paul "Jerry" Mize, and Richard Lynn Lantrip, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ronald Preston "Ronnie" Warrington, which motion prevailed.

At 11:04 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 18, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-EIGHTH DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Pastor Stephen Cook, Anderson United Methodist Church.

Rep. Gibbs, J led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, April 18, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1143: Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat. Thursday, April 18, 2024, 3:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that due to the RESIGNATION of Senator Hopson as a conferee, the President has named a new conferee on the following:

S. B. No. 2689: State subject area tests and accountability standards; replace with college prep test and revise provisions.

Senators DeBar and Norwood remain as conferees and the President has named Senator Parker to the vacancy.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1916: Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program.
Senators Hopson, Blackwell, Polk

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2476: Tax credits for qualified charitable and qualified foster care charitable organizations; extend repealer on.

S. B. No. 2492: Use tax; allow municipalities to use revenue for personal property or equipment to be used for certain authorized purposes.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 331: Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction.
Senators Simmons (12th), Suber, Hill

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.
Senators Suber, Butler, Johnson

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 755: Parole; extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility.
Senators Barnett, Chassaniol, Jackson

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.
Senators Barnett,Brumfield,Hill

H. B. No. 758: Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility; extend repealer on.
Senators Barnett,Thomas,Kirby

H. B. No. 763: Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in certain counties.
Senators Barnett,Brumfield,Sparks

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.
Senators Barnett,Sparks,Barrett

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.
Senators England,Fillingane,Chassaniol

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.
Senators England,Chassaniol,Blount

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1660: Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of.
Senators Bryan,Parker,Harkins

H. B. No. 1676: Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.
Senators Bryan,Blackwell,Johnson

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.
Senators Harkins,Carter,Suber

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.
Senators Harkins,Kirby,Polk

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.
Senators Harkins,Horn,Kirby

H. B. No. 1618: PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition.

Senators Harkins,Johnson,Parker

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

Senators Harkins,Michel,Polk

H. B. No. 1665: Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize incentive for development of property in.

Senators Harkins,Parker,Horhn

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1086: Land partitions; revise provision that regulate.

Senators Wiggins,McCaughn,Blackmon

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 4127: (Representative Read) City of Gautier; authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance. Local and Private Legislation.

H. R. No. 135: (Representatives Carpenter, Hall) SFC Clyde Williams; commend upon winning 2023 Army National Guard Director's 54 Award for State of Mississippi. Rules.

Representatives Carpenter and Young introduced Lt. Colonel Malachi Sanders, House Resolution 78.

Representative Owen introduced Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders, House Resolution 134.

On motion of Rep. Mims the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1916: Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program.

Representative Barnett called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 2925:** (Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community

Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.) passed, and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed for purposes of an amendment.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVE Barnett:

AMEND on line 11 by striking the term "Breast"

AMEND further the title on line 3 by striking the term "BREAST"

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 2925**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Gibbs, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Ladner, Osborne. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Shanks called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 123: "Don't Sugarcoat It Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol; designate April 15, 2024 as.

H. R. No. 125: Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon his passing as the founder of American Family Association.

H. R. No. 132: Alan Hunter; commend Millsaps graduate upon being the first VJ on MTV and upon his contributions to film and television.

H. R. No. 133: Madison Clare (M.C.) Stewart; commend upon being named the first female Angler of the Year.

H. R. No. 134: Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders; commend for placing first at the 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship.

H. R. No. 122: Arthur "Mr. D" Davis; commend legacy and success of as owner of the "Old Country Store" in Lorman, MS.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 120: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 313: Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions.

H. B. No. 634: Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount.

H. B. No. 1035: Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act".

H. B. No. 1068: County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically.

H. B. No. 1092: Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of.

H. B. No. 1196: Sextortion; create crime of.

H. B. No. 1344: Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State.

H. B. No. 1378: Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1378: Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older.

H. B. No. 1577: Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible.

H. B. No. 1855: Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Crudup moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Jim Ingram, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Tony West, which motion prevailed.

Representative Sanders moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eugene "Cheetah" Nelson, and Raymond Murry, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James M. Mooney, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frank James, Jr., which motion prevailed.

At 10:44 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, April 19, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

SEVENTY-NINTH DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED NINTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Robert Sanders.

Rep. Sanders led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

April 19, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 922

I am returning House Bill 922: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER SHALL BE A NONPARTISAN OFFICE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER SHALL BE LISTED AS NONPARTISAN ON A BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-213, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE

PRECEDING SECTION; TO REVISE THE STAGGERED TERMS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FROM DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR ELECTED IN THE 2027 ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FROM DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR ELECTED IN THE 2030 ELECTION SHALL SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-367 AND 23-15-511, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES."

House Bill 922 seeks to make the office of election commissioner nonpartisan and to bar political parties from either endorsing candidates for election commissioner or to make financial contributions to their campaigns:

The office of election commissioner is a nonpartisan office and a candidate for election to the office is prohibited from campaigning or qualifying for the office based on party affiliation. To ensure that campaigns for the nonpartisan office of election commissioner remain nonpartisan and without any connection to a political party, political parties and any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party shall not engage in fundraising on behalf of a candidate or officeholder of the nonpartisan office of election commissioner, and a political party or any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party shall not make any contribution to a candidate for the nonpartisan office of election commissioner or the political committee of a candidate for the nonpartisan office of election commissioner. A political party or any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party shall not publicly endorse a candidate for the nonpartisan office of election commissioner. A candidate or the political committee of a candidate for the nonpartisan office of election commissioner shall not accept a contribution from a political party or any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party.

This proposed language is virtually identical to the language contained in the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-974, et seq.) and codified at Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-976. As the United States District Court held more than twenty years ago, such a prohibition as applied to political parties unquestionably limits the core political speech of political parties and fundamentally impairs their First and Fourteenth Amendment rights without any compelling governmental interest. Thus, such a ban plainly is unconstitutional.

In the words of United States Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia:

Representative democracy in any populous unit of governance is unimaginable

without the ability of citizens to band together in promoting among the electorate candidates who espouse their political views. The formation of national political parties was almost concurrent with the formation of the Republic itself. Consistent with this tradition, the [United States Supreme] Court has recognized that the First Amendment protects "the freedom to join together in furtherance of common political beliefs," which "necessarily presupposes the freedom to identify the people who constitute the association, and to limit the association to those people only."

California Democratic Party v. Jones, 530 U.S. 567, 574 (2000) (internal citations omitted).

In the landmark case of *EU v. San Francisco County Democratic Central Committee, et al.*, 489 U.S. 214, 222-229 (1989), the United States Supreme Court considered the constitutionality of "California's prohibition on primary endorsements by the official governing bodies of political parties." In holding that this prohibition burdens political speech while serving

no compelling governmental interest and thus violates both the First and Fourteenth Amendments, the Court reasoned:

California's ban on primary endorsements, however, prevents party governing bodies from stating whether a candidate adheres to the tenets of the party or whether party officials believe that the candidate is qualified for the position sought. This prohibition directly hampers the ability of a party to spread its message and hamstring voters seeking to inform themselves about the candidates and the campaign issues. A "highly paternalistic approach" limiting what people may hear is generally suspect, but it is particularly egregious where the State censors the political speech a political party shares with its members.

Barring political parties from endorsing and opposing candidates not only burdens their freedom of speech but also infringes upon their freedom of association. It is well settled that partisan political organizations enjoy freedom of association protected by the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Freedom of association means not only that an individual voter has the right to associate with the political party of her choice, but also that a political party has a right to "identify the people who constitute the association," and to select a "standard bearer who best represents the party's ideologies and preferences."

Depriving a political party of the power to endorse suffocates this right. The endorsement ban prevents parties from promoting candidates "at the crucial juncture at which the appeal to common principles may be translated into concerted action, and hence to political power in the community." Even though individual members of the state central committees and county central committees are free to issue endorsements, imposing limitations "on individuals wishing to band together to advance their views on a ballot measure, while placing none on individuals acting alone, is clearly a restraint on the right of association."

Id. at 223-225 (internal citations omitted).

Moreover, in *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, 536 U.S. 765 (2002), the Supreme Court held that preserving the impartiality of elected officials and preserving the appearance of impartiality are insufficient state interests to infringe on free speech rights. Justice Scalia, citing Justice Marshall, reasoned: "If the State chooses to tap the energy and the legitimizing power of the democratic process, it must accord the participants in that process ... the First Amendment rights that attach to their roles." Id. at 788.

Five years after the EU decision, Mississippi adopted the Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act that like the instant proposed legislation sought to make judicial elections nonpartisan and bar political parties from among other things endorsing judicial candidates and contributing to their campaigns:

A judicial office is a nonpartisan office and a candidate for election thereto is prohibited from campaigning or qualifying for such an office based on party affiliation. The Legislature finds that in order to ensure that campaigns for nonpartisan judicial office remain nonpartisan and without any connection to a political party, political parties and any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party shall not engage in fund-raising on behalf of a candidate or officeholder of a nonpartisan judicial office, nor shall a political party or any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party make any contribution to a candidate for nonpartisan judicial office or the political committee of a candidate for nonpartisan judicial office, nor shall a political party or any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party publicly endorse any candidate for nonpartisan judicial office. No candidate or candidate's political committee for nonpartisan judicial office shall accept a contribution from a political party or any committee or political committee affiliated with a political party.

Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-976.

The Mississippi Republican Party filed suit to "declare that Mississippi's explicit statutory prohibition on political parties endorsing or contributing to the campaigns of judicial candidates violates the freedom of political speech guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Mississippi Constitution of 1890." *Mississippi Republican Party v. Musgrove*, 3:02cv1578WS (S.D. Miss. 2002). The District Court held that while the state could make judicial elections nonpartisan, there was no compelling interest to justify "directly suppress[ing] core political speech of a political party concerning the merits of judicial candidates by prohibiting the party from endorsing or financially supporting judicial candidates." *Id.* at Docket No. 7. Thus, the District Court permanently enjoined all but the first sentence of Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-976. *Id.*

While I do not believe it was the intention of the members of the Mississippi Legislature who voted in favor of House Bill 922 to infringe upon the constitutional rights of political parties, I am compelled to veto House Bill 922 to protect such fundamental rights and avoid the litigation that it will inevitably generate.

Respectfully submitted,
TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR
12:00 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Saturday, April 20, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 299: Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Friday, April 19, 2024, 8:55 AM

H. B. No. 310: Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days. Friday, April 19, 2024, 8:56 AM

H. B. No. 325: Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Friday, April 19, 2024, 8:56 AM

H. B. No. 653: Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of. Friday, April 19, 2024, 8:58 AM

H. B. No. 697: Mississippi Aviation Safety Act; create. Friday, April 19, 2024, 8:59 AM

H. B. No. 845: Charitable organizations; require IRS forms filed annually with Secretary of State to be for the most recent fiscal year end. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:05 AM

H. B. No. 846: Chancery clerk fees; conform recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:06 AM

H. B. No. 873: Purple Alert; establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive disabilities. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:07 AM

H. B. No. 939: Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:39 AM

H. B. No. 974: State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:09 AM

H. B. No. 1015: DPS; authorize inspectors to assist other officers. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:10 AM

H. B. No. 1021: Pawnbrokers; authorize Commissioner of Banking to establish by rule a process allowing certain purchased and/or pledged goods to be stored off premises. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:11 AM

H. B. No. 1023: DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:20 AM

H. B. No. 1102: DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:20 AM

H. B. No. 1105: Limited Liability Company; remove prohibition on using the words "partnership" and "limited partnership" when providing a name for. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:22 AM

H. B. No. 1194: Expulsions; authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:25 AM

H. B. No. 1207: Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:26 AM

H. B. No. 1230: Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:28 AM

H. B. No. 1279: Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:35 AM

H. B. No. 1286: Motor vehicles; provide procedure for licensing rental fleets. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:40 AM

H. B. No. 1288: Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:41 AM

H. B. No. 1304: Grain graders; provide process for certification of. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:41 AM

H. B. No. 1341: Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. Friday, April 19, 2024, 9:44 AM

H. B. No. 1439: Riparian rights; revise what may be included in. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:00 AM

H. B. No. 1519: Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:01 AM

H. B. No. 1568: Jackson State University; authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:03 AM

H. B. No. 1617: County industrial development authorities certain; revise certain provisions regarding. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:05 AM

H. B. No. 1638: Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:04 AM

H. B. No. 1669: Assistant teachers; revise qualifications for employment. Friday, April 19, 2024, 11:59 AM

H. B. No. 1675: Unclaimed property; prescribe process to be used by certain cooperatives with regard to disposition of. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:07 AM

H. B. No. 1685: Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:08 AM

H. B. No. 1697: Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize payment to family up to 30 days. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:10 AM

H. B. No. 1813: Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Friday, April 19, 2024, 10:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1744: City of Lucedale; authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects.

S. B. No. 3215: Lafayette County; authorize to provide funding to Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.

Adopted: 04/18/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3215: Lafayette County; authorize to provide funding to Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation. Local and Private Legislation.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 136: (Representative Yates) Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team; commend upon winning MAIS 6A State Soccer Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 137: (Representative Ford (54th)) Craig Newton; commend upon his induction into Delta State University's 2024 Sports Hall of Fame. Rules.

Representatives Carpenter and Lott introduced World War II Navy Veteran, William Jarrell, House Resolution 48.

On motion of Rep. Steverson the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bills and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

H. B. No. 1710: Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.

H. B. No. 1942: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

H. B. No. 1943: Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax.

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

Rep. Steverson moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 1984: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R,

Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Eubanks, Evans, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--71

On motion of Rep. Steverson the House declined to concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill and invited conference:

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

Rep. Shanks called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. C. R. No. 60: Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of.

H. C. R. No. 61: Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan; commend upon winning NCAA Division I national title in shot put.

H. C. R. No. 62: Jalani Davis; recognize and commend for winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Women's Weight Throw.

H. C. R. No. 63: Neshoba Central High School "Lady Rockets" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Eubanks, Osborne, Paden. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2001: City of Houston; extend repeal date for tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks and recreation.

S. B. No. 3062: Marshall County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

S. B. No. 3100: Leake County; authorize lease between county economic development authority and East Central CC for workforce training center.

S. B. No. 3102: Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize to contribute to Pearl River Community College County Tuition Assistance Program.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2138: DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority; increase borrowing/bonding authority from \$40 Million to \$80 Million.

S. B. No. 3158: City of Winona; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on restaurants.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2084: DeSoto County; authorize the contribution of funds for membership to the Chamber of Commerce.

S. B. No. 2476: Tax credits for qualified charitable and qualified foster care charitable organizations; delete repealer on.

S. B. No. 2492: Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure purposes.

S. B. No. 2984: Jackson County & City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, & authorize increased contribution.

S. B. No. 3060: City of Pearl & Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in the aggregate.

S. B. No. 3081: City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax.

S. B. No. 3082: Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to the United Way.

S. B. No. 3103: Lauderdale County; extend authorization of assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Carpenter and Luther-Waldo moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Meaghan Bedford Reed, which motion prevailed.

At 9:20 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 1:00 PM, Monday, April 22, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTIETH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Charles Edwards, Shiloh Devolente Church of Belzoni.

Rep. James-Jones led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from precensing requirements.

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans.

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

S. B. No. 2196: Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport.

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on.

Adopted: 04/19/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 138: (Representative Yates) Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 6A Boys State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 139: (Representative Nelson) Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of. Rules.

H. R. No. 140: (Representative Ford (73rd)) St. Andrews Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Soccer State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 141: (Representative McMillan) Peter and Mireille DeBeukelaer; commend upon success as founders of world-renowned Pirouline wafer cookie and upon community service. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. B. No. 4123: Suffrage; restore to Scotty Adam McMahan of Covington County. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4085: Suffrage; restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4083: Suffrage; restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4080: Suffrage; restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4055: Suffrage; restore to Elaine Goudy of Covington County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4086: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Greer of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4087: Suffrage; restore to Rondale Hughes of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4088: Suffrage; restore to Jose Williams of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4089: Suffrage; restore to Walter Lewis of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4095: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4098: Suffrage; restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4099: Suffrage; restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4100: Suffrage; restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4102: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Earl Greer of Hinds County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4101: Suffrage; restore to Tony Lavell Smith of Noxubee County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4103: Suffrage; restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4104: Suffrage; restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4108: Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4111: Suffrage; restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4116: Suffrage; restore to Lamar Sampson of Humphreys County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4118: Suffrage; restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4124: Suffrage; restore to Tony Qualls of Humphreys County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4056: Suffrage; restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4057: Suffrage; restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4078: Suffrage; restore to Chanty Williams of Coahoma County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4079: Suffrage; restore to Felisha Turner of DeSoto County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4053: Suffrage; restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 4117: City of Starkville; authorize to require the sell of certain rural water association assets under certain circumstances. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4125: Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4126: Union County; authorize assessments on civil cases filed and convictions obtained in justice court to maintain law enforcement center. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

H. B. No. 4127: City of Gautier; authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3215: Lafayette County; authorize to provide funding to Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3216: Town of Walnut; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels and to issue bonds for parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE BARNETT, Chairman

Clerk, Andrew Ketchings, read the Governor's Veto Message, House Bill 922.

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing bill was referred to the Committee on Apportionment and Elections.

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare supplements.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 77-3-707, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-3-707. (1) Except as otherwise provided *** under Sections 77-3-709 *** , 77-3-711, or subsection (4) of this section, a telephone solicitor may not

make or cause to be made any telephone solicitation to any consumer in this state unless the telephone solicitor has obtained the "no-calls" database directly from the Federal Trade Commission or other federal agency.

(2) Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 77-3-709 or 77-3-711, a telephone solicitor may not make or cause to be made any telephone solicitation to any consumer in this state who has given notice to the federal government, or given notice to the Public Service Commission prior to July 1, 2023, of his or her objection to receiving telephone solicitations.

(3) Each local exchange company and each competing local exchange carrier shall provide written notification on a semiannual basis to each of its consumers of the opportunity to provide notification to the Federal Trade Commission, or other entity as designed by federal law, that the consumer objects to receiving telephone solicitations. The notification must be disseminated at the option of the carrier, by television, radio or newspaper advertisements, written correspondence, bill inserts or messages, a publication in the consumer information pages of the local telephone directory, or any other method not expressly prohibited by the Attorney General.

(4) A telephone solicitor shall not make, or cause to be made, any telephone solicitation to any person in this state regarding any Medicare Advantage Plan. However, if a person has first initiated a call with a company or an entity regarding a Medicare Advantage Plan, a telephone solicitor is not prohibited from then making, or causing to be made, a telephone solicitation regarding a Medicare Advantage Plan. This subsection (4) of this section shall not apply to the extent it is preempted under 42 USC Section 1395w-26(b)(3).

SECTION 2. Section 77-3-709, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-3-709. Except as otherwise provided in Section 77-3-707 (4), the Attorney General, in his or her discretion, may allow telephone solicitors to make telephone solicitations without requiring them to purchase the "no-calls" database, and regardless of whether a telephone solicitation may be made to a consumer who has given notice of his objection to receiving such solicitations, provided that it adopts a written policy incorporating the following criteria:

(a) The telephone solicitor must demonstrate to the Attorney General that its proposed telephone solicitation is reasonably related to an established business relationship as defined in Section 77-3-705(h), or is being made in response to an invitation or notice from a consumer which clearly signifies that he is open to a contact being initiated;

(b) The telephone solicitation is to be made by a person or entity for the purpose of soliciting a contribution or donation to a bona fide nonprofit corporation, regardless of whether consumer goods or services will be provided to the consumer in return for the contribution or donation; or

(c) The consumer will not be telephoned for a telephone solicitation as defined in Section 77-3-705(d), but he will be telephoned for a bona fide religious or charitable purpose, including an invitation to attend an event or a request for a contribution or donation.

In all cases, the telephone solicitor must demonstrate that it will not use an automated dialing system or a method that will block or otherwise circumvent the consumer's use of a caller identification service.

In making its determination of whether to allow a telephone solicitation to be made under the policy which will include the limitations set forth in this section, the Attorney General shall exercise due care in investigating previous conduct of the telephone solicitor seeking such authority. The Attorney General may deny any telephone solicitor the privilege of making telephone solicitations under this section, notwithstanding that any of the criteria set forth in this section have been met.

SECTION 3. Section 77-3-711, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-3-711. Except as otherwise provided in Section 77-3-707(4), the provisions of this article shall not apply to:

(a) A person soliciting:

(i) Who does not make the major sales presentation during the telephone solicitation;

(ii) Without the intent to complete or obtain provisional acceptance of a sale, a charitable contribution, or the payment of some other item of value, pecuniary or otherwise, during the telephone solicitation; or

(iii) Without the intent to complete, and who does not complete, the sales presentation during the telephone solicitation, but who completes the sales presentation at a later face-to-face meeting between the person soliciting and the prospective purchaser or consumer.

(b) A person who is a licensee under Chapter 35, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972, who is a resident of the State of Mississippi, and whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of selling, exchanging, purchasing, renting, listing for sale or rent or leasing real estate in connection with his real estate license and not in conjunction with any other offer.

(c) A motor vehicle dealer as that term is defined in Section 63-17-55, who is a resident of the State of Mississippi and who maintains a current motor vehicle dealer's license issued by the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of selling, offering to sell, soliciting or advertising the sale of motor vehicles in connection with his motor vehicle dealer's license and not in conjunction with any other offer.

(d) An agent, as that term is defined in Section 83-17-1, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of soliciting, consulting, advising, or adjusting in the business of insurance; however, this exemption is not applicable to a person calling on behalf of any issuer, as that term is defined in Section 83-9-101, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of making a sales presentation or otherwise soliciting the purchase of a Medicare supplement policy or certificate. This paragraph (d) shall not apply to the extent it is preempted under 42 USC Section 1395w-26(b)(3).

(e) A broker-dealer, agent, or investment advisor registered under Chapter 71, Title 75, Mississippi Code of 1972, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of effecting or attempting to effect the purchase or sale of securities or has the purpose of providing or seeking to provide investment or financial advice.

(f) A person calling on behalf of a charitable organization which is registered under Chapter 11, Title 79, Mississippi Code of 1972, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of soliciting for the charitable organization and who receives no compensation for his activities on behalf of the organization.

(g) A person calling on behalf of a newspaper of general circulation, whose telephone solicitation is for the sole purpose of soliciting a subscription to the newspaper from, or soliciting the purchase of advertising by, the consumer.

(h) A person calling on behalf of any supervised financial institution or parent, subsidiary or affiliate thereof. As used in this section, "supervised financial institution" means any commercial bank, trust company, savings and loan association, mutual savings bank, credit union, industrial loan company, small loan company, consumer finance lender, commercial finance lender or insurer, provided that the institution has a physical office located in the State of Mississippi and is subject to supervision by an official or agency of the State of Mississippi or of the United States.

(i) A person calling on behalf of a funeral establishment licensed under Section 73-11-41, cemetery or monument dealer, if the sole purpose of the telephone solicitation relates to services provided by the funeral or death related establishments in the course of its ordinary business.

(j) Any telephone solicitor who solicits a consumer with whom he has an established business relationship.

SECTION 4. Section 77-3-723, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-3-723. (1) Any person or entity who makes an authorized telephone solicitation to a consumer in this state shall announce clearly, at the beginning of each call, his or her name, the company he or she represents and the purpose of the call. Such calls may only be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Central

Standard Time. No telephone solicitations may be made on a Sunday. For purposes of this provision, an "authorized telephone solicitation" means a solicitation that is made: (a) to a consumer who is not listed on the most current "no-calls" database; (b) by a telephone solicitor who has been authorized to make such solicitations under the provisions of Section 77-3-709; (c) by a telephone solicitor that is not prohibited from making, or causing to be made, such solicitations under Section 77-3-707 (4); or (* * *d) by a telephone solicitor who is exempt from this article under the provisions of Section 77-3-711.

(2) A person or entity who makes a telephone solicitation to a consumer in this state may not utilize knowingly any method that blocks or otherwise circumvents the consumer's use of a caller identification service, nor may the person or entity use an automated dialing system or any like system that uses a recorded voice message to communicate with the consumer unless the person or entity has an established business relationship with the consumer and uses the recorded voice message to inform the consumer about a new product or service.

SECTION 5. Section 77-3-603, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

77-3-603. Any telephone solicitor who makes an unsolicited telephonic sales call to a residential telephone number shall:

(a) Make calls between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays (no calls shall be made on Sundays);

(b) Identify himself or herself by his or her true first and last names and the business on whose behalf he or she is soliciting immediately upon making contact by telephone with the person who is the object of the telephone solicitation; and

(c) Discontinue the call immediately if at any time during the conversation the person being solicited expresses disinterest in continuing the call or sales presentation.

SECTION 6. Section 79-11-524, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

79-11-524. Any fund-raising counsel, professional fund-raiser, professional solicitor or employee of any of these who makes a telephone solicitation subject to the provisions of this chapter to a residential telephone number shall make calls only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. No calls shall be made on Sundays.

SECTION 7. Section 83-9-110, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-9-110. (1) Every issuer of Medicare supplement insurance policies or certificates in this state shall provide a copy of any Medicare supplement advertisement intended for use in this state, whether through written, radio or television medium, to the commissioner for review and approval.

(2) An issuer may not make or cause to be made a telephone solicitation, as that term is defined in Section 77-3-705, for the purpose of advertising the sale or soliciting the purchase of a Medicare supplement policy or certificate. This subsection (2) shall not apply to the extent it is preempted under 42 USC Section 1395w-26(b)(3).

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 77-3-707, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT TELEPHONE SOLICITORS FROM MAKING ANY TELEPHONE SOLICITATION TO ANY PERSON IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI REGARDING ANY MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON HAS FIRST INITIATED A CALL WITH AN ENTITY REGARDING A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN, A TELEPHONE SOLICITOR IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM THEN MAKING A TELEPHONE SOLICITATION REGARDING A MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLAN; TO AMEND SECTIONS 77-3-709 AND 77-3-723, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO THE MISSISSIPPI TELEPHONE SOLICITATION ACT, TO CONFORM

TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 77-3-603 AND 79-11-524, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH RELATE TO UNSOLICITED RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONIC SALES CALLS AND REGULATION OF CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 77-3-711, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING PROVISIONS; TO EXCLUDE ISSUERS OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS FROM THE EXEMPTION FOR CALLS RELATING TO INSURANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TELEPHONE SOLICITATION ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 83-9-110, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTS FROM MAKING TELEPHONE SOLICITATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Brent Powell, Jonathan Ray Lancaster, Joey Hood
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., John Horhn, Chad McMahan

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Young. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne, Paden, Watson.
Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Brown. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 77-19-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-19-7. (1) The Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) shall serve as the state broadband office to review applications and make determinations and awards for projects to provide broadband access in unserved or underserved areas using the BEAM Fund created pursuant to this chapter.

(2) It shall be the duty and responsibility of BEAM to:

(a) Coordinate all broadband expansion and accessibility efforts on behalf of the state to ensure an effective and efficient use of broadband grant funds;

(b) Develop the plan and application for federal grant programs and for sub-grantees to receive funds from said federal grants;

(c) Develop rules and procedures, if necessary and in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, to implement a competitive statewide broadband grant program;

(d) Coordinate all information provided by broadband service providers, including all broadband mapping efforts for the state. All information provided by a broadband service provider pursuant to this chapter shall be presumed to be confidential, proprietary, and subject to exemption from disclosure under state and federal law and shall not be subject to disclosure except in the form of a map where information that could be used to determine provider-specific information about the network of the broadband service providers is not disclosed. Such provider-specific information shall not be released to any person without written permission of the submitting broadband service provider. In no instance shall a broadband service provider be required to provide any data beyond that which it is required to provide to the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 USC Section 641 et seq.; * * *

(e) Apply for and receive federal grants or funds, including, but not limited to, Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund established by Section 604 of the Social Security Act, as added by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, and all other federal broadband grant programs and any state support grant programs * * *;and

(f) Grant final determinations of awards for projects to provide broadband access in unserved or underserved areas, as provided in subsection (1) of this section, no later than sixty (60) days after publishing a preliminary determination of an award on BEAM's website pursuant to this chapter, or thirty (30) days after this law goes into effect, whichever is later, unless BEAM determines that a proposed project includes an area where broadband services currently are deployed, or where construction of a network to deploy broadband service is underway by a provider other than the applicant, or where construction is scheduled to be completed within one (1) year after the date of application.

(3) To effectuate the purposes of this chapter, any department, division, board, bureau, committee, institution or agency of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, shall, at the request of the Director of BEAM, provide the assistance, information and data needed to enable BEAM to carry out its duties.

(4) An officer or employee of BEAM shall not accept or receive any gratuity, gift, gift in-kind, money, emolument, or any other pecuniary benefit, either directly or indirectly, from any broadband service provider, vendor, contractor, subcontractor, nonprofit organization or association that does business with or contracts with BEAM, or any designee, employee, agent, officer, or representative of such broadband service provider, vendor, contractor, subcontractor, nonprofit organization or association. For purposes of this section, the term "emolument" includes salary, donations, contributions, loans, stock tips, vacations and trips.

(* * *5) There is created within the State Treasury the "Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) Fund" for the purposes of the expansion and accessibility of broadband in unserved and underserved areas. The fund shall consist of all monies designated, accepted or appropriated by the State of Mississippi for

broadband deployment; all monies received from the federal government awarded to or allocated by the state for broadband deployment; and donations, gifts and monies received from any other source, including transfers from other funds or accounts. Disbursements from the fund shall be made by the Department of Finance and Administration upon appropriation by the Legislature in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested by the State Treasurer in the same manner as monies in the State General Fund and interest earned on the investment of these monies shall be credited to the fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 77-19-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE OFFICE OF BROADBAND EXPANSION AND ACCESSIBILITY OF MISSISSIPPI FROM ACCEPTING OR RECEIVING, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY GRATUITY, GIFT, GIFT IN-KIND, MONEY, EMOLUMENT, OR ANY OTHER PECUNIARY BENEFIT FROM ANY BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDER, VENDOR, CONTRACTOR, OR SUBCONTRACTOR THAT DOES BUSINESS WITH OR CONTRACTS WITH THE OFFICE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL DETERMINATIONS OF AWARDS FOR PROJECTS TO PROVIDE BROADBAND ACCESS IN UNSERVED OR UNDERSERVED AREAS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Brent Powell, Jonathan Ray Lancaster, Jody Steversen

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., Bart Williams, Chad McMahan

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Watson. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Powell called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 77-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-1-51. * * * This chapter shall stand repealed as of December 31, * * * 2028.

SECTION 2. Section 77-1-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

77-1-55. (1) The Public Service Commission, with the aid and the assistance of the Public Utilities Staff, shall have the power to monitor, investigate, and seek relief in any appropriate federal forum from all existing or proposed interstate rates, charges, allocations and classifications, and all rules and practices in relation thereto promulgated and prescribed by or for any public utility as defined in Section 77-3-3(d)(i).

(2) The Public Service Commission, with the aid and the assistance of the Public Utilities Staff, may seek relief from any proposed or final decision, order, regulation, rule or law that has an impact on any existing or proposed interstate rate, charge, allocation or classification.

(3) For the purpose of this section, the Public Service Commission and the Executive Director of the Public Utilities Staff may each enter into professional services contracts with one or more attorneys or consultants from a competent, qualified and independent firm as may be required by the commission or the executive director. Costs associated with the professional service contracts shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) for each agency with respect to each rate regulated affected utility in any twelve-month period. The consultants or counsel shall submit periodically, but no less frequently than once each calendar quarter, to the executive director or the commission, as applicable, for approval of payment, itemized bills detailing the work performed. The executive director or the chairman of the commission, as applicable, shall requisition the applicable public utility to make the requisite payments to such consultants. The commission shall allow the utility to recover both the total costs the utility incurred under this section and the carrying charges for those costs through a rate rider established to recover the costs incurred and carrying charges incurred. Such rider shall include a true-up provision to ensure actual recovery of costs paid or otherwise incurred by the utility.

* * *

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after June 30, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 77-1-51 AND 77-1-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE PROVISIONS OF LAW CREATING THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND PRESCRIBING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES; TO SPECIFY THE APPLICATION OF THE REPEALER CONTAINED IN SECTION 77-1-51 TO THE ENTIRE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CHAPTER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joel R. Carter, Jr., Bart Williams, Josh Harkins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Brent Powell, Jonathan Ray Lancaster, Andy Boyd

On motion of Rep. Powell the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Watson. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 122: Arthur "Mr. D" Davis; commend legacy and success of as owner of the "Old Country Store" in Lorman, MS.

H. R. No. 123: "Don't Sugarcoat It Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol; designate April 15, 2024 as.

H. R. No. 125: Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon his passing as the founder of American Family Association.

H. R. No. 132: Alan Hunter; commend Millsaps graduate upon being the first VJ on MTV and upon his contributions to film and television.

H. R. No. 133: Madison Clare (M.C.) Stewart; commend upon being named the first female Angler of the Year.

H. R. No. 134: Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders; commend for placing first at the 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 349: Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender.

H. B. No. 1696: Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2697: Property exemption; revise provisions regarding property belonging to certain foundations.

S. B. No. 3101: Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

S. B. No. 3218: Hinds County; authorize to enter 30-year lease and finance 30-year certificates of participation for public safety facility.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1744: City of Lucedale; authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects.

H. B. No. 1984: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Hood and Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Curt Lamar, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Terry Lynn Schultz, which motion prevailed.

At 1:20 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 23, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-FIRST DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Dean Register, Pastor of CrossPoint Community Church, Hattiesburg.

Rep. Tubb led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 1206: Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, raccoons and bobcats with dogs and guns. Monday, April 22, 2024, 10:35 AM

H. B. No. 1271: Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions. Monday, April 22, 2024, 10:36 AM

H. B. No. 1779: Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Monday, April 22, 2024, 10:37 AM

H. B. No. 1816: Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024. Monday, April 22, 2024, 10:38 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following WITH ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENT:

H. B. No. 4122: Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 8: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend for winning the 2023-2024 4A Girls State Championship and being "back-to-back" champions.

H. C. R. No. 53: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize the week May 5-11, 2024, as.

H. C. R. No. 59: Swetman Security Service; commend upon 50th anniversary.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3219: Town of Vaiden; authorize tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks & recreation.

S. B. No. 3221: City of Ridgeland; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3230: Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo Counties; extend authority to contribute to NE MS Comm. Servs.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3221: City of Ridgeland; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Local and Private Legislation.

S. B. No. 3230: Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo Counties; extend authority to contribute to NE MS Comm. Servs. Local and Private Legislation.

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S. B. No. 3219: Town of Vaiden; authorize tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks & recreation. Local and Private Legislation; Ways and Means.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 142: (Representative Zuber) Bridgette Whiting; commend upon being named 2023-2024 Star Teacher for the Ocean Springs School District for the second nine weeks. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 136: Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team; commend upon winning MAIS 6A State Soccer Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 137: Craig Newton; commend upon his induction into Delta State University's 2024 Sports Hall of Fame. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 138: Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 6A Boys State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 140: St. Andrews Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Soccer State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 141: Peter and Mireille DeBeukelaer; commend upon success as founders of world-renowned Pirouline wafer cookie and upon community service. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Head Page, Jazsica Smoots, introduced the following pages for the week:

Emily Amason	Mize, MS
Camdyn Bennett	Jackson, MS
Molly Morgan Craft	Mount Olive, MS
Carly Gibson	Collins, MS
Mia Grace Huff	Taylorsville, MS
Katie Beth Kennedy	Magee, MS
Ashton Lewis	Madison, MS
Tiffany Lin	Madison, MS
Morgan Majors	Ridgeland, MS
Braden McDaniel	Madison, MS
Addison Styron	Florence, MS

Representative Grady introduced Swetman Security Service, House Concurrent Resolution 59.

Representative Carpenter introduced SFC Clyde Williams, House Resolution 135.

Rep. Shanks called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 116: Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday.

H. R. No. 134: Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders; commend for placing first at the 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4125: Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4125. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale,

Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ford, J, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4126: Union County; authorize assessments on civil cases filed and convictions obtained in justice court to maintain law enforcement center.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4126.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne. Total-5.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--70

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4127: City of Gautier; authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4127.** On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne.
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--78

Representative Evans moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Rebecca Ann "Becky" Dawsey, which motion prevailed.

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Noel "Bill" Scoggin, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mansell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Major Don Edward Watkins, USAF, ret, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Banks, Bell C and Butler-Washington moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Joe T. Davis, which motion prevailed.

Representative Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Eddie McWilliams, and Mary Daws, which motion prevailed.

At 10:21 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Wednesday, April 24, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Reverend Doc Cooper.

Rep. Bell, C led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 3105: Tobacco excise tax; provide rate for heated tobacco products.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer and authorize parole for certain juvenile homicide offenders.

Adopted: 04/23/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 2510: Neshoba County; authorize board to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit.

S. B. No. 2663: City of Carthage; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

S. B. No. 2925: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 4120: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.
Senators Johnson, Sparks, Norwood

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has GRANTED THE REQUEST OF THE HOUSE FOR A CONFERENCE and the President has named conferees on the following:

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Kirby

H. B. No. 1710: Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees.
Senators Harkins, England, Polk

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.
Senators Harkins, Carter, Brumfield

H. B. No. 1942: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Polk

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.
Senators Harkins, Johnson, Kirby

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.
Senators Harkins, Sparks, Rhodes

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has DECLINED TO CONCUR IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT on the following and requests a conference with the House in an effort

to adjust the differences between the two Houses and the President has NAMED CONFEREES as follows:

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

Senators Harkins, Carter, England

S. B. No. 2466: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21.

Senators Harkins, Fillingane, Berry

S. B. No. 2990: Taxation of oilfield services; restructure.

Senators Harkins, Carter, Horhn

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

Senators Harkins, Johnson, Simmons (12th)

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 4128: (Representative Arnold) Suffrage; restore to Michael Gray of Prentiss County. Judiciary B.

H. R. No. 143: (Representative Scott) Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 5A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 144: (Representative Hawkins) South Panola High School Varsity Cheerleaders; commend on winning MHSAA Game Day Cheer Division. Rules.

H. R. No. 145: (Representative Holloway (76th)) Greater Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) USA; commend on 160th anniversary. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

S. B. No. 3221: City of Ridgeland; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3230: Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo Counties; extend authority to contribute to NE MS Comm. Servs. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE BARNETT, Chairman

Representative Boyd R introduced 2023 Keath Killebrew Memorial Rodeo, House Resolution 120.

Representative Mansell introduced the Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir, House Concurrent Resolution 50.

Representative Yates introduced the Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team, House Resolution 136, and Mr. Locke Ward, House Concurrent Resolution 49.

Rep. Turner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from preclicensing requirements.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from preclicensing requirements.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 83-11-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-11-17. A named insured who wishes to contest the reason or reasons for a cancellation of a policy which has been in effect for sixty (60) days or more or failure by insurer to give proper notice of nonrenewal as provided hereunder shall, not less than seven (7) working days from the date of receipt of notice of cancellation or receipt of notice of nonrenewal, mail or deliver to the Commissioner of Insurance a written request for a hearing, which request shall state clearly the basis for the appeal * * *.

A cancellation or nonrenewal which is subject to the provisions of this article shall be deemed effective unless the Commissioner of Insurance determines otherwise in accordance with the provisions of this article.

SECTION 2. Section 83-11-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-11-19. Within two (2) working days after receipt of a timely request for a hearing, the commissioner or his officially appointed designee shall call a hearing upon at least seven (7) days' notice to the parties. Each insurer licensed to do in this state the kind of business which is subject to this article shall maintain on file with the

commissioner the name and address of the person authorized to receive notices pursuant to this article on behalf of the insurer.

The commissioner or his designated representative who conducted the hearing shall, at the conclusion thereof or not later than two (2) days thereafter, issue his written findings to the parties. If he finds for the named insured, he shall * * * either order the insurer to rescind its notice of cancellation or, if the date cancellation is to be effective has elapsed, order the policy reinstated or renewed. Such order shall operate retroactively only to cover a period not to exceed twenty (20) days from the date cancellation otherwise would have been effective, and prospectively from the date on which the order was issued; provided, however, that no policy shall be reinstated or renewed while the named insured is in arrears in payment of premiums on such policy. If the commissioner or his representative finds for the insurer, his written order shall so state * * *. Reinstatement of a policy under this section shall not operate in any way to extend the expiration, termination, or anniversary date provided in the policy. Renewal of a policy shall be for a term of one (1) year from the expiration date of the prior policy, and otherwise shall contain the same coverage, terms, and contractual provisions contained in said prior policy.

SECTION 3. Section 83-17-251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-17-251. (1) Every individual seeking to be licensed as an insurance producer in the State of Mississippi, as a condition of issuance of an original license, must furnish the Commissioner of Insurance certification on a form prescribed by the commissioner that he or she has completed an approved preclicensing course of study for the line of insurance requested.

(2) The preclicensing course of study hours shall consist of twenty (20) hours of approved preclicensing education courses per line of authority. The Commissioner of Insurance shall determine the content requirements for each preclicensing course of study. The preclicensing educational requirements of this section shall not apply to:

(a) An individual that is exempt from taking the written examination as provided in Section 83-17-39(1) and Section 83-17-67.

(b) An individual who has received a bachelor's degree with major coursework in insurance from an accredited institution of higher learning.

(c) An individual holding a current and valid CEBS, CHFC, CIC, CFP, CLU, FLMI, LUTCF designation is exempt for the life line of authority.

(d) An individual holding a current and valid RHU, CEBS, REBC, HIA designation is exempt for the accident and health or sickness line of authority.

(e) An individual holding a current and valid AAI, ARM, CIC, CPCU designation is exempt for the property and casualty lines of authority.

(f) Limited lines insurance producer and limited lines credit insurance producer as defined in Section 83-17-53.

(g) An individual that is seeking licensure for the variable life and variable annuity products line of authority only.

(h) An individual that is seeking licensure for the life line of authority only.

(3) Every individual seeking renewal of an insurance producer license, which has been in effect for a term of eighteen (18) months or less shall satisfactorily complete twelve (12) hours of study in approved continuing education courses. Every individual seeking renewal of an insurance producer license, which has been in effect for a term of more than eighteen (18) months shall satisfactorily complete twenty-four (24) hours of study in approved continuing education courses, of which three (3) hours shall have a course concentration in ethics.

(4) The continuing educational requirements of this section shall not apply to:

(a) Any individual that is exempt from taking the written examination as provided in Section 83-17-39(1)(b), (c), (e) and (g);

(b) Any limited lines producer or limited lines credit insurance producer;

(c) A person not a resident of this state who meets the continuing educational requirement in the state in which such person resides and Mississippi has a reciprocal agreement with that state;

(d) Nonactive agents as defined in Section 83-17-1; or

(e) Any individual who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and who has been licensed as an insurance producer for a continuous period of twenty-five (25) years or more as of April 17, 2023, as evidenced by submission of an affidavit, under oath, on a form prescribed by the commissioner, signed by the licensee attesting to satisfaction of the age, licensing and experience requirements of this paragraph (e).

SECTION 4. Section 83-17-523, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-17-523. (1) Public adjusters shall ensure that all contracts for their services are in writing, signed by the insured and the public adjuster who solicited the contract, and a copy of the contract shall be provided to the insured upon execution. All such contracts shall be subject to the following provisions:

(a) No public adjuster shall charge, agree to, or accept as compensation any payment, commission, fee or other thing of value equal to more than ten percent (10%) of any insurance settlement or the proceeds of any claim investigated.

(b) No public adjuster shall require, demand or accept any fee, retainer, compensation, deposit or other thing of value, prior to partial or full settlement of a claim.

(c) Any costs to be reimbursed to a public adjuster out of the proceeds of a settlement shall be specified by kind and estimated amounts.

(d) A public adjuster's contract with the insured shall be revocable or cancelable by the insured without cause and without penalty or obligation for at least five (5) business days after the contract is executed by the insured. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to prevent an insured from pursuing any civil legal remedy to revoke or cancel the contract after the expiration of such cancellation period.

(e) No public adjuster may require that an insured authorize an insurer to issue a check only in the name of the public adjuster.

(f) No public adjuster shall be entitled to any payment, commission, fee or other thing of value of any insurance settlement or agreed settlement that was made between the insured and the insurance company before the public adjuster and the insured entered into a contract for services.

(g) If an insurance company extends a written settlement offer to the insured before the insured enters into a contract with a public adjuster for services, then a public adjuster may only be entitled to an amount that is no more than ten percent (10%) of the settlement amount that is in excess of the amount that was offered in writing to the insured prior to entering into the contract with the public adjuster.

(2) Public adjusters shall adhere to the following ethical requirements:

(a) No public adjuster shall undertake the adjustment of any claim for which the public adjuster is not currently competent and knowledgeable as to the terms and conditions of the insurance coverage, or which otherwise exceeds the public adjuster's current expertise.

(b) No public adjuster shall, as a public adjuster, represent any person or entity whose claim the public adjuster has previously adjusted while acting as an independent adjuster representing any insurer, either directly or through an independent adjusting firm retained by the insurer.

(c) A public adjuster shall not knowingly make any oral or written material misrepresentations or statements to any insured or potential insured which are false and intended to injure any person engaged in the business of insurance.

(d) No public adjuster shall knowingly enter into a contract to adjust a residential property claim subsequent to a declaration of total loss by an insurer, unless the services to be provided by the public adjuster can reasonably be expected to result in the insured obtaining an insurance settlement, net of the public adjuster's compensation, in excess of the amount the insured would have obtained without the services of the public adjuster.

(e) A public adjuster shall advise each insured that the insured has the right to retain an attorney at law of his choice throughout the public adjuster's investigation and adjustment of the claim.

(f) If the claim is not settled by the public adjuster, the public adjuster shall advise the insured that the insured has the right to retain an attorney at law of his choice.

(g) No public adjuster shall contract for, agree to, or receive anything of value from any attorney at law or other person acting in concert with any attorney at law (i) for referring claims to the attorney, or (ii) in connection with any claim for which the public adjuster has performed or intends to perform services.

(h) No public adjuster shall split any attorney's fee with any attorney at law.

(i) A public adjuster shall not testify as an expert witness in any judicial or administrative proceeding while maintaining a pecuniary interest in the outcome of the proceeding, as otherwise permitted by Section 83-17-523(1)(a); provided, however, that a public adjuster may testify as an expert witness if pursuant to the terms of his contract his compensation is converted to a specified hourly rate, which rate (i) is subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by the commissioner, and (ii) is not subject to any contingencies. In the event of a conversion of the public adjuster's contract to an hourly rate agreement, the prior fee arrangement shall be inadmissible at trial.

(j) A public adjuster shall not participate, directly or indirectly, in the reconstruction, repair or restoration of damaged property that is the subject of a claim adjusted by the adjuster.

(k) A public adjuster shall not engage in any activities that may be reasonably construed as a conflict of interest, including, directly or indirectly, soliciting or accepting any remuneration of any kind or nature.

(l) A public adjuster shall not have a financial interest in any salvage, repair or any other business entity that obtains business in connection with any claim that the public adjuster has a contract to adjust.

SECTION 5. The Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association shall have the authority to develop and fund an online portal that shall be available to all Mississippians to assist consumers in selection of a health plan. This program shall have the capacity to aggregate information regarding providers, drug coverage and pricing that would allow consumers to make informed decisions in selecting a health plan.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 83-11-17 AND 83-11-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF A FIFTEEN DOLLAR FILING FEE IN AUTOMOBILE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL APPEALS; TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXEMPT FROM PRELICENSING REQUIREMENTS INDIVIDUALS SEEKING LICENSURE IN THE LIFE LINE OF AUTHORITY ONLY; TO AMEND SECTION 83-17-523, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC ADJUSTER; TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC ADJUSTER SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR RESTORATION OF DAMAGED PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF A CLAIM ADJUSTED BY THE ADJUSTER; TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC ADJUSTER SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE REASONABLY CONSTRUED AS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST; TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC ADJUSTER SHALL NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN ANY SALVAGE, REPAIR OR ANY OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OBTAINS BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM THAT THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER HAS A CONTRACT TO ADJUST; TO PROVIDE THAT NO PUBLIC ADJUSTER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ANY PAYMENT, COMMISSION, FEE OR OTHER THING OF VALUE OF ANY INSURANCE SETTLEMENT OR AGREED SETTLEMENT THAT WAS MADE

BETWEEN THE INSURED AND THE INSURANCE COMPANY BEFORE THE PUBLIC ADJUSTER AND THE INSURED ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT FOR SERVICE; TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN INSURANCE COMPANY EXTENDS A WRITTEN SETTLEMENT OFFER TO THE INSURED BEFORE THE INSURED ENTERS INTO A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ADJUSTER FOR SERVICES, THEN A PUBLIC ADJUSTER MAY ONLY BE ENTITLED TO AN AMOUNT THAT IS NO MORE THAN 10% OF THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT THAT IS IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT THAT WAS OFFERED IN WRITING TO THE INSURED PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO THE CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ADJUSTER; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL ASSOCIATION TO ESTABLISH AN ONLINE PORTAL TO ASSIST MISSISSIPPIANS IN SELECTING A HEALTH PLAN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jerry R. Turner, Kevin Ford, William Tracy Arnold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Chris Johnson, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Turner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Turner called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House concur in Senate Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jerry R. Turner, William Tracy Arnold, Lester Carpenter

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: J. Walter Michel, Michael McLendon, Neil S. Whaley
On motion of Rep. Turner the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, McGee, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford, J called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act."

SECTION 2. For purposes of this act, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Digital service" means a website, an application, a program, or software that collects or processes personal identifying information with Internet connectivity.

(b) "Digital service provider" means a person who:

- (i) Owns or operates a digital service;
- (ii) Determines the purpose of collecting and processing

the personal identifying information of users of the digital service; and

(iii) Determines the means used to collect and process the personal identifying information of users of the digital service.

(c) "Harmful material" means material that is harmful to minors as defined by Section 11-77-3(d).

(d) "Known minor" means a child who is younger than eighteen (18) years of age who has not had the disabilities of minority removed for general purposes, and who the digital service provider knows to be a minor.

(e) "Personal identifying information" means any information, including sensitive information, that is linked or reasonably linkable to an identified or identifiable individual. The term includes pseudonymous information when the information is used by a controller or processor in conjunction with additional information that reasonably links the information to an identified or identifiable individual. The term does not include deidentified information or publicly available information.

SECTION 3. (1) This act applies only to a digital service provider who provides a digital service that:

(a) Connects users in a manner that allows users to socially interact with other users on the digital service;

(b) Allows a user to create a public, semi-public or private profile for purposes of signing into and using the digital service; and

(c) Allows a user to create or post content that can be viewed by other users of the digital service, including sharing content on:

(i) A message board;

(ii) A chat room; or

(iii) A landing page, video channel or main feed that presents to a user content created and posted by other users.

(2) This act does not apply to:

(a) A digital service provider who processes or maintains user data in connection with the employment, promotion, reassignment or retention of the user as an employee or independent contractor, to the extent that the user's data is processed or maintained for that purpose;

(b) A digital service provider's provision of a digital service that facilitates e-mail or direct messaging services, if the digital service facilitates only those services;

(c) A digital service provider's provision of a digital service that:

(i) Primarily functions to provide a user with access to news, sports, commerce, online video games or content primarily generated or selected by the digital service provider; and

(ii) Allows chat, comment or other interactive functionality that is incidental to the digital service; or

(d) A digital service provider's provision of a digital service that primarily functions to provide a user with access to career development opportunities, including:

(i) Professional networking;

(ii) Job skills;

(iii) Learning certifications;

(iv) Job posting; and

(v) Application services.

(3) The Internet service provider, Internet service provider's affiliate or subsidiary, search engine or cloud service provider is not considered to be a digital service provider or to offer a digital service if the Internet service provider or provider's affiliate or subsidiary, search engine or cloud service provider solely provides access or connection, including through transmission, download, intermediate storage, access software or other service, to an Internet website or to other information or content:

(a) On the Internet; or

(b) On a facility, system or network not under the control of the Internet service provider, provider's affiliate or subsidiary, search engine or cloud service provider.

SECTION 4. (1) A digital service provider may not enter into an agreement with a person to create an account with a digital service unless the person has

registered the person's age with the digital service provider. A digital service provider shall make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of the person creating an account with a level of certainty appropriate to the risks that arise from the information management practices of the digital service provider.

(2) A digital service provider shall not permit an account holder who is a known minor to be an account holder unless the known minor has the express consent from a parent or guardian. Acceptable methods of obtaining express consent of a parent or guardian include any of the following:

- (a) Providing a form for the minor's parent or guardian to sign and return to the digital service provider by common carrier, facsimile, or electronic scan;
- (b) Providing a toll-free telephone number for the known minor's parent or guardian to call to consent;
- (c) Coordinating a call with a known minor's parent or guardian over video conferencing technology;
- (d) Collecting information related to the government-issued identification of the known minor's parent or guardian and deleting that information after confirming the identity of the known minor's parent or guardian;
- (e) Allowing the known minor's parent or guardian to provide consent by responding to an email and taking additional steps to verify the identity of the known minor's parent or guardian; or
- (f) Any other commercially reasonable method of obtaining consent in light of available technology.

SECTION 5. (1) A digital service provider that enters into an agreement with a known minor for access to a digital service shall:

- (a) Limit collection of the known minor's personal identifying information to information reasonably necessary to provide the digital service; and
- (b) Limit use of the known minor's personal identifying information to the purpose for which the information was collected.

(2) A digital service provider that enters into an agreement with a known minor for access to a digital service may not:

- (a) Use the digital service to collect the known minor's precise geolocation data;
- (b) Use the digital service to display targeted advertising involving harmful material to the known minor; or
- (c) Share, disclose or sell the known minor's personal identifying information unless required to:
 - (i) Comply with a civil, criminal or regulatory inquiry, investigation, subpoena or summons by a governmental entity;
 - (ii) Comply with a law enforcement investigation;
 - (iii) Detect, block or prevent the distribution of unlawful, obscene or other harmful material to a known minor;
 - (iv) Block or filter spam;
 - (v) Prevent criminal activity; or
 - (vi) Protect the security of a digital service.

SECTION 6. (1) In relation to a known minor's use of a digital service, a digital service provider shall make commercially reasonable efforts to develop and implement a strategy to prevent or mitigate the known minor's exposure to harmful material and other content that promotes or facilitates the following harms to minors:

- (a) Consistent with evidence-informed medical information, the following: self-harm, eating disorders, substance use disorders, and suicidal behaviors;
- (b) Patterns of use that indicate or encourage substance abuse or use of illegal drugs;
- (c) Stalking, physical violence, online bullying, or harassment;
- (d) Grooming, trafficking, child pornography, or other sexual exploitation or abuse;
- (e) Incitement of violence; or
- (f) Any other illegal activity.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall be construed to require a digital service provider to prevent or preclude:

(a) Any minor from deliberately and independently searching for, or specifically requesting, content; or

(b) The digital service provider or individuals on the digital service from providing resources for the prevention or mitigation of the harms described in subsection (1), including evidence-informed information and clinical resources.

SECTION 7. (1) Except as provided by subsection (2) of this section, this act may not be construed as providing a basis for, or being subject to, a private right of action for a violation of this act.

(2) If a digital service provider violates this act, the parent or guardian of a known minor affected by that violation may bring a cause of action seeking:

(a) A declaratory judgment under Rule 57 of Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure; or

(b) An injunction against the digital service provider.

(3) A court may not certify an action brought under this section as a class action.

SECTION 8. Section 75-24-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

75-24-5. (1) Unfair methods of competition affecting commerce and unfair or deceptive trade practices in or affecting commerce are prohibited. Action may be brought under Section 75-24-5(1) only under the provisions of Section 75-24-9.

(2) Without limiting the scope of subsection (1) of this section, the following unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive trade practices or acts in the conduct of any trade or commerce are hereby prohibited:

(a) Passing off goods or services as those of another;

(b) Misrepresentation of the source, sponsorship, approval, or certification of goods or services;

(c) Misrepresentation of affiliation, connection, or association with, or certification by another;

(d) Misrepresentation of designations of geographic origin in connection with goods or services;

(e) Representing that goods or services have sponsorship, approval, characteristics, ingredients, uses, benefits, or quantities that they do not have or that a person has a sponsorship, approval, status, affiliation, or connection that he does not have;

(f) Representing that goods are original or new if they are reconditioned, reclaimed, used, or secondhand;

(g) Representing that goods or services are of a particular standard, quality, or grade, or that goods are of a particular style or model, if they are of another;

(h) Disparaging the goods, services, or business of another by false or misleading representation of fact;

(i) Advertising goods or services with intent not to sell them as advertised;

(j) Advertising goods or services with intent not to supply reasonably expectable public demand, unless the advertisement discloses a limitation of quantity;

(k) Misrepresentations of fact concerning the reasons for, existence of, or amounts of price reductions;

(l) Advertising by or on behalf of any licensed or regulated health care professional which does not specifically describe the license or qualifications of the licensed or regulated health care professional;

(m) Charging an increased premium for reinstating a motor vehicle insurance policy that was cancelled or suspended by the insured solely for the reason that he was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. It is also an unfair practice for an insurer to charge an increased premium for a new motor vehicle insurance policy if the applicant for coverage or his covered dependents were previously insured with a different insurer and canceled that policy solely for the reason that he was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces

or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. For purposes of determining premiums, an insurer shall consider such persons as having maintained continuous coverage. The provisions of this paragraph (m) shall apply only to such instances when the insured does not drive the vehicle during the period of cancellation or suspension of his policy;

(n) Violating the provisions of Section 75-24-8; * * *

(o) Violating the provisions of Section 73-3-38 * * *;

(p) Violating any of the provisions of Sections 1 through 6 of House Bill No. 728, 2024 Regular Session, as approved by the Governor; and

(q) Violating any of the provisions of Sections 1 through 7 of this act.

SECTION 9. Section 97-5-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-5-31. As used in Sections 97-5-33 through 97-5-37, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this section:

(a) "Child" means any individual who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) years and is an identifiable child.

(b) "Sexually explicit conduct" means actual, morphed or simulated:

(i) Oral genital contact, oral anal contact, or sexual intercourse as defined in Section 97-3-65, whether between persons of the same or opposite sex;

(ii) Bestiality;

(iii) Masturbation;

(iv) Sadistic or masochistic abuse;

(v) Lascivious exhibition of the genitals or pubic area of any person; or

(vi) Fondling or other erotic touching of the genitals, pubic area, buttocks, anus or breast.

(c) "Producing" means producing, directing, manufacturing, issuing, publishing, morphing or advertising.

(d) "Visual depiction" includes, without limitation, developed or undeveloped film and video tape or other visual unaltered, altered or morphed reproductions by computer and technology.

(e) "Computer" has the meaning given in Title 18, United States Code, Section 1030.

(f) "Morphed image" means any visual depiction or representation, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, simulated or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where such visual depiction or representation has been created, adapted, or modified to appear an identifiable minor is engaging in sexual conduct or sexually explicit activity to appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity.

(* * *g) "Simulated" means any depicting of the genitals or rectal areas that gives the appearance of sexual conduct or incipient sexual conduct.

(h) "Identifiable child" means a child who was a minor at the time the image was created, adapted, or modified or whose image as a child was used in the creating, adapting or modifying of the image; and is recognizable as an actual child by the child's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark or other recognizable feature. The provisions of this paragraph (h) shall not be construed to require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable child.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "WALKER MONTGOMERY PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE ACT" FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING MINOR CHILDREN FROM ONLINE HARMFUL MATERIAL AND ACCESS TO SUCH

MATERIAL; TO REQUIRE DIGITAL SERVICE USERS TO REGISTER THEIR AGE; TO LIMIT THE COLLECTION AND USE OF MINOR USERS' PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION; TO REQUIRE DIGITAL SERVICES PROVIDERS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STRATEGY TO PREVENT OR MITIGATE CERTAIN HARMS TO MINORS; TO AMEND SECTION 75-24-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS ACT IS AN UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE THAT IS ENFORCEABLE BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 97-5-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF DEPICTING MINOR CHILDREN IN EXPLICIT NATURE IN THE CRIME OF CHILD EXPLOITATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jill Ford, Clay Mansell, Kevin Horan

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Bart Williams

On motion of Rep. Ford, the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Karriem, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Sanford called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-913, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-913. (1) The judges listed and selected to hear election disputes, as provided in Section 23-15-951, shall be available on election day to immediately hear and resolve any election day disputes. The name of any judge selected to hear election day disputes shall be provided to the Secretary of State by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court at the time the appointment is made, unless the Secretary of State is a party to the election day dispute to which that special circuit judge is appointed.

(2) The rules for filing pleadings shall be relaxed to carry out the purposes of this section. The judges selected shall perform no other judicial duties on election day. If an election day dispute occurs, the circuit clerk shall only docket the dispute to the judge designated by the Supreme Court to hear the case in that county. All election day disputes arising in one county shall go to the same judge in that county unless the judge is absent or unavailable. When such election day dispute is filed, the circuit clerk shall immediately notify by phone, email or personally, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or in his or her absence or disability, some other Justice of the Supreme Court, who shall forthwith notify the assigned special judge from the list of judges who were preselected to hear election day disputes, to proceed to the county in which the dispute has been filed to hear and determine the complaint. The circuit clerk shall cause a copy of such petition to be served upon the contestee, which shall serve as notice to such contestee. In the list provided, the Supreme Court shall * * * specify which judges shall be available to hear disputes in * * * each county in which the disputes occur, but no judge shall hear disputes in the district or county in which he or she was elected nor shall any judge hear any dispute in which any potential conflict may arise. Each judge shall be fair and impartial and shall be assigned on that basis.

(3) The listed and selected judges provided by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court shall have sole jurisdiction to hear election day disputes. Election disputes can only be filed in a circuit court with proper jurisdiction and heard by one (1) of the judges selected by the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-951, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-951. Except as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-955 or 23-15-961, a person desiring to contest the election of another person returned as elected to any office within any county, may, within twenty (20) days after the election, file a petition in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county, setting forth the grounds upon which the election is contested. When such a petition is filed, the circuit clerk shall immediately notify, by registered letter, telegraph, telephone, or personally the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or in his or her absence, or disability, some other Justice of the Supreme Court, who shall forthwith designate and notify a circuit judge or chancellor of a district other than that which embraces the district, subdistrict, county or any of the counties, involved in the contest or complaint, to proceed to the county in which the contest or complaint has been filed to hear and determine the contest or complaint. The circuit clerk shall also cause a copy of such petition to be served upon the contestee, which shall serve as notice to such contestee.

The Supreme Court shall compile a list of judges throughout the state to hear such disputes before an election. The name of any judge selected to hear election day disputes shall be provided to the Secretary of State by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court at the time the appointment is made, unless the Secretary of State is a party to the election day dispute to which the special circuit judge is appointed. It shall be the official duty of the designated circuit judge or chancellor to proceed to discharge the duty of hearing the contest at the earliest possible date. The date of the contest shall be fixed by the judge or chancellor, and the judge or chancellor shall provide reasonable notice to the contestant and the contestee of the date and time fixed for the contest. The judge or chancellor shall cause the contestant and contestee to be served in a

reasonable manner. When the contestee is served, such contestee shall promptly file his or her answer, and cross-complaint, if the contestee has a cross-complaint.

The court shall, at the first term, cause an issue to be made up and tried by a jury, and the verdict of the jury shall find the person having the greatest number of legal votes at the election. If the jury shall find against the person returned elected, the clerk shall issue a certificate thereof; and the person in whose favor the jury shall find shall be commissioned by the Governor, and shall qualify and enter upon the duties of his or her office. Each party shall be allowed ten (10) peremptory challenges, and new trials shall be granted and costs awarded as in other cases. In case the election of district attorney or other state district election be contested, the petition may be filed in any county of the district or in any county of an adjoining district within twenty (20) days after the election, and like proceedings shall be had thereon as in the case of county officers, and the person found to be entitled to the office shall qualify as required by law and enter upon the duties of his or her office.

A person desiring to contest the election of another person returned as elected to any seat in the Mississippi Legislature shall comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-955. A person desiring to contest the qualifications of a candidate for nomination in a political party primary election shall comply with the provisions of Section 23-15-961.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-913, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SPECIFY WHICH JUDGES HAVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR ELECTION DISPUTES ON ELECTION DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-951, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT ELECTION DAY DISPUTES BE HEARD BY JUDGES WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT TO HEAR SAID DISPUTES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Noah Sanford, Mark Tullos, Price Wallace
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeremy England, Joey Fillingane, Lydia Graves Chassaniol

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Bailey, Paden. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, McCray, Nelson, Osborne, Scott. Total-5.

Present--Clark, Crudup, Harness, Hines, Johnson, Karriem. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Sanford called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Candidate" means an individual who seeks a nomination or election to a federal, statewide, state district, legislative, judicial, county, county district or municipal office.

(b) "Digitization" means to alter an image or audio in a realistic manner utilizing an image or audio of a person, other than the person depicted, computer-generated images or audio, commonly called deepfakes. "Digitization" also includes the creation of an image or audio through the use of software, machine learning artificial intelligence or any other computer-generated or technological means. This includes any digital representation of speech or conduct that:

(i) A reasonable person would believe depicts the speech and/or conduct of an individual who did not engage in the speech and/or conduct as presented; and

(ii) The production of which was substantially dependent on technical means, rather than the ability of another individual to physically or verbally impersonate an individual.

(c) "Depicted individual" means an individual in a digitization who appears to be engaging in speech and/or conduct.

(d) "Disseminates" means transmitting a digitization to another person through social media, electronic mail, electronic messaging, video-sharing services or any other physical or electronic method.

(2) A person who disseminates a digitization or enters into a contract or other agreement to disseminate a digitization is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in subsection (3) of this section, if the person knows or has actual knowledge that the item being disseminated is a digitization and the dissemination:

(a) Takes place within ninety (90) days of an election;

(b) Is disseminated without the consent of the depicted individual;

and

(c) Is disseminated with the intent to injure the candidate, influence the results of an election or deter any person from voting.

(3) A person convicted under this section may be sentenced as follows:

(a) If the person commits the violation with the intent to incite or cause violence, cause bodily harm or to deter any person from voting, or has been previously convicted under this section within the last five (5) years, he or she may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five (5) years or to a payment of a fine not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both; or

(b) In other cases, to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or to a payment of a fine not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(4) A cause of action for injunctive relief may be maintained against any person who is reasonably believed to be about to violate or who is in the process of violating this section. A cause of action may be brought by:

(a) The Attorney General;

(b) A district attorney if the depicted individual is a resident within their district, or if the impact of the digitization could or has impacted their district;

(c) The depicted individual;

(d) A candidate for nomination or election to a public office who is injured or likely to be injured by the dissemination of the digitization; or

(e) A political party whose nominee is on the ballot, and would be injured or is likely to be injured by the dissemination of the digitization.

As part of the injunctive relief, the court may order that any disseminated digitization be removed from any social media, electronic mail, electronic messaging, video-sharing services, or any other physical or electronic method the digitization was disseminated through.

(5) Clear and prominent language displayed throughout the digitization that informs the viewer that the depicted individual did not engage in the depicted speech and/or conduct shall be a defense to prosecution.

(6) This section does not apply to:

(a) A provider of an interactive computer service, as defined in 47 USC Section 230(f), or an information service or communications service, as defined in 47 USC Section 153.

(b) A radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer or producer that broadcasts any digitization prohibited by subsection (2) of this section as part of a bona fide newscast, news interview, news documentary, or on-the-spot coverage or a bona fide news event.

(c) A radio or television broadcasting station, including a cable or satellite television operator, programmer, producer, or internet website or online platform when the station or online platform is paid to broadcast any digitization prohibited by this section.

(d) An internet website or service provider, or a regularly published newspaper, magazine, or other periodical of general circulation, including an internet or electronic publication, that routinely carries news and commentary of general interest and that publishes any digitization prohibited by subsection (2) of this section, if the publication clearly states that the election communication, including materially deceptive media, does not accurately represent a ballot issue or candidate.

(e) Content that constitutes satire or parody.

(f) A person who disseminates or receives a digitization to determine if it is a digitization for the purpose of detecting, preventing, responding to, or protecting against security incidents, identify theft, fraud, harassment, malicious or deceptive activities or any illegal activity, preserve the integrity or security of systems or investigate, report, or prosecute those reasonable for any such action.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 97, CHAPTER 13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE WRONGFUL DISSEMINATION OF DIGITIZATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeremy England, Joey Fillingane, David Parker

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Noah Sanford, Jill Ford, Tamarra Butler-Washington

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, McCray, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 8: New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend for winning the 2023-2024 4A Girls State Championship and being "back-to-back" champions.

H. C. R. No. 53: Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize the week May 5-11, 2024, as.

H. C. R. No. 59: Swetman Security Service; commend upon 50th anniversary.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare supplements.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2283: Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on.

S. B. No. 3105: Tobacco excise tax; provide rate for heated tobacco products.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Oliver moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kenneth Neal King, Irby Rudone "Rudy" Goldman, Brandee Chandler Balderas, George "Bobo" Ansley, Vickie Baker Williams, and Chris Hodges Amason, which motion prevailed.

Representative Varner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James "Ricky" Ralph Leggette, Jr., which motion prevailed.

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of William Lamar Lewis, and Verlon J. McLeod, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of David Farnham, Sr. , and Christopher Newman, which motion prevailed.

Representative McKnight moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kaiden Ryder McGill, which motion prevailed.

Representative Bounds moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bonnie Turk, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Bounds and Calvert moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Michael W. Engell, which motion prevailed.

At 10:26 AM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, April 25, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-THIRD DAY, THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED FIFTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Treyson Jeremiah.

Rep. Sanders led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; bring forward code sections related to.

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 548: Suspend rules for introduction; revisions to PERS and public education funding.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1646: City of West Point; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 1716: Jackson County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

H. B. No. 1743: Humphreys County; authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

H. B. No. 1752: City of Fulton; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1758: Jefferson Davis County; increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage collection and disposal.

H. B. No. 1931: Greene County; extend repeal date on assessments in justice court.

H. B. No. 1948: City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within.

H. B. No. 1968: Humphreys County; authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 4090: Adams County; authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility.

H. B. No. 4115: City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

S. B. No. 3083: Suffrage; restore to Larry Sills.

S. B. No. 3222: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Robert Maxwell.

S. B. No. 3223: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Dewitt Cooperwood.

S. B. No. 3228: Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

MR. SPEAKER: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that due to the RESIGNATION of Senator Rhodes as a conferee, the President has named a new conferee on the following:

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

Senators Harkins and Sparks remain as conferees and the President has named Senator Berry to the vacancy.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King.

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers.

Adopted: 04/24/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3083: Suffrage; restore to Larry Sills. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 3222: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Robert Maxwell. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 3223: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Dewitt Cooperwood. Judiciary B.

S. B. No. 3228: Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes. Judiciary B.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 146: (Representative Bell (65th)) Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant; commend upon becoming the first African-American woman to attain the rank of admiral. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 96: Workers' Memorial Day; recognize upon occasion of 25th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 143: Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 5A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Representative Yates introduced the Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team, House Resolution 138.

Representative Scott introduced the Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team, House Resolution 143.

Representative Nelson introduced Mississippi Blues Artist, Bobby Rush, House Concurrent Resolution 43.

Rep. Ford, K called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59-5-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE REPEALER ON THE PROVISION OF LAW WHICH AUTHORIZES THE STATE PORT AUTHORITY AND OTHER PORTS AND PORT COMMISSIONS TO USE THE DESIGN-BUILD METHOD OF CONTRACTING FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 59-5-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

59-5-37. (1) The board or State Port Authority, in the performance of its duties, may employ such personnel and make all contracts and purchases incidental to or necessary for the advancement, promotion, development, establishment, insurance, maintenance, repair, improvement and operation of any ports, harbors, rivers, channels and waterways including, if required for its protection, retirement benefits, workers' compensation insurance and other employee benefits for the benefit of any employees of the board or State Port Authority. The board or State Port Authority may establish a trade development and promotion account to pay all direct and necessary expenses for the promotion and development of the state port. The authority is granted the power to sue and be sued in its own name.

(2) (a) The board or State Port Authority may, in its discretion, make such contracts or purchases according to the state purchasing laws. Contracts let for any port, harbor, river, channel or waterway improvements shall be advertised as required by law for the letting of public contracts, and such contracts shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder who shall make bond as shall be required by the board or State Port Authority conditioned for the faithful prosecution and completion of work according to such contracts, such bond to be furnished by a corporate surety company qualified to do business in this state. However, the board may negotiate and enter into contracts with responsible lessees for the construction of facilities by lessees, such as those referred to in Section 59-5-11, and the acquisition thereof by the board upon such terms and conditions and for such amount as may be approved by the board.

(b) The State Port Authority shall be considered to be a "governing authority" under the state public purchasing laws as that term is defined in Section 31-7-1 and used in Sections 31-7-1 through 31-7-73, and shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration, the Public Procurement Review Board or the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management under the provisions of Sections 27-104-7, 29-5-2 and 31-11-3.

(3) (a) The board or State Port Authority, in its discretion, may use the design-build method of contracting for the renovation, repair and/or making of other improvements to not more than one (1) freezer and related equipment and/or facilities at the State Port at Gulfport, Mississippi. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any port or port commission may use the design-build method of contracting for the renovation, repair and/or making of other improvements to equipment and/or facilities at the port. For the purposes of this subsection (3), the term "design-build method of contracting" means a contract that combines the design and construction phases of a project into a single contract and the contractor is required to satisfactorily perform, at a minimum, both the design and construction of the project.

(b) This subsection (3) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2027.
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

On motion of Rep. Ford, K the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,

R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Ford, K called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 31-7-417, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-417. * * * Submitted proposals or qualifications shall be opened at the time designated for opening in the request for proposals or request for qualifications. Proposals or qualifications and modifications shall be date-stamped or time and date-stamped upon receipt and held in a secure place until the established due date. Electronic proposals or qualifications received will be stored in an electronic lockbox until the time designated for the opening of the proposal or qualification.

* * *

SECTION 2. Section 25-61-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill 2308 of the 2024 Legislative Session, is amended as follows:

25-61-5. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided by Sections 25-61-9, 25-61-11, 25-61-11.2 and 37-153-7, all public records are hereby declared to be public property, and any person shall have the right to inspect, copy or mechanically reproduce or obtain a reproduction of any public record of a public body in accordance with reasonable written procedures adopted by the public body concerning the cost, time, place and method of access, and public notice of the procedures shall be given by the

public body, or, if a public body has not adopted written procedures, the right to inspect, copy or mechanically reproduce or obtain a reproduction of a public record of the public body shall be provided within one (1) working day after a written request for a public record is made. No public body shall adopt procedures which will authorize the public body to produce or deny production of a public record later than seven (7) working days from the date of the receipt of the request for the production of the record.

(b) If a public body is unable to produce a public record by the seventh working day after the request is made, the public body must provide a written explanation to the person making the request stating that the record requested will be produced and specifying with particularity why the records cannot be produced within the seven-day period. Unless there is mutual agreement of the parties, * * * in no event shall the date for the public body's production of the requested records be any later than fourteen (14) working days from the receipt by the public body of the original request. * * *

(2) If any public record contains material which is not exempted under this chapter, the public agency shall redact the exempted material and make the nonexempted material available for examination. Such public agency shall be entitled to charge a reasonable fee for the redaction of any exempted material, not to exceed the agency's actual cost.

(3) Denial by a public body of a request for access to or copies of public records under this chapter shall be in writing and shall contain a statement of the specific exemption relied upon by the public body for the denial. Each public body shall maintain a file of all denials of requests for public records. Public bodies shall be required to preserve such denials on file for not less than three (3) years from the date such denials are made. This file shall be made available for inspection or copying, or both, during regular office hours to any person upon written request.

(4) Where any public body is preparing or conducting a competitive procurement, the time limitations contained in this section shall be tolled until the public body determines it will not issue the procurement, cancels the procurement or issues a notice naming its intended awardee.

(5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2028.

SECTION 3. Section 25-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

25-61-9. (1) (a) Records furnished to public bodies by third parties which contain trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under this chapter until notice to third parties has been given, but the records shall be released no later than twenty-one (21) days from the date the third parties are given notice by the public body unless the third parties have filed in chancery court a petition seeking a protective order on or before the expiration of the twenty-one-day time period. Any party seeking the protective order shall give notice to the party requesting the information in accordance with the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) If a court determines that a person or entity has made duplicative requests for public records that are the subject of a protective order under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the court shall order the requesting person or entity to reimburse the third party's costs and attorney's fees for seeking additional protective orders for the same or substantially similar requests for public records.

(2) If any public record which is held to be exempt from disclosure pursuant to this chapter contains material which is not exempt pursuant to this chapter, the public body shall separate the exempt material and make the nonexempt material available for examination or copying, or both, as provided for in this chapter.

(3) Trade secrets and confidential commercial and financial information of a proprietary nature developed by a college, university or public hospital under contract with a firm, business, partnership, association, corporation, individual or other like entity shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under this chapter.

(4) Misappropriation of a trade secret shall be governed by the provisions of the Mississippi Uniform Trade Secrets Act, Sections 75-26-1 through 75-26-19.

(5) A waste minimization plan and any updates developed by generators and facility operators under the Mississippi Comprehensive Multimedia Waste Minimization Act of 1990 shall be retained at the facility and shall not be subject to inspection, examination, copying or reproduction under this chapter.

(6) Data processing software obtained by an agency under a licensing agreement that prohibits its disclosure and which software is a trade secret, as defined in Section 75-26-3, and data processing software produced by a public body which is sensitive must not be subject to inspection, copying or reproduction under this chapter.

As used in this subsection, "sensitive" means only those portions of data processing software, including the specifications and documentation, used to:

(a) Collect, process, store, and retrieve information which is exempt under this chapter.

(b) Control and direct access authorizations and security measures for automated systems.

(c) Collect, process, store, and retrieve information, disclosure of which would require a significant intrusion into the business of the public body.

(7) For all procurement contracts awarded by state agencies, the provisions of the contract which contain the commodities purchased or the personal or professional services provided, the unit prices contained within the procurement contracts, the overall price to be paid, and the term of the contract shall not be deemed to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information under this section, and shall be available for examination, copying or reproduction as provided for in this chapter. Any party seeking a protective order for a procurement contract awarded by state agencies shall give notice to and provide the reasons for the protective order to the party requesting the information in accordance with the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure. The notice and reasons for the protective order must be posted on the Mississippi procurement portal for a minimum of seven (7) days before filing the petition seeking the protective order in chancery court. Any party seeking a protective order in violation of this subsection may be barred by a state agency from submitting bids, proposals or qualifications for procurement for a period not to exceed five (5) years.

SECTION 4. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing

authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2)

consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique Internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique Internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications

for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices.

In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In

addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the

lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this

section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation

guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon

request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or

lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products or services. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (I)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the

availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however, state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(xxxix) Purchases made by state agencies related to museum exhibits. Purchases made by an agency related to the fabrication, construction, installation or refurbishing of museum exhibits. An agency making a purchase under this exemption in excess of the bid threshold set forth in 31-7-13(c) shall publicly advertise a Request for Qualifications or Request for Proposals in which price as an evaluation factor is at least twenty percent (20%) out of the one hundred percent (100%) total weight, but shall be otherwise exempt. Any contract arising from a purchase using this exemption must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board prior to execution by the agency. The agency shall submit a written report on December 1 of each year to the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the Senate and House Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees and the Chair of the Public Procurement Review Board, identifying all purchases made by the agency using this exemption in which the cost of the option selected by the agency was more than twenty-five percent (25%) higher than the lowest cost option available.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any

other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

(x) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act. (i) The Department of Finance and Administration shall enter into nine (9) contracts for the pre-need purchase of labor, services, work, materials, equipment, supplies or other personal property for disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring.

One (1) contract shall be entered into for each of the nine (9) Mississippi Emergency Management Association districts:

1. Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica and Yalobusha Counties;
2. Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union Counties;
3. Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Sunflower and Washington Counties;
4. Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston Counties;
5. Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Issaquena, Madison, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo Counties;
6. Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians;
7. Adams, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson Counties;
8. Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry and Wayne Counties; and
9. George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone Counties.

Any such contract shall set forth the manner of awarding such a contract, the method of payment, and any other matter deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Such contract may be entered into only for a term of one (1) year, with an option for an additional one-year extension after the conclusion of the first year of the contract, and only after having solicited bids or proposals, as appropriate, which shall be publicly advertised by posting on a web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration through submission of such advertisement to the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority. The bid opening shall not occur until after the submission has been posted for at least ten (10) consecutive days. The state's share of expenditures for solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring under any contract shall be appropriated and paid in the manner set forth in the contract and in the same manner as for other solid waste collection, disposal, or monitoring expenses of the state. Any contract entered into under this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 17-13-11.

(ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

SECTION 5. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

- (i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;
- (ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and
- (iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

- (i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased

space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of:

1. Any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c);

2. Any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services;

3. Any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning;

4. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation;

5. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services;

6. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019;

7. Any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission;

8. Any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services;

9. Any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation of such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories;

10. Any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health or the Department of Revenue solely in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2026;

11. Any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, or utility rate expert services;

12. Any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022;

13. Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026; * * *

14. And any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022, through June 30, 2026 * * *; and

15. Any personal or professional services contract entered into by an agency for the design, operation or maintenance of museum exhibits. An agency making a purchase under this exemption shall publicly advertise a Request for Qualifications but shall be otherwise exempt. Any contracts arising from the use of this exemption must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board prior to execution by the agency.

Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act.

(ii) From and after July 1, 2024, the Public Procurement Review Board shall promulgate rules and regulations that require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations as provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority, with assistance to be provided from these entities. Any powers that have been conferred upon agencies in order to comply with the provisions of this section for personal and professional services solicitations shall be conferred upon the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). The Department of Finance and Administration shall make any submissions that are required to be made by other

agencies to the Public Procurement Review Board for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority.

The provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall stand repealed on June 30, 2027;

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source

contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;
2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;
3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;
4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and
5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency

may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts. Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the State Treasurer to enter into any personal or professional services contracts involving the management of trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

(9) Through December 31, 2024, the provisions of this section related to rental agreements or leasing of real property for the purpose of conducting agency business shall not apply to the Office of Workforce Development created in Section 37-153-7.

SECTION 6. Section 31-7-401, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-401. Except as otherwise provided by law, the provisions of Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423 shall apply to every procurement of commodities, supplies, equipment, construction, technology, personal and professional services other than those in Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), state agency employee benefits, supplemental insurance and cafeteria plans, that are solicited by any state agency by a request for proposals or request for qualifications, except any personal or professional services contract entered into by an agency for the design, operation or maintenance of museum exhibits, purchases made by an agency related to the fabrication, construction,

installation or refurbishing of museum exhibits. The following provisions are intended to ensure that the best practices for soliciting requests for proposals or requests for qualifications are implemented. Any agency that is required to receive approval by the Public Procurement Review Board before entering into a personal or professional services contract as provided in subsection (2)(g) of Section 27-104-7 shall implement the best practices specified in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423. The Public Procurement Review Board shall promulgate any necessary rules and regulations to administer the provisions of Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-417, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO SIMPLIFY THE RECEIPT AND REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR PROPOSALS AND REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 25-61-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL 2308 OF THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE ANY PUBLIC BODY IS PREPARING OR CONDUCTING A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT, THE TIME LIMITATIONS FOR PRODUCTION SHALL BE TOLLED UNTIL THE PUBLIC BODY DETERMINES IT WILL NOT ISSUE THE PROCUREMENT, CANCELS THE PROCUREMENT OR ISSUES A NOTICE NAMING ITS INTENDED AWARDDEE; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 25-61-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW PURCHASES MADE BY STATE AGENCIES RELATED TO MUSEUM EXHIBITS TO QUALIFY FOR A FABRICATION OF EXHIBITS EXEMPTION WHEN CERTAIN LISTED PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW ANY PERSON OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO BY AN AGENCY FOR THE DESIGN, OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF MUSEUM EXHIBITS TO QUALIFY FOR AN EXHIBIT DESIGN EXEMPTION WHEN CERTAIN LISTED PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED; TO AMEND 31-7-401, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chris Johnson, Daniel H. Sparks, David Blount

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Ford, Daryl Porter, Clay Mansell

On motion of Rep. Ford, K the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; revise bidding procedure.

Rep. Zuber moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission, acting on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Transportation, is authorized to transfer and convey to the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, a certain parcel of land situated in Greene County, where the Chickasawhay River Bridge was once located, for the purpose of declaring the tract of land surplus property and restoring it to the local tax rolls, as it is better suited for private ownership. The property is more particularly described as follows:

That portion of Old Highway 63 in Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 6 West more particularly described as being
200 feet in total width (100 feet left of centerline and
100 feet right of centerline) beginning at station
number 60+30 depicted in the plans of MDOT Project
BR-1132-(3)A. Said parcel being 2,130 feet in total
length and consisting of approximately 9.78 acres.

(2) (a) Of the property described in subsection (1) of this section, it is hereby understood and agreed by the Board of Supervisors of Greene County, as the grantee herein named, that all existing utilities located on, under or above the property herein described, shall remain at the discretion of the utility owners, and that the grantee, its assigns or successor boards in the title will not require the relocation of these utilities except by agreement with the utility owner.

(b) This conveyance is subject to the provisions that no junkyards, as defined in 23 USCS Section 136, shall be hereafter established or maintained on or above-described lands, and no signs, billboards, outdoor advertising structures or advertisement of any kind, as provided for in 23 USCS Section 131, shall be hereafter erected, displayed, placed or maintained upon or within the above-described land, except that signs may be erected and maintained to advertise the sale, hire or lease of

the property, or principal activities conducted on the land upon which the signs are located.

(3) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights to the real property transferred under this section.

(4) The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to correct any discrepancies in the legal description of the property provided in this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The State Transportation Commission, acting on behalf of the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to sell, in exchange for fair market value, to the City of Marks, Mississippi, its interest in certain real property and any improvements thereon located in Marks, Mississippi, known as the "Marks Community Park," and being more particularly described as follows:

The Southwest Quadrant of the intersection of State Highways Numbers 3 and 6, in the City of Marks, Mississippi, Quitman County.

(2) (a) Of the property described in subsection (1) of this section, it is hereby understood and agreed by the City of Marks, Mississippi, as the grantee herein named, that all existing utilities located on, under or above the property herein described, shall remain at the discretion of the utility owners, and that the grantee, its assigns or successors in the title will not require the relocation of these utilities except by agreement with the utility owner.

(b) This conveyance is subject to the provisions that no junkyards, as defined in 23 USCS Section 136, shall be hereafter established or maintained on the above-described lands, and no signs, billboards, outdoor advertising structures or advertisement of any kind, as provided for in 23 USCS Section 131, shall be hereafter erected, displayed, placed or maintained upon or within the above-described land, except that signs may be erected and maintained to advertise the sale, hire or lease of the property, or principal activities conducted on the land upon which the signs are located.

(3) The State of Mississippi shall retain all mineral rights to the real property transferred under this section.

(4) The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to correct any discrepancies in the legal description of the property provided in this section.

(5) Any expenses incurred in conducting a survey of the property shall be paid for by the City of Marks, Mississippi.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO TRANSFER AND CONVEY TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN GREENE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE OLD HIGHWAY 63 CHICKASAWHAY RIVER BRIDGE; TO AUTHORIZE THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO SELL TO THE CITY OF MARKS, MISSISSIPPI, FOR FAIR MARKET VALUE, ITS INTEREST IN A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN MARKS, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH IS THE SOUTHWEST QUADRANT OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAYS 3 AND 6; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Steve Massengill, Elliot Burch, Josh Hawkins

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Benjamin Suber, Albert Butler, Chris Johnson

On motion of Rep. Massengill the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne, Rosebud. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--80

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

Rep. Massengill moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2060: Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate concur in House Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Scott DeLano, Philman Ladner
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Steve Massengill, William Tracy Arnold, Joseph Tubb

On motion of Rep. Massengill the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman,

Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segments in Bolivar County and Jones County as in honor individuals.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County, as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 446 located in Bolivar County, Mississippi, extending for a distance of approximately one (1) mile in the easterly direction from its point of intersection with Shaw-Skene Road to its point of intersection with Gilbert Road, is designated and shall be known as the "H.M. "Mack" Grimmatt Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 28 located in Soso, Jones County, Mississippi, extending for a distance of approximately one (1) mile in the northwesterly direction beginning at its intersection with Margay Road to a point of termination at its intersection with Mississippi Highway 29, is designated and shall be known as the "Paul Holifield Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 446 LOCATED IN BOLIVAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "H.M. "MACK" GRIMMETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY

28 LOCATED IN THE SOSO, JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "PAUL HOLIFIELD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Hob Bryan, Chuck Younger

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Steve Massengill, Joseph Tubb, William Tracy Arnold

On motion of Rep. Massengill the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Kinkade, McCray, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Arnold called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 75-24-305, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

75-24-305. As used in Sections 75-24-301 through 75-24-311:

(a) "Emergency services" means services performed with the express permission of the insured and that are immediately necessary for:

- (i) The preservation of the residential real estate; or
- (ii) The health of the insured, owner or possessor.

"Emergency services" does not include inspection of the residential roof system or an estimation of the repair costs.

(b) "Insured" means an insured whose name appears on the face of the property and casualty insurance policy that provides coverage for the residential roof system to be repaired.

(c) "Residential roofing contractor" means a person or entity contracting or offering to contract with an insured, owner or possessor of a residential roof system to repair or replace a roof system on residential real estate, or any portion thereof, where all or part of the cost is expected to be paid as a benefit of a property and casualty insurance policy.

(d) "Residential" means a new or existing dwelling constructed for habitation by one (1) to four (4) families, including a detached garage.

(e) "Insurance benefits residential roof system repair contract" means a written contract with an insured to repair a roof system, or any part thereof, on residential real estate, or provide goods and services in connection with such repair, that is to be paid in whole, or in part, under a property and casualty insurance policy.

(f) "Roof system" means roof coverings, roof sheathing, roof weatherproofing, roof framing, roof ventilation system, and insulation.

SECTION 2. Section 75-24-307, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

75-24-307. (1) Before signing an insurance benefits residential roof system repair contract with an insured, a residential roofing contractor shall furnish to the insured:

(a) The following statement in at least * * * 12-point boldface type that is attached to the contract:

"You may cancel this insurance benefits residential roof system repair contract at any time within three (3) business days after you have received written notice from your insurance company that all or any part of your claim, or all or part of the services and goods to be provided by this contract, is not a covered loss under your insurance policy. A notice of cancellation form is provided to you with this contract. To cancel this contract under these circumstances, sign and date, and then mail or deliver the attached Notice of Cancellation, or another similar written notice of cancellation, to the contractor within three (3) business days after you have received such written notice from your insurance company. If you cancel, any payments made under this residential roofing system repair contract, except for emergency services and repairs subsequently approved for payment by the insurance company and already performed by the contractor, will be returned to you within ten (10) business days following receipt by the contractor of your cancellation notice."; and

(b) Duplicate copies of a completed form captioned "NOTICE OF CANCELLATION" that is attached to the contract, is easily detachable, and contains the following in at least * * * 12-point boldface type:

"NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

(Name and address of contractor - to be entered by contractor)

(Date of contract - to be entered by contractor)

(Address of residential real estate to be repaired - to be entered by contractor)

I have been notified by my insurance company that all or any part of my claim, or the services and goods to be provided in the residential roofing system repair contract, is not a covered loss under the insurance policy.

I HEREBY CANCEL THIS TRANSACTION

Please return my prior payments within ten (10) days.

INSURED'S SIGNATURE

DATE"

(2) (a) In circumstances in which payment may be made from the proceeds of a property and casualty insurance policy, a residential roofing contractor shall not require any payment from an insured until the three-day cancellation period has expired.

(b) Prior to a contract being executed for repairs made by a residential roofing contractor that are separate or additional to those repairs covered

under the policy of insurance, the residential roofing contractor shall include a statement identifying those aspects of the repair or replacement which are separate from or additional to the repair or replacement of the damage to the roof system caused by a covered peril and explaining that payment of those excess or additional items are the insured's responsibility. This subsection does not limit an insured from communicating with the insurer about the estimated replacement cost of the repairs or replacement of the damaged roof system.

(3) Until the claim has been filed by the insured, a residential roofing contractor shall not represent or negotiate, or offer or advertise to represent or negotiate, on behalf of an owner or possessor of residential real estate on any insurance claim in connection with the repair or replacement of a roof system. This subsection does not prohibit an insured from including the residential roofing contractor in the insured's communications with the insurer about the damages to the roof system or the estimated replacement cost of the repairs or replacement of the damaged roof system at any point in the process. This subsection does not apply to a public adjuster licensed under Sections 83-17-501 through 83-17-527.

(4) (a) A residential roofing contractor shall not contract for, agree to, or receive anything of value from an attorney or other person acting in concert with an attorney for referring claims to the attorney or in connection with any claim for which the residential roofing contractor has performed or intends to perform services. A residential roofing contractor may not create a business relationship between an insured and an attorney or obligate an insured to hire a specified attorney.

(b) A residential roofing contractor shall not advertise or otherwise promise or offer to pay, or pay, or rebate all or any portion of an insured's insurance deductible as an inducement to enter into the residential roofing contract.

(5) A post-loss assignment by a named insured of rights or benefits to a residential roofing contractor under a property and casualty insurance policy insuring residential real estate shall authorize a residential roofing contractor only to be named as a co-payee for the payment of benefits under a property and casualty insurance policy covering residential real estate. The assignment shall include all of the following:

(a) An itemized description of the work to be performed;

(b) An itemized description of the materials, labor and fees for the work to be performed;

(c) A total itemized amount to be paid for the work to be performed;

(d) A statement that the residential roofing contractor has made no assurances that the claimed loss will be covered fully by an insurance contract; and

(e) The following notice in capitalized fourteen-point type:

"You are agreeing to give up certain rights you have under your insurance policy. Please read and understand this document before signing. The itemized description of the work to be done shown in this assignment form has not been agreed to by the insurer. The insurer has the right to pay only for the cost to repair or replace damaged property caused by a covered peril."

(6) A copy of the executed assignment shall be provided to the insurer of the residential real estate no later than five (5) business days after the execution date of the assignment.

(7) The assignment shall not impair the interest of a mortgagee listed on the declarations page of the property and casualty insurance policy that is the subject of the assignment.

(8) An assignment shall not prevent or inhibit an insurer from communication with the named insured or mortgagee listed on the declarations page of the property and casualty insurance policy that is the subject of the assignment.

(9) A residential roofing contractor shall comply with all applicable building codes when replacing, repairing, constructing or reconstructing a roof system.

(10) Pursuant to the terms of the insured's contract, nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a residential roofing contractor from:

(a) Providing an insured an estimate for repair, replacement, construction or reconstruction of the insured's property and any such estimate may be submitted to the insured's insurance company;

(b) Conferring with an insurance company's representative about damage to an insured's property; or

(c) Discussing repair or replacement options with an insurance company's representative or the insured about options for the repair or replacement of the damage.

SECTION 3. Section 75-24-311, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

75-24-311. (1) Any residential roofing contractor in violation of Sections 75-24-301 through 75-24-311 shall be subject to the civil and criminal penalties and remedies under Sections 75-24-19, 75-24-20 and 75-24-23, and may be liable under a private right of action of the consumer.

(2) A violation of Sections 75-24-301 through 75-24-311 by a residential roofing contractor is an unfair and deceptive act or practice as defined by the Mississippi Consumer Protection Law, Section 75-24-1 et seq.

(3) Sections 75-24-301 through 75-24-311 do not prohibit an insured that is harmed by a deceptive trade practice from commencing a civil action against a residential roofing contractor.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-24-305, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "ROOF SYSTEM" UNDER THE INSURANCE BENEFITS ROOFING REPAIR CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 75-24-307, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT A RESIDENTIAL ROOFING CONTRACTOR FROM REQUIRING PAYMENT UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE CANCELLATION PERIOD; TO PROHIBIT A RESIDENTIAL ROOFING CONTRACTOR FROM REPRESENTING A PROPERTY OWNER ON INSURANCE CLAIMS AND FROM RECEIVING PAYMENT FROM AN ATTORNEY FOR CLAIM REFERRALS; TO PRESCRIBE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR A POST-LOSS ASSIGNMENT BY AN INSURED TO A RESIDENTIAL ROOFING CONTRACTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 75-24-311, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Jerry R. Turner, William Tracy Arnold, Andy Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: John A. Polk, Neil S. Whaley, Jenifer B. Branning

On motion of Rep. Arnold the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bounds, Currie, Fondren, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne, Summers. Total-3.

Present--McGee. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Kinkade called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1298: Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Wild turkey" means the game bird *Meleagris gallopavo*.

(b) "Stamp" means the state wild turkey stamp, either in its physical or electronic form, furnished by the commission. A stamp is a specialized permit required for hunting wild turkeys, with proceeds directly dispersed into the conservation, management, protection or scientific research of wild turkeys.

(c) "Harvest tag" means the electronic tool used to serve as an inventory of the annual bag limit allotted to individual wild turkey hunters. Harvest tags are invalidated upon the harvest of a wild turkey.

(d) "Nongovernmental entity" means a nonprofit organization primarily concerned with the protection and conservation of land and natural resources, as evidenced by its organizational documents.

(2) (a) It shall be unlawful for any person not exempt under paragraph (b) of this subsection to hunt or take wild turkeys during any open wild turkey season in this state without first having procured a stamp. The electronic stamp on file with the commission shall serve as proof of procurement.

(b) Any resident citizen of this state who has not reached the age of sixteen (16) years or who has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years, or any resident citizen who is blind, paraplegic, or a multiple amputee, or who has been adjudged by the Veterans Administration as having a total service-connected disability, or has been adjudged to be totally disabled by the Social Security Administration shall be exempt from the requirements of this section. Further, the holder of any lifetime sportsman license authorized under Section 49-7-153 shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

(3) The fee to resident hunters for each stamp shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The fee to nonresident hunters for each stamp shall be One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). Each stamp shall be valid through the final day of the spring wild turkey season following its purchase. After its expiration, another stamp must be procured in order to hunt or take wild turkeys in a future open wild turkey season.

(4) Except for persons exempted under subsection (2)(b) of this section, the commission may make the procurement of harvest tags dependent upon the purchase of a stamp.

(5) The commission shall determine the form of the stamp. The commission shall furnish physical stamps to bonded agents for issuance or sale in the same manner

as other types of licenses or shall cause the electronic stamp to accrue to the purchaser's benefit when purchased from an automated point-of-sale source.

(6) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) as prescribed in Section 49-7-101.

(7) All revenue from the proceeds of stamps shall be deposited into the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund created in Section 49-5-21 and shall be used and expended only for the following objectives:

(a) Paying administrative or processing costs associated with an electronic harvest tag program, or any other program governing or regulating the harvest of wild turkeys;

(b) Restoring, enhancing or protecting wild turkey populations or their habitats on public or private lands in Mississippi as prescribed by the department;

(c) Funding scientific research, as conducted by qualified professionals, into the ecology or management of wild turkeys, their habitats or their predators; and

(d) Increasing access to publicly available turkey hunting opportunities.

(8) Proceeds from stamps may be used as matching funds or fiscal leverage to secure grants or other financial awards which are deemed to align with the objectives in subsection (7) of this section. No such proceeds shall be expended for administrative salaries.

(9) The commission may enter into agreements with other state, federal or nongovernmental entities to execute the objectives in subsection (7) of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall be codified as a new section in Title 49, Chapter 7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO IMPOSE THE REQUIREMENT OF PROCURING A WILD TURKEY STAMP BEFORE HUNTING WILD TURKEYS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REQUIREMENT; TO ESTABLISH THE FEE FOR RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT HUNTERS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FURNISHING OF THE STAMP; TO SET PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT ALL REVENUE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF STAMPS SHALL BE DEPOSITED INTO THE FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THE OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH SUCH REVENUE MAY BE USED AND EXPENDED; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATE, FEDERAL OR NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO EXECUTE SUCH OBJECTIVES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Bill Kinkade, Lester Carpenter, Joseph Tubb (Not Signed)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Benjamin Suber, Chuck Younger (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Kinkade the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman,

Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--Aguirre, Barnett, Boyd, R, Burch, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Eure, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Ladner, Lancaster, Lott, Oliver, Sanford, Smith. Total--16.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Massengill, McCray, Osborne, Summers, Tullos. Total-6.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1090: Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1090: Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-29-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-105. The following words and phrases, as used in this article, shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Administer" means the direct application of a controlled substance, whether by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other means, to the body of a patient or research subject by:

(i) A practitioner (or, in his presence, by his authorized agent); or

(ii) The patient or research subject at the direction and in the presence of the practitioner.

(b) "Agent" means an authorized person who acts on behalf of or at the direction of a manufacturer, distributor or dispenser. Such word does not include a common or contract carrier, public warehouseman or employee of the carrier or warehouseman. This definition shall not be applied to the term "agent" when such term clearly designates a member or officer of the Bureau of Narcotics or other law enforcement organization.

(c) "Board" means the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

(d) "Bureau" means the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics. However, where the title "Bureau of Drug Enforcement" occurs, that term shall also refer to the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

(e) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

(f) "Controlled substance" means a drug, substance or immediate precursor in Schedules I through V of Sections 41-29-113 through 41-29-121.

(g) "Counterfeit substance" means a controlled substance which, or the container or labeling of which, without authorization, bears the trademark, trade name, or other identifying mark, imprint, number or device, or any likeness thereof, of a manufacturer, distributor or dispenser other than the person who in fact manufactured, distributed or dispensed the substance.

(h) "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer from one person to another of a controlled substance, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

(i) "Director" means the Director of the Bureau of Narcotics.

(j) "Dispense" means to deliver a controlled substance to an ultimate user or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, including the prescribing, administering, packaging, labeling or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery.

(k) "Dispenser" means a practitioner who dispenses.

(l) "Distribute" means to deliver other than by administering or dispensing a controlled substance.

(m) "Distributor" means a person who distributes.

(n) "Drug" means (i) a substance recognized as a drug in the official United States Pharmacopoeia, official Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, or official National Formulary, or any supplement to any of them; (ii) a substance intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease in man or animals; (iii) a substance (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or animals; and (iv) a substance intended for use as a component of any article specified in this paragraph. Such word does not include devices or their components, parts, or accessories.

(o) "Hashish" means the resin extracted from any part of the plants of the genus Cannabis and all species thereof or any preparation, mixture or derivative made from or with that resin.

(p) "Immediate precursor" means a substance which the board has found to be and by rule designates as being the principal compound commonly used or produced primarily for use, and which is an immediate chemical intermediary used or likely to be used in the manufacture of a controlled substance, the control of which is necessary to prevent, curtail, or limit manufacture.

(q) "Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion or processing of a controlled substance, either directly or indirectly, by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling or relabeling of its container. The term "manufacture" does not include the preparation, compounding, packaging or labeling of a controlled substance in conformity with applicable state and local law:

(i) By a practitioner as an incident to his administering or dispensing of a controlled substance in the course of his professional practice; or

(ii) By a practitioner, or by his authorized agent under his supervision, for the purpose of, or as an incident to, research, teaching or chemical analysis and not for sale.

(r) "Marijuana" means all parts of the plant of the genus Cannabis and all species thereof, whether growing or not, the seeds thereof, and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant or its seeds, excluding hashish.

The term "marijuana" does not include "hemp" as defined in and regulated by Sections 69-25-201 through 69-25-221.

(s) "Narcotic drug" means any of the following, whether produced directly or indirectly by extraction from substances of vegetable origin, or independently

by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis:

(i) Opium and opiate, and any salt, compound, derivative or preparation of opium or opiate;

(ii) Any salt, compound, isomer, derivative or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of the substances referred to in subparagraph (i), but not including the isoquinoline alkaloids of opium;

(iii) Opium poppy and poppy straw; and

(iv) Cocaine, coca leaves and any salt, compound, derivative or preparation thereof which is chemically equivalent or identical with any of these substances, but not including decocainized coca leaves or extractions of coca leaves which do not contain cocaine or ecgonine.

(t) "Opiate" means any substance having an addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability similar to morphine or being capable of conversion into a drug having addiction-forming or addiction-sustaining liability. It does not include, unless specifically designated as controlled under Section 41-29-111, the dextrorotatory isomer of 3-methoxy-n-methylmorphinan and its salts (dextromethorphan). Such word does include its racemic and levorotatory forms.

(u) "Opium poppy" means the plant of the species *Papaver somniferum* L., except its seeds.

(v) (i) "Paraphernalia" means all equipment, products and materials of any kind which are used, intended for use, or designed for use, in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting, manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, testing, analyzing, packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, concealing, injecting, ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. It includes, but is not limited to:

1. Kits used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting, propagating, cultivating, growing or harvesting of any species of plant which is a controlled substance or from which a controlled substance can be derived;

2. Kits used, intended for use, or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing or preparing controlled substances;

3. Isomerization devices used, intended for use or designed for use in increasing the potency of any species of plant which is a controlled substance;

4. Testing equipment used, intended for use, or designed for use in identifying or in analyzing the strength, effectiveness or purity of controlled substances;

5. Scales and balances used, intended for use or designed for use in weighing or measuring controlled substances;

6. Diluents and adulterants, such as quinine hydrochloride, mannitol, mannite, dextrose and lactose, used, intended for use or designed for use in cutting controlled substances;

7. Separation gins and sifters used, intended for use or designed for use in removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana;

8. Blenders, bowls, containers, spoons and mixing devices used, intended for use or designed for use in compounding controlled substances;

9. Capsules, balloons, envelopes and other containers used, intended for use or designed for use in packaging small quantities of controlled substances;

10. Containers and other objects used, intended for use or designed for use in storing or concealing controlled substances;

11. Hypodermic syringes, needles and other objects used, intended for use or designed for use in parenterally injecting controlled substances into the human body;

12. Objects used, intended for use or designed for use in ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing marijuana, cocaine, hashish or hashish oil into the human body, such as:

a. Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic or ceramic pipes with or without screens, permanent screens, hashish heads or punctured metal bowls;

b. Water pipes;

c. Carburetion tubes and devices;

d. Smoking and carburetion masks;

e. Roach clips, meaning objects

used to hold burning material, such as a marijuana cigarette, that has become too small or too short to be held in the hand;

f. Miniature cocaine spoons and

cocaine vials;

g. Chamber pipes;

h. Carburetor pipes;

i. Electric pipes;

j. Air-driven pipes;

k. Chillums;

l. Bongs; and

m. Ice pipes or chillers.

(ii) In determining whether an object is paraphernalia, a court or other authority should consider, in addition to all other logically relevant factors, the following:

1. Statements by an owner or by anyone in control of the object concerning its use;

2. Prior convictions, if any, of an owner, or of anyone in control of the object, under any state or federal law relating to any controlled substance;

3. The proximity of the object, in time and space, to a direct violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law;

4. The proximity of the object to controlled substances;

5. The existence of any residue of controlled substances on the object;

6. Direct or circumstantial evidence of the intent of an owner, or of anyone in control of the object, to deliver it to persons whom he knows, or should reasonably know, intend to use the object to facilitate a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law; the innocence of an owner, or of anyone in control of the object, as to a direct violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law shall not prevent a finding that the object is intended for use, or designed for use as paraphernalia;

7. Instructions, oral or written, provided with the object concerning its use;

8. Descriptive materials accompanying the object which explain or depict its use;

9. National and local advertising concerning its use;

10. The manner in which the object is displayed for sale;

11. Whether the owner or anyone in control of the object is a legitimate supplier of like or related items to the community, such as a licensed distributor or dealer of tobacco products;

12. Direct or circumstantial evidence of the ratio of sales of the object(s) to the total sales of the business enterprise;

13. The existence and scope of legitimate uses for the object in the community;

14. Expert testimony concerning its use.

(iii) "Paraphernalia" does not include any materials used or intended for use in testing for the presence of fentanyl or a fentanyl analog in a substance, or any materials used or intended for use in testing for the presence of other emerging or existing drug threats of concern to public health as identified by the State Department of Health and approved by the State Board of Health.

(w) "Person" means individual, corporation, government or governmental subdivision or agency, business trust, estate, trust, partnership or association, or any other legal entity.

(x) "Poppy straw" means all parts, except the seeds, of the opium poppy, after mowing.

(y) "Practitioner" means:

(i) A physician, dentist, veterinarian, scientific investigator, optometrist certified to prescribe and use therapeutic pharmaceutical agents under Sections 73-19-153 through 73-19-165, or other person licensed, registered or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in this state; and

(ii) A pharmacy, hospital or other institution licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, conduct research with respect to or to administer a controlled substance in the course of professional practice or research in this state.

(z) "Production" includes the manufacture, planting, cultivation, growing or harvesting of a controlled substance.

(aa) "Sale," "sell" or "selling" means the actual, constructive or attempted transfer or delivery of a controlled substance for remuneration, whether in money or other consideration.

(bb) "State," when applied to a part of the United States, includes any state, district, commonwealth, territory, insular possession thereof, and any area subject to the legal authority of the United States of America.

(cc) "Ultimate user" means a person who lawfully possesses a controlled substance for his own use or for the use of a member of his household or for administering to an animal owned by him or by a member of his household.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PARAPHERNALIA" UNDER THE UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LAW TO EXCLUDE ANY MATERIALS USED OR INTENDED FOR USE IN TESTING FOR THE PRESENCE OF OTHER EMERGING OR EXISTING DRUG THREATS OF CONCERN TO PUBLIC HEALTH AS IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Stacey Hobgood-Wilkes, Christopher M. Bell, Elliot Burch

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Angela Turner-Ford, Nicole Boyd, Daniel H. Sparks

On motion of Rep. Hobgood-Wilkes the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes,

Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Fondren, Holloway, G, Keen, Kinkade, McCray, Osborne, Summers, Tullos. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards; require certain to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-101-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-101-15. (a) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall succeed to and continue to exercise control of all records, books, papers, equipment, and supplies, and all lands, buildings, and other real and personal property belonging to or assigned to the use and benefit of the board of trustees formerly supervising and controlling the institutions of higher learning named in Section 37-101-1. The board shall have and exercise control of the use, distribution and disbursement of all funds, appropriations and taxes, now and hereafter in possession, levied and collected, received, or appropriated for the use, benefit, support, and maintenance or capital outlay expenditures of the institutions of higher learning, including the authorization of employees to sign vouchers for the disbursement of funds for the various institutions, except where otherwise specifically provided by law.

(b) The board shall have general supervision of the affairs of all the institutions of higher learning, including the departments and the schools thereof. The board shall have the power in its discretion to determine who shall be privileged to enter, to remain in, or to graduate therefrom. The board shall have general supervision of the conduct of libraries and laboratories, the care of dormitories, buildings, and grounds; the business methods and arrangement of accounts and records; the organization of the administrative plan of each institution; and all other matters incident to the proper functioning of the institutions. The board shall have the authority to establish minimum

standards of achievement as a prerequisite for entrance into any of the institutions under its jurisdiction, which standards need not be uniform between the various institutions and which may be based upon such criteria as the board may establish.

(c) The board shall exercise all the powers and prerogatives conferred upon it under the laws establishing and providing for the operation of the several institutions herein specified. The board shall adopt such bylaws and regulations from time to time as it deems expedient for the proper supervision and control of the several institutions of higher learning, insofar as such bylaws and regulations are not repugnant to the Constitution and laws, and not inconsistent with the object for which these institutions were established. The board shall have power and authority to prescribe rules and regulations for policing the campuses and all buildings of the respective institutions, to authorize the arrest of all persons violating on any campus any criminal law of the state, and to have such law violators turned over to the civil authorities.

(d) For all institutions specified herein, the board shall provide a uniform system of recording and of accounting approved by the State Department of Audit. The board shall annually prepare, or cause to be prepared, a budget for each institution of higher learning for the succeeding year which must be prepared and in readiness for at least thirty (30) days before the convening of the regular session of the Legislature. All relationships and negotiations between the State Legislature and its various committees and the institutions named herein shall be carried on through the board of trustees. No official, employee or agent representing any of the separate institutions shall appear before the Legislature or any committee thereof except upon the written order of the board or upon the request of the Legislature or a committee thereof.

(e) For all institutions specified herein, the board shall prepare an annual report to the Legislature setting forth the disbursements of all monies appropriated to the respective institutions. Each report to the Legislature shall show how the money appropriated to the several institutions has been expended, beginning and ending with the fiscal years of the institutions, showing the name of each teacher, officer, and employee, and the salary paid each, and an itemized statement of each and every item of receipts and expenditures. Each report must be balanced, and must begin with the former balance. If any property belonging to the state or the institution is used for profit, the reports shall show the expense incurred in managing the property and the amount received therefrom. The reports shall also show a summary of the gross receipts and gross disbursements for each year and shall show the money on hand at the beginning of the fiscal period of the institution next preceding each session of the Legislature and the necessary amount of expense to be incurred from said date to January 1 following. The board shall keep the annual expenditures of each institution herein mentioned within the income derived from legislative appropriations and other sources, but in case of emergency arising from acts of providence, epidemics, fire or storm with the written approval of the Governor and by written consent of a majority of the senators and of the representatives it may exceed the income. The board shall require a surety bond in a surety company authorized to do business in this state of every employee who is the custodian of funds belonging to one or more of the institutions mentioned herein, which bond shall be in a sum to be fixed by the board in an amount that will properly safeguard the said funds, the premium for which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated for said institutions.

(f) The board shall have the power and authority to elect the heads of the various institutions of higher learning and to contract with all deans, professors, and other members of the teaching staff, and all administrative employees of said institutions for a term not exceeding four (4) years. The board shall have the power and authority to terminate any such contract at any time for malfeasance, inefficiency, or contumacious conduct, but never for political reasons. It shall be the policy of the board to permit the executive head of each institution to nominate for election by the board all subordinate employees of the institution over which he presides. It shall be the policy of the board to elect all officials for a definite tenure of service and to reelect during the period of satisfactory service. The board shall have the power to make any adjustments it thinks necessary between the various departments and schools of any institution or between the different institutions.

(g) The board shall keep complete minutes and records of all proceedings which shall be open for inspection by any citizen of the state.

(h) The board shall have the power to enter into an energy performance contract, energy services contract, on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis, for energy efficiency services and/or equipment as prescribed in Section 31-7-14.

(i) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, for and on behalf of Jackson State University, is hereby authorized to convey by donation or otherwise easements across portions of certain real estate located in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, for right-of-way required for the Metro Parkway Project.

(j) In connection with any international contract between the board or one (1) of the state's institutions of higher learning and any party outside of the United States, the board or institution that is the party to the international contract is hereby authorized and empowered to include in the contract a provision for the resolution by arbitration of any controversy between the parties to the contract relating to such contract or the failure or refusal to perform any part of the contract. Such provision shall be valid, enforceable and irrevocable without regard to the justiciable character of the controversy. Provided, however, that in the event either party to such contract initiates litigation against the other with respect to the contract, the arbitration provision shall be deemed waived unless asserted as a defense on or before the responding party is required to answer such litigation.

(k) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning ("board"), on behalf of any institution under its jurisdiction, shall purchase and maintain business property insurance and business personal property insurance on all university-owned buildings and/or contents as required by federal law and regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as is necessary for receiving public assistance or reimbursement for repair, reconstruction, replacement or other damage to those buildings and/or contents caused by the Hurricane Katrina Disaster of 2005 or subsequent disasters. The board is authorized to expend funds from any available source for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining that property insurance. The board is authorized to enter into agreements with the Department of Finance and Administration, local school districts, community/junior college districts, community hospitals and/or other state agencies to pool their liabilities to participate in a group business property and/or business personal property insurance program, subject to uniform rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(l) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or its designee, may approve the payment or reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses incurred by candidates for open positions at the board's executive office or at any of the state institutions of higher learning, when the job candidate has incurred expenses in traveling to a job interview at the request of the board, the Commissioner of Higher Education or a state institution of higher learning administrator.

(m) (i) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning is authorized to administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities of the state institutions of higher learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are paid for with self-generated funds.

(ii) Additionally, the board is authorized to oversee, administer and approve contracts for the construction and maintenance of buildings and other facilities of the state institutions of higher learning, including related contracts for architectural and engineering services, which are funded in whole or in part by general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi at institutions designated annually by the board as being capable to procure and administer all such contracts. Prior to the disbursement of funds, an agreement for each project between the institution and the Department of Finance and Administration shall be executed. The approval and execution of the agreement shall not be withheld by either party unless the withholding party provides a written, detailed explanation of the basis for withholding to the other party. The agreement shall stipulate the responsibilities of each party, applicable procurement regulations, documentation and reporting requirements, conditions prior to, and

schedule of, disbursement of general obligation bond funds to the institution and provisions concerning handling any remaining general obligation bonds at the completion of the project. Such agreement shall not include provisions that constitute additional qualifications or criteria that act to invalidate the designation of an institution as capable of procuring and administering such project. Inclusion of any such provisions may be appealed to the Public Procurement Review Board. This paragraph (ii) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2025.

(n) The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning ("board") shall require all on-campus faculty and staff employed by, and all students attending, any of the state institutions of higher learning identified in Section 37-101-1 to be issued an identification badge in physical or electronic format. Any identification card issued or renewed pursuant to this section, whether physical or in an electronic format, shall include the words "Crisis Lifeline - Dial or Text 988, or chat 988lifeline.org" or like language for formatting purposes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-101-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL REQUIRE ALL ON-CAMPUS FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS ATTENDING ANY STATE INSTITUTION TO BE ISSUED AN IDENTIFICATION BADGE, WHICH INCLUDES 988 CRISIS LIFELINE CONTACT INFORMATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Nicole Boyd, Scott DeLano, Daniel H. Sparks
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Scoggin, Lance Varner, Gregory Holloway, Sr.

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Brown. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, McCray, Osborne, Read. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 21-25-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-25-23. The governing authorities of any municipality are hereby authorized, when petitioned so to do by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the board of trustees of a community or junior college district, to create, by ordinance, a fire district encompassing the area adjoining such municipality on which a part or all of a State Institution of Higher Learning or a community college is located, after the creation of which such governing authorities and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the board of trustees of the affected community or junior college district shall have full power to contract for laying of water mains and any other pipes or connections to the water mains to be used in said fire district, and for the establishment and maintenance of fire service therein. However, no such governing authority shall have the power either to promulgate or enforce any charge, rule or regulation upon said district without first having received the ratification and consent of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the board of trustees of the affected community or junior college district as reflected by the minutes of said trustees.

SECTION 2. Section 37-29-231, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-29-231. (1) The provisions of Sections 37-103-1 through 37-103-29 relating to the legal residence of and tuition to be charged any student applying for admission to state educational institutions shall be applicable to the boards of trustees of each junior college district in the state and to the administrative authorities of each such junior college governed by said board.

(2) (a) The board of trustees of each community or junior college is authorized, in its discretion and as deemed necessary, to enter into contract with a municipality as authorized under Section 21-25-23, or into an interlocal agreement with the county governing authority of the county wherein the community or junior college is located if situated outside of the incorporated limits of any city or municipality therein, to provide fire protection and first responder services to the main campus of the community or junior college for which the contract or interlocal agreement was entered. In addition to fire protection services, first responder services shall also include law enforcement services and emergency medical transportation services.

(b) Upon entering such contract or interlocal agreement, the board of trustees of the community or junior college receiving services under the contract or interlocal agreement may assess each student a fee not to exceed Five Dollars (\$5.00), each semester to offset the cost associated with the services provided, which shall be allocated by the board of trustees to the local governing authority providing first responder services. This paragraph (b) shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. Section 37-29-141, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-29-141. (1) The board of trustees of any junior college district is expressly authorized and empowered to make a thorough study and evaluation of the costs of operation of the junior college district, and said board shall recommend a fair and

acceptable tax rate for district general support and maintenance from each of the member counties.

The board of trustees of any junior college district as constituted as of July 1, 1964, shall have the authority to recommend the tax levy necessary for a newly contributing county to have representation on the board of trustees of said junior college.

From and after October 1, 1989, no county shall levy less than (a) one (1) mill for the support, and (b) one (1) mill for the enlargement, improvement and repair of the junior college within the district of which the county is a member. From and after October 1, 1990, the board of trustees of any junior college district may, by a sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote of the members of such board, recommend an additional one (1) mill which may be used for the support or for the enlargement, improvement and repair of the junior college within the district of which the county is a member. If a county is levying more than the minimum levy required herein for one category but less than the minimum levy required for the other, then the excess millage under the one may be applied towards making up the deficiency which exists in the other. If a county contributes to two (2) junior college districts, the combined levy for both districts shall not be less than the minimums required herein.

Any county having any school district located therein with a current operating deficit of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) or more on July 1, 1989, shall not be required to levy the minimum millage required under this subsection (1) until such time as the said operating deficit is eliminated, or for a period of three (3) fiscal years, whichever is less. Provided, however, that no such county shall levy a smaller tax millage for capital improvements and general support of a junior college district than was levied for the previous year.

No county shall levy a smaller tax millage for capital improvements and general support of a junior college district than was levied for the previous year, unless requested to make such reduction by the board of trustees of the district. When a county has a general reassessment of property to increase the county ad valorem tax assessments, such county may reduce the millage for general support and capital improvements, provided that its aggregate budget for junior college purposes is not lower than was paid the previous year.

In lieu of taxation, the board of trustees may fix the amount of enrollee tuition in an amount commensurate with the per capita cost of operating the district, which may also include any fees assessed by the board upon each student enrolled under the authority of Section 37-29-231 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of first responder services provided to the main campus of the community college by the local governing authority in accordance with the provisions of the contract entered into under the authority of Section 21-25-23 or the interlocal agreement entered into under the authority of Section 37-29-231.

(2) Taxes for the support, enlargement, improvement and repairs of junior colleges shall be levied annually against all of the property of each county and of each municipal separate school district, including added territory, which has established or may hereafter establish, or which has joined or may hereafter join, in the establishment or support of a junior college. In no case shall such levy exceed three (3) mills for support and three (3) mills for enlargement, improvement and repairs for each junior college within the district of which the county or municipal separate school district may be a component.

(3) The levy for support for any year in any given county or separate school district is that presently prevailing therein unless a change is recommended to the tax levying authorities by the board of trustees or by a vote of the people ascertained in an election called for that purpose by the tax levying authorities subsequent to the petition therefor signed by twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the minimum millage required under subsection (1) shall not be levied by the board of supervisors of any county within a junior college district until the board of trustees of the district adopts annually, an order, by a sixty percent (60%) affirmative vote of the members of the board, that such minimum millage shall be levied by each county within the district.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21-25-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH A MUNICIPALITY FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 37-29-231, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE, IN ITS DISCRETION, TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY GOVERNING AUTHORITY WHERE THE COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE IS LOCATED, TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES TO THE MAIN CAMPUS OF THE COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE; TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COMMUNITY OR JUNIOR COLLEGE THE DISCRETION TO OFFSET THE COST OF THE SERVICES BY ASSESSING A STUDENT FEE EACH SEMESTER; TO AMEND SECTION 37-29-141, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Scoggin, Randy P. Boyd, Billy Adam Calvert
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Nicole Boyd, Scott DeLano, Albert Butler

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Clark, Crawford, Faulkner, Harness, Hines, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Porter, Scott, Summers, Young. Total--14.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, McCray, Osborne. Total--4.

Present--Anthony, Brown, Butler-Washington, Denton, Hulum, Paden, Rosebud, Thompson, Watson. Total--9.

Necessary for passage--65

Rep. Sanford called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-191, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-191. The first primary shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of August preceding any regular or general election; and the second primary shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter. The candidate * * * who receives a majority of the votes cast in the election shall be the party nominee. If no candidate receives a majority vote at the election, then the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall have their names placed on the ballot for the second primary election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later. The candidate who receives the most votes in the second primary election shall be the party nominee. However, if no candidate receives a majority vote at the first primary, and there is a tie in the election of those receiving the next highest vote, then those candidates receiving the next highest vote and the candidate receiving the highest vote shall have their names placed on the ballot for the second primary election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later, and whoever receives the most votes cast in the second primary election shall be the party nominee.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-193. (1) At the election in 2023, and every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, three (3) public service commissioners, three (3) Mississippi Transportation Commissioners, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, Senators and members of the House of Representatives in the Legislature, district attorneys for the several districts, clerks of the circuit and chancery courts of the several counties, as well as sheriffs, coroners, assessors, surveyors and members of the boards of supervisors, justice court judges and constables, and all other officers to be elected by the people at the general state election. All such officers shall hold their offices for a term of four (4) years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The state officers shall be elected in the manner prescribed in Section 140 of the Constitution.

(2) The state officers * * * who receive a majority of votes cast for the office at the general election shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority number of votes cast at the election, then the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes cast shall have their names placed on the ballot for the runoff election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast in the runoff election shall be elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority vote cast at the election, and there is a tie in the election of those receiving the next highest vote, then those candidates receiving the next highest vote and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall have their names placed on the ballot for the runoff election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later, and whoever receives the majority of votes cast in the runoff election shall be elected. If it appears that two (2) or more candidates for state office have an equal number of votes after the runoff election, the interested candidates shall appear before the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court within two (2) days after the canvass and the tie shall be determined by a toss of a coin or by lot fairly and publicly drawn, and a certificate of election shall be given accordingly.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-213, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until December 31, 2027, this section shall read as follows:

23-15-213. (1) There shall be elected five (5) election commissioners for each county whose terms of office shall commence on the first Monday of January following their election and who shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Each of the commissioners shall be required to attend a training seminar provided by the Secretary of State and satisfactorily complete a skills assessment, and before acting, shall take

and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution. The oath shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the chancery court. Upon filing the oath of office, the election commissioner may be provided access to the Statewide Elections Management System for the purpose of performing his or her duties. Such skills assessment shall only be required once every four (4) years. While engaged in their duties, the commissioners shall be conservators of the peace in the county, with all the duties and powers of such.

(2) (a) At the general election in 2024 and every four (4) years thereafter, the qualified electors of the board of supervisors' Districts One, Three and Five shall elect in their district one (1) election commissioner.

(b) At the general election in * * * 2027, the qualified electors of the board of supervisors' Districts Two and Four shall elect in their district one (1) election commissioner who shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

(c) No more than one (1) commissioner shall be a resident of and reside in each supervisor's district of the county; it being the purpose of this section that the county board of election commissioners shall consist of one (1) person from each supervisor's district of the county and that each commissioner be elected from the supervisor's district in which he or she resides.

(3) Candidates for county election commissioner shall qualify by filing with the clerk of the board of supervisors of their respective counties a petition personally signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of the supervisor's district in which they reside, requesting that they be a candidate, by 5:00 p.m. not later than February 1 of the year in which the election occurs and unless the petition is filed within the required time, their names shall not be placed upon the ballot. * * *

(4) The names of candidates for the office of election commissioner which appear on the ballot at the general election shall be grouped together on a separate portion of the ballot and clearly identified as nonpartisan. The names of all candidates for the office of election commissioner shall be listed in alphabetical order on any ballot, and no reference to political party affiliation shall appear on any ballot with respect to the nonpartisan office of election commissioner or the candidate for the nonpartisan office of election commissioner.

(* * *5) The petition shall have attached thereto a certificate of the county registrar showing the number of qualified electors on each petition, which shall be furnished by the registrar on request. The board shall determine the sufficiency of the petition, and if the petition contains the required number of signatures and is filed within the time required, the president of the board shall verify that the candidate is a resident of the supervisor's district in which he or she seeks election and that the candidate is otherwise qualified as provided by law, and shall certify that the candidate is qualified to the chair or secretary of the county election commission and the names of the candidates shall be placed upon the ballot for the ensuing election. No county election commissioner shall serve or be considered as elected until he or she has received a majority of the votes cast for the position or post for which he or she is a candidate. If a majority vote is not received in the first election, then the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes for each position or post shall be placed upon the ballot for a second election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later in accordance with appropriate procedures followed in other elections involving runoff candidates.

(* * *6) In the first meeting in January of each year, the county election commissioners shall organize by electing a chair and a secretary, who shall serve a one-year term. The county election commissioners shall provide the names of the chair and secretary to the Secretary of State and provide notice of any change in officers which may occur during the year.

(* * *7) It shall be the duty of the chair to have the official ballot printed and distributed at each general or special election.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

23-15-213. (1) There shall be elected five (5) election commissioners for each county whose terms of office shall commence on the first Monday of January following their election and who shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Each of the commissioners shall be required to attend a training seminar provided by the Secretary of State and satisfactorily complete a skills assessment, and before acting, shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution. The oath shall be filed

in the office of the clerk of the chancery court. Upon filing the oath of office, the election commissioner may be provided access to the Statewide Elections Management System for the purpose of performing his or her duties. Such skills assessment shall only be required once every four (4) years. While engaged in their duties, the commissioners shall be conservators of the peace in the county, with all the duties and powers of such.

(2) (a) At the general election in 2028 and every four (4) years thereafter, the qualified electors of the board of supervisors' Districts One, Three and Five shall elect in their district one (1) election commissioner.

(b) At the general election in 2030 and every four (4) years thereafter, the qualified electors of the board of supervisors' Districts Two and Four shall elect in their district one (1) election commissioner.

(c) No more than one (1) commissioner shall be a resident of and reside in each supervisor's district of the county; it being the purpose of this section that the county board of election commissioners shall consist of one (1) person from each supervisor's district of the county and that each commissioner be elected from the supervisor's district in which he or she resides.

(3) Candidates for county election commissioner shall qualify by filing with the clerk of the board of supervisors of their respective counties a petition personally signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of the supervisor's district in which they reside, requesting that they be a candidate, by 5:00 p.m. not later than February 1 of the year in which the election occurs and unless the petition is filed within the required time, their names shall not be placed upon the ballot.

(4) The names of candidates for the office of election commissioner who appear on the ballot at the general election shall be grouped together on a separate portion of the ballot and clearly identified as nonpartisan. The names of all candidates for the office of election commissioner shall be listed in alphabetical order on any ballot, and no reference to political party affiliation shall appear on any ballot with respect to the nonpartisan office of election commissioner or the candidate for the nonpartisan office of election commissioner.

(5) The petition shall have attached thereto a certificate of the county registrar showing the number of qualified electors on each petition, which shall be furnished by the registrar on request. The board shall determine the sufficiency of the petition, and if the petition contains the required number of signatures and is filed within the time required, the president of the board shall verify that the candidate is a resident of the supervisor's district in which he or she seeks election and that the candidate is otherwise qualified as provided by law, and shall certify that the candidate is qualified to the chair or secretary of the county election commission and the names of the candidates shall be placed upon the ballot for the ensuing election. No county election commissioner shall serve or be considered as elected until he or she has received a majority of the votes cast for the position or post for which he or she is a candidate. If a majority vote is not received in the first election, then the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes for each position or post shall be placed upon the ballot for a second election to be held four (4) weeks later in accordance with appropriate procedures followed in other elections involving runoff candidates.

(6) In the first meeting in January of each year, the county election commissioners shall organize by electing a chair and a secretary, who shall serve a one-year term. The county election commissioners shall provide the names of the chair and secretary to the Secretary of State and provide notice of any change in officers which may occur during the year.

(7) It shall be the duty of the chair to have the official ballot printed and distributed at each general or special election.

SECTION 4. Section 23-15-833, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-833. Except as otherwise provided by law, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year shall be designated the regular special election day, and on that day an election shall be held to fill any vacancy in county, county district, and district attorney elective offices, and any vacancy in the office of circuit judge or chancellor.

All special elections, or elections to fill vacancies, shall in all respects be held, conducted and returned in the same manner as general elections, except that where no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the election, a runoff election shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the election. The two (2) candidates who receive the highest popular votes for the office shall have their names submitted as the candidates to the runoff and the candidate who leads in the runoff election shall be elected to the office. When there is a tie in the first election of those receiving the next highest vote, these two (2) and the one receiving the highest vote, none having received a majority, shall go into the runoff election and whoever leads in the runoff election shall be entitled to the office.

In those years when the regular special election day shall occur on the same day as the general election, the names of candidates in any special election and the general election shall be placed on the same ballot, but shall be clearly distinguished as general election candidates or special election candidates. At any time a special election is held on the same day as a party primary election, the names of the candidates in the special election may be placed on the same ballot, but shall be clearly distinguished as special election candidates or primary election candidates.

SECTION 5. Section 23-15-981, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-981. If two (2) or more candidates qualify for judicial office, the names of those candidates shall be placed on the general election ballot. If any candidate for such an office receives a majority of the votes cast for such office in the general election, he shall be declared elected. If no candidate for such office receives a majority of the votes cast for such office in the general election, the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for such office shall be placed on the ballot for a second election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later in accordance with appropriate procedures followed in other elections involving runoff candidates.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-1031, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-1031. Except as provided by Section 23-15-1081, the first primary election for Congressmen shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of the years in which congressmen are elected, and a second primary, if necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter. Each year in which a presidential election is held, the congressional primary shall be held as provided in Section 23-15-1081. The election shall be held in all districts of the state on the same day. Candidates for United States Senator shall be nominated at the congressional primary next preceding the general election at which a senator is to be elected and in the same manner that congressmen are nominated. The chair and secretary of the state executive committee shall certify the vote for United States Senator to the Secretary of State in the same manner that county executive committees certify the returns of counties in general state and county primary elections.

SECTION 7. Section 23-15-1083, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-1083. Beginning in 1988, as an alternative to the congressional primary election date set forth in Section 23-15-1031, when a political party elects to conduct a presidential preference primary, the first primary election for congressmen, and senators, if senators are to be elected, shall be held on the second Tuesday in March, and the second primary, when one is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter, and the election shall be held in all districts of the state on the same day.

SECTION 8. Section 37-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-5-9. The name of any qualified elector who is a candidate for the county board of education shall be placed on the ballot used in the general elections by the county election commissioners, provided that the candidate files with the county election commissioners, not more than ninety (90) days and not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such general election, a petition of nomination signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of the county residing within each supervisors district. Where there are less than one hundred (100) qualified electors in said supervisors district, it

shall only be required that said petition of nomination be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of such supervisors district. The candidate in each supervisors district who receives the majority of votes cast in the district shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election. The runoff election, in the event that such is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the first election.

When any member of the county board of education is to be elected from the county at large under the provisions of this chapter, then the petition required by the preceding paragraph hereof shall be signed by the required number of qualified electors residing in any part of the county outside of the territory embraced within a municipal separate school district or special municipal separate school district. The candidate who receives the majority of votes cast in the election shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election. The runoff election, in the event that such is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the first election.

In no case shall any qualified elector residing within a municipal separate school district or special municipal separate school district be eligible to sign a petition of nomination for any candidate for the county board of education under any of the provisions of this section.

SECTION 9. Section 37-7-215, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-215. All such elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year and in the same manner as general state and county elections are held and conducted. In the event a runoff is necessary the runoff shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter.

SECTION 10. Section 37-7-217, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-217. (1) The county election commissioners shall indicate on the ballot which of the persons whose names appear thereon are candidates for a full term, and which of such persons, if any, are candidates for an unexpired term or terms.

(2) The qualified electors of each school district operating under Section 37-7-215 shall vote on the date specified in that section and at the special trustee election districts.

(3) A person elected shall assume the duties of his office for the full term on the first day of January if the election is for the full term. A person elected to an unexpired term shall assume office immediately.

(4) The county election commissioners shall forthwith certify the results of the election to the superintendent of the municipal separate or special municipal separate school district, as the case may be, which certificate shall be delivered to such superintendent within five (5) days following the first election.

(5) If a person does not receive a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) persons receiving the highest number of votes at the first election. In the event a runoff is necessary, the runoff shall be held four (4) weeks thereafter.

SECTION 11. Section 37-7-227, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-227. (1) The county election commissioners shall indicate on the ballot which of the persons whose names appear thereon are candidates for a full term, and which of such persons, if any, are candidates for an unexpired term or terms. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast, either for a full term or for an unexpired term or terms, as indicated on the ballot, shall be declared elected, and the person or persons elected to a full term shall assume the duties of his office on the first day of January of the year following such election. The person or persons elected to an unexpired term(s) shall assume office immediately. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held in the same manner * * * four (4) weeks after the election between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes upon the first ballot.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an election for school board trustees occurs on a Tuesday, during a general election, any runoff for such election shall occur * * * four (4) weeks after the election.

SECTION 12. Section 37-7-711, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-711. In all such special municipal separate school districts which may be so organized, reorganized or reconstituted to embrace the entire county in which the majority of the inhabitants of the county reside outside the corporate limits of the municipality, the name of any qualified elector who is a candidate for the board of trustees of such special municipal separate school district, whether such person be a candidate for an unexpired term or for a full term, shall be placed on the ballot used in the elections, provided that the candidate files with the county election commissioners, not more than ninety (90) days and not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such general election, a petition of nomination signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of the county. Where there are less than one hundred (100) qualified electors in said area represented by the trustee, it shall only be required that said petition of nomination be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors in said area. However, in any such special municipal separate school district which embraces the entire county and which borders the Mississippi River and in which Interstate Highway 20 and United States Highway 61 intersect and having a population in excess of forty-seven thousand (47,000) according to the 1990 federal decennial census, the candidate shall be required to file a petition of nomination with the county election commissioners not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such general election, in addition to the other requirements prescribed herein.

The candidate in each election who receives the majority of votes cast in the election shall be declared to have been elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election. The runoff election, in the event that such is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the first election.

SECTION 13. (1) Ranked choice voting, also known as instant runoff voting, is prohibited in statewide, county, local, municipal and school district elections in the State of Mississippi.

(2) Any voting method that allows electors to rank candidates for an office in order of preference and has ballots cast that will be tabulated in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until a single candidate attains a majority shall not be used in determining the election or nomination of any candidate for elective office in this state, including elective offices for any county, municipality, school district, state or federal office.

(3) Any existing or future ordinance or policy enacted or adopted by a county, municipality, school district, or any other local governmental entity that conflicts with this section is void on and after July 1, 2024.

(4) This section shall not apply to electors who are entitled to vote absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 USC Section 20301 et seq., as amended.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2025.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-191, 23-15-193, 23-15-833, 23-15-981, 23-15-1031, 23-15-1083, 37-5-9, 37-7-215, 37-7-217, 37-7-227 AND 37-7-711, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TIME FOR HOLDING RUNOFF ELECTIONS TO FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE FIRST ELECTION INSTEAD OF THREE WEEKS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-213, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER SHALL BE LISTED AS NONPARTISAN ON A BALLOT; TO REVISE THE STAGGERED TERMS OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FROM DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR ELECTED IN THE 2027

ELECTION SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FROM DISTRICTS TWO AND FOUR ELECTED IN THE 2030 ELECTION SHALL SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM AND EVERY FOUR YEARS THEREAFTER; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 23, CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT RANKED CHOICE VOTING IN STATEWIDE, COUNTY, LOCAL, MUNICIPAL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeremy England, Joey Fillingane, Jeff Tate
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Noah Sanford, Mark Tullos, Price Wallace

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--109.

Nays--Banks, Brown, Gibbs, J. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Butler-Washington, McCray, Osborne, Sanders, Taylor. Total-5.

Present--Crudup, Evans, Holloway, G, Rosebud, Scott. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Sanford called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-639, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-639. (1) The examination and counting of all absentee ballots shall be conducted as follows:

(a) At the opening of the regular balloting and at the opening of the polls, the resolution board established under Section 23-15-523 and trained in the process of canvassing absentee ballots shall first take the envelopes containing the absentee ballots of such electors from the secure location at the circuit clerk's office, and the name, address and precinct inscribed on each envelope shall be announced by the election managers.

(b) The signature on the application shall then be compared with the signature on the back of the envelope. If it corresponds and the affidavit, if one is required, is sufficient and the resolution board finds that the applicant is a registered and qualified voter or otherwise qualified to vote, the envelope shall then be opened and the ballot removed from the envelope, without its being unfolded, or permitted to be unfolded or examined.

(c) When a voter's absentee ballot is rejected because the signatures on the application and the envelope do not correspond, the registrar shall notify the voter within one (1) business day of the voter's absentee ballot having been tentatively rejected because the signature on the application does not correspond with the signature on the envelope. The notice shall inform the voter about the process of curing the deficiency and that if the voter does not cure the signatures by 12:00 p.m. on the fifth business day after the election, then the voter's ballot shall be rejected. Notice to the voter shall be made using the contact information that the voter provided on his or her absentee ballot application. The absentee cure form shall be transmitted to the voter via email or facsimile; however, if neither are available, then the form shall be transmitted by first-class mail to the voter. The form of the notice and the absentee cure form shall be provided for in rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(* * *d) Having observed and found the ballot to be regular as far as can be observed from its official endorsement, the resolution board shall deposit it in the ballot box with the other ballots before counting any ballots and enter the voter's name in the receipt book provided for that purpose. All absentee ballots received prior to 7:00 p.m. the day before the election shall be counted in the registrar's office by the resolution board when the polls close and then added to the votes cast in each precinct. All absentee ballots received after 7:00 p.m. the day before the election but not later than the fifth business day after the election shall be processed by the resolution board.

(2) The resolution board shall also take such action as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State to ensure compliance with the identification requirements of Section 23-15-563.

(3) The resolution board shall process the absentee ballots using the procedure provided in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-641, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-641. (1) For all absentee votes received by mail, if an affidavit or the certificate of the officer before whom the affidavit is taken is required and such affidavit or certificate is found to be insufficient, or if it is found that the signatures do not correspond and the voter has not cured his or her ballot as provided in Section 23-15-639, or that the applicant is not a duly qualified elector in the precinct, or otherwise qualified to vote, or that the ballot envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, or the voter is not eligible to vote absentee, the previously cast vote shall not be allowed. Without opening the voter's envelope the resolution board shall mark across its face "REJECTED", with the reason therefor.

(2) For all absentee votes received by mail, if the ballot envelope contains more than one (1) ballot of any kind, the ballot shall not be counted but shall be marked "REJECTED", with the reason therefor, and the registrar shall promptly notify the voter of such rejection. The voter's envelopes and affidavits, and the voter's envelope with its contents unopened, when such vote is rejected, shall be retained and preserved in the same manner as other ballots at the election. Such votes may be challenged in the same manner and for the same reasons that any other vote cast in such election may be challenged.

(3) If an affidavit is required and the officials find that the affidavit is insufficient, or if the officials find that the absentee voter is otherwise disqualified to vote, the envelope shall not be opened and a commissioner or executive committee member shall write across the face of the envelope "REJECTED" giving the reason therefor, and the registrar shall promptly notify the voter of such rejection.

(4) The ballots marked "REJECTED" shall be placed in a separate envelope in the secure ballot transfer case and delivered to the officials in charge of conducting the election at the central tabulation point of the county.

(5) All electors voting absentee shall be provided with written information to inform the person how to ascertain whether his or her ballot was counted and, if rejected, the reason therefor.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-627, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-627. Any elector described in Section 23-15-713 may request an absentee ballot application and vote in person at the office of the registrar in the county in which he or she resides. The registrar shall be responsible for furnishing an absentee ballot application form to any elector authorized to receive an absentee ballot. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-625, absentee ballot applications shall be furnished to a person only upon the oral or written request of the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot; however, the parent, child, spouse, sibling, legal guardian, those empowered with a power of attorney for that elector's affairs or agent of the elector, who is designated in writing and witnessed by a resident of this state who shall write his or her physical address on such designation, may orally request an absentee ballot application on behalf of the elector. The written designation shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of the designation. An absentee ballot application must have the seal of the circuit or municipal clerk affixed to it and be initialed by the registrar or his or her deputy in order to be used to obtain an absentee ballot. A reproduction of an absentee ballot application shall not be valid unless it is a reproduction provided by the office of the registrar of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held and which contains the seal and initials required by this section. Such application shall be substantially in the following form:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the _____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

() (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

() I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

() I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

() I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

() I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

() I will be outside the county on election day.

() I have a temporary or permanent physical disability * * *.

() I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

() I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

() I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

() I am required to be at work on election day during the times which the polls will be open.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Mail 'Absent Elector's Ballot' to me at the following address _____.

() I wish to receive an absentee ballot for the runoff election _____.

Notify me of problem with my "Absent Elector's Ballot" at the following:

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

I realize that I can be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and sentenced up to five (5) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, you are not required to have this application notarized or signed by an official authorized to administer oaths for absentee balloting. You are required to sign this application in the proper place and have a person eighteen (18) years of age or older witness your signature and sign this application in the proper place.

DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the _____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of absent elector)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the _____ day of _____, 2____.

oaths

(Official authorized to administer
for absentee balloting.)

TO BE SIGNED BY WITNESS FOR VOTERS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this application for an absent elector's ballot was signed by the above-named elector in my presence and that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, this the _____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of witness)

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I hereby certify that _____ (print name of voter) has requested that I, _____ (print name of person delivering application), deliver to the voter this absentee ballot application.

(Signature of person delivering application)

(Address of person delivering application)"

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-639, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTERS TO CURE BALLOTS DECLARED DEFECTIVE DUE TO SIGNATURE ISSUES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-641 AND 23-15-627, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeremy England, Jeff Tate, David Parker

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Noah Sanford, Mark Tullios, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Shanks called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 136: Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team; commend upon winning MAIS 6A State Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 137: Craig Newton; commend upon his induction into Delta State University's 2024 Sports Hall of Fame.

H. R. No. 138: Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 6A Boys State Championship.

H. R. No. 140: St. Andrews Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 141: Peter and Mireille DeBeukelaer; commend upon success as founders of world-renowned Pirouline wafer cookie and upon community service.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

At 10:52 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:04 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Currie called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 47-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-17. (1) Within one (1) year after his admission and at such intervals thereafter as it may determine, the board shall secure and consider all pertinent information regarding each offender, except any under sentence of death or otherwise ineligible for parole, including the circumstances of his offense, his previous social history, his previous criminal record, including any records of law enforcement agencies or of a youth court regarding that offender's juvenile criminal history, his conduct, employment and attitude while in the custody of the department, the case plan created to prepare the offender for parole, and the reports of such physical and mental examinations as have been made. The board shall furnish at least three (3) months' written notice to each such offender of the date on which he is eligible for parole.

(2) Except as provided in Section 47-7-18, the board shall require a parole-eligible offender to have a hearing as required in this chapter before the board and to be interviewed. The hearing shall be held no later than thirty (30) days prior to the month of eligibility. No application for parole of a person convicted of a capital offense shall be considered by the board unless and until notice of the filing of such application shall have been published at least once a week for two (2) weeks in a newspaper published in or having general circulation in the county in which the crime was committed. The board shall, within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearing, also give notice of the filing of the application for parole to the victim of the offense for which the prisoner is incarcerated and being considered for parole or, in case the offense be homicide, a designee of the immediate family of the victim, provided the victim or designated family member has furnished in writing a current address to the board for such purpose. The victim or designated family member shall be provided an opportunity to be heard by the board before the board makes a decision regarding release on parole. The board shall consider whether any restitution ordered has been paid in full. Parole release shall, at the hearing, be ordered only for the best interest of society, not as an award of clemency; it shall not be considered to be a reduction of sentence or pardon. An offender shall be placed on parole only when arrangements have been made for his proper employment or for his maintenance and care, and when the board believes that he is able and willing to fulfill the obligations of a law-abiding citizen. When the board determines that the offender will need transitional housing upon release in order to improve the likelihood of the offender becoming a law-abiding citizen, the board may parole the offender with the condition that the inmate spends no more than six (6) months in a transitional reentry center. At least fifteen (15) days prior

to the release of an offender on parole, the director of records of the department shall give the written notice which is required pursuant to Section 47-5-177. Every offender while on parole shall remain in the legal custody of the department from which he was released and shall be amenable to the orders of the board. Upon determination by the board that an offender is eligible for release by parole, notice shall also be given within at least fifteen (15) days before release, by the board to the victim of the offense or the victim's family member, as indicated above, regarding the date when the offender's release shall occur, provided a current address of the victim or the victim's family member has been furnished in writing to the board for such purpose.

(3) For any hearing where an offender has been convicted of a crime of violence, as set out under Section 97-3-2 or any offense set out under Section 47-7-3(1)(a) through (g), the board shall, within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearing, solicit the written or oral recommendations of the Attorney General, the attorney who prosecuted the case, the judge who presided over the case, the chief of police of the municipality where the offender was convicted and the sheriff of the county where the offender was convicted.

(4) The board shall, within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearing, also give written or electronic notice of the filing of the application for parole to the attorney who prosecuted the case, the judge who presided over the case, the chief of police of the municipality where the offender was convicted and the sheriff of the county where the offender was convicted.

(5) If the attorney who prosecuted the case or the judge who presided over the case is not living or serving, solicitation for recommendations under subsection (3) and notice under subsection (4) shall be given to the district attorney and one of the judges of the court in which the offender was convicted.

(** *6) Failure to provide notice to the victim or the victim's family member of the filing of the application for parole or of any decision made by the board regarding parole shall not

constitute grounds for vacating an otherwise lawful parole determination nor shall it create any right or liability, civilly or criminally, against the board or any member thereof.

(** *7) A letter of protest against granting an offender parole shall not be treated as the conclusive and only reason for not granting parole.

(** *8) The board may adopt such other rules not inconsistent with law as it may deem proper or necessary with respect to the eligibility of offenders for parole, the conduct of parole hearings, or conditions to be imposed upon parolees, including a condition that the parolee submit, as provided in Section 47-5-601 to any type of breath, saliva or urine chemical analysis test, the purpose of which is to detect the possible presence of alcohol or a substance prohibited or controlled by any law of the State of Mississippi or the United States. The board shall have the authority to adopt rules related to the placement of certain offenders on unsupervised parole and for the operation of transitional reentry centers. However, in no case shall an offender be placed on unsupervised parole before he has served a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the period of supervised parole.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-7-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PAROLE BOARD TO SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS BEFORE A PAROLE HEARING WHENEVER SUCH HEARING IS FOR ANY OFFENDER WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES OF VIOLENCE; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PAROLE BOARD TO NOTIFY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITHIN A SET PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE A PAROLE HEARING; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Kevin Horan, Randy Rushing
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Daniel H. Sparks, Jason Barrett

On motion of Rep. Currie the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne. Total-2.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Currie called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Kevin Horan, Randy Rushing

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Gary Brumfield, Angela Burks Hill

On motion of Rep. Currie the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Currie called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2445: Correctional system programs; extend repealers.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-473, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-473. (1) The Sheriffs of Rankin County, Harrison County * * *, Lee County and Hinds County are authorized to establish a Pilot Work Release Program. No person sentenced for a crime listed in Section 97-3-2 shall be eligible for participation in the program established under this section. During the pilot phase of the program, there shall be a limit of twenty-five (25) people in the program at a time.

(2) The sheriff shall collect and maintain data which shall be shared semiannually with the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) and the Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force in sortable electronic format. The first report shall be made before January 15, 2022, and in six-month intervals thereafter. The data shall include:

- (a) Total number of participants at the beginning of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (b) Total number of participants at the end of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (c) Total number of participants who began the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (d) Total number of participants who successfully completed the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (e) Total number of participants who left the program in each month and reason for leaving by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (f) Total number of participants who were arrested for a new criminal offense while in the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (g) Total number of participants who were convicted of a new crime while in the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;
- (h) Total number of participants who completed the program and were convicted of a new crime within three (3) years of completing the program;

(i) Total amount earned by participants and how the earnings were distributed in each month;

(j) Results of any initial risk and needs assessments conducted on each participant by race, gender, and offenses charged; and

(k) Any other data or information as requested by the task force.

(3) Any person who has been sentenced to confinement in jail or who has been sentenced for a felony conviction but is confined in a jail may request assignment to the work release program established under this section. Admission to the program shall be in the discretion of the sheriff. The sheriff may further authorize the offender to participate in educational or other rehabilitative programs designed to supplement his work release employment or to prepare the person for successful reentry. No offender shall be eligible for this program if he or she has more than one (1) year remaining on his or her sentence.

(4) The sheriff shall adopt and publish rules and regulations prior to accepting inmates. These rules and regulations shall at a minimum include all requirements for work release programs established pursuant to Sections 47-5-451 through 47-5-471. Participating employers shall pay no less than the prevailing wage for the position and shall under no circumstance pay less than the federal minimum wage.

(5) Any offender assigned to such a program by the sheriff who, without proper authority or just cause, leaves the area to which he has been assigned to work or attend educational or other rehabilitative programs, or leaves the vehicle or route of travel involved in his or her going to or returning from such place, will be guilty of escape as provided in Section 97-9-49. An offender who is found guilty under this section shall be ineligible for further participation in a work release program during his or her current term of confinement.

(6) (a) The offender shall maintain an account through a local financial institution and shall provide a copy of a check stub to the sheriff.

(b) The offender *** shall be required:

(i) To pay *** twenty-five percent (25%) of his or her wages after mandatory deductions for the following purposes:

(**1.) To pay support of dependents or to the Mississippi Department of Human Services on behalf of dependents as may be ordered by a judge of competent jurisdiction; and

(**2.) To pay any fines, restitution, or costs as ordered by the court to include any fines and fees associated with obtaining a valid driver's license upon release.

(ii) To pay fifteen percent (15%) of the offender's wages to the sheriff's department for administrative expenses to include transportation costs.

(iii) To save fifty percent (50%) of the offender's wages in the account required under paragraph (a) of this subsection. Monies under this subparagraph shall be made available to the offender upon parole or release.

(**c) The *** offender shall have access to the remaining ten percent (10%) of the monies in his or her account to purchase incidental expenses.

(d) Any monies remaining under paragraph (a) of this subsection after all mandatory deductions are paid, shall be deposited in the inmate's account established under this subsection. Any monies remaining upon release in paragraph (c) of this subsection shall be released to the inmate.

(**7) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) shall conduct a review of the work release program established under this section and beginning in 2024 produce *** an annual report due December 1 each year to the Legislature on *** the effectiveness *** of the program. The PEER Committee shall seek the assistance of the Corrections and Criminal Justice Task Force and may seek assistance from any other criminal justice experts it deems necessary during its review.

(**8) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, *** 2027.

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-577, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-577. Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, which create the Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990, shall stand repealed from and after July 1, *** 2027.

SECTION 3. Section 47-5-579, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-579. (1) (a) The corporation * * * shall operate a * * * work initiative at the Central Mississippi Correctional Facility, South Mississippi Correctional Institution, Mississippi State Penitentiary and the Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women, and is authorized, in its discretion, to create a work initiative at any other correctional facility listed in Section 47-5-539(d). * * * In lieu of a work initiative created by the corporation, the warden or superintendent or sheriff at any regional and private facility listed in Section 47-5-539 is authorized to create a work initiative at their respective facility consistent with the provisions and requirements of this section. Each initiative shall be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) inmates in the * * * state, regional or private facility at any given time.

(b) The department, with regard to a work initiative in an MDOC facility, shall:

(i) Have the ultimate authority for oversight of the administration of the initiative;

(ii) Delegate the administration of the initiative to the corporation; and

(iii) Oversee the selection of inmates for admission to the initiative.

(c) The sheriff, with regard to a work initiative at a regional facility, shall:

(i) Have the ultimate authority for oversight of the administration of the initiative;

(ii) Oversee the selection of inmates for admission to the initiative; and

(iii) Work with the Department and the corporation to establish guidelines for the initiative and develop a report thereon.

(2) (a) An inmate is eligible for participation in the initiative if the inmate has:

(i) No more than two (2) years remaining on the inmate's sentence;

(ii) Not been convicted under Section 97-9-49 within the last five (5) years; and

(iii) Not been sentenced for a sex offense as defined in Section 45-33-23(h).

(b) Any inmate that meets the eligibility requirements of paragraph (a) may request assignment to * * * a work initiative established under this section.

(3) (a) The commissioner, in the case of MDOC facilities, or the warden, superintendent, sheriff or similar leader in the case of regional and private facilities, shall select inmates for admission to the program.

(b) An inmate currently participating in vocational training or a soft skills training program * * * at a facility authorized to operate a work initiative shall have priority in admission to the program.

(4) (a) The chief executive officer, in the case of MDOC facilities, or the warden, superintendent, sheriff or similar leader in the case of regional and private facilities, may authorize the inmate to participate in educational or other rehabilitative programs designed to supplement his work initiative employment or to prepare the person for successful reentry.

(b) Before accepting any participants to the program, the corporation, in consultation with the department, shall adopt and publish rules and regulations to effectuate this section no later than six (6) months after the effective date of this section. These rules and regulations shall include all protection requirements for work release programs established pursuant to Sections 47-5-451 through 47-5-471.

(5) Participating employers shall pay no less than the prevailing wage for the position and shall under no circumstance pay less than the federal minimum wage.

(* * * 6) Any inmate assigned to the initiative who, without proper authority or just cause, leaves the area to which he has been assigned to work or attend educational or other rehabilitative programs, or leaves the vehicle or route of travel involved in his or her going to or returning from such place, will be guilty of escape as provided in

Section 97-9-49. An offender who is convicted under Section 97-9-49 shall be ineligible for further participation in the work initiative during his or her current term of confinement.

(** *7) (a) The inmate shall maintain an account through a local financial institution and shall provide a copy of a check stub to the chief executive officer, the warden, the superintendent or the sheriff at a regional facility, as the case may be.

(b) The inmate shall be required:

(i) To pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the inmate's wages after mandatory deductions for the following purposes:

1. To pay support of dependents or to the Mississippi Department of Human Services on behalf of dependents as may be ordered by a judge of competent jurisdiction; and

2. To pay any fines, restitution, or costs as ordered by the court to include any fines and fees associated with obtaining a valid driver's license upon release.

(ii) To pay * * * fifteen percent (15%) of the inmate's wages to the corporation for administrative expenses to include transportation costs to be remitted to the state, regional or private facility where the inmate is housed. In the case of state facilities, the administrative expense reimbursement shall be paid to the corporation; in the case of regional facilities, the administrative expense reimbursement shall be paid to the sheriff's department; in the case of private facilities the administrative expense reimbursement shall be paid to the contractor overseeing the facility.

(iii) To save fifty percent (50%) of the inmate's wages in the account required under paragraph (a) of this subsection. Monies under this * * * subparagraph shall be made available to the inmate upon parole or release.

(c) The inmate shall have access to the remaining * * * ten percent (10%) of the monies in the inmate's account to purchase incidental expenses.

(d) Any monies remaining under paragraph (a) of this subsection after all mandatory deductions are paid, shall be deposited in the inmate's account established under this subsection. Any monies remaining upon release in paragraph (c) of this subsection shall be released to the inmate.

(** *8) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall collect and maintain data which shall be shared semiannually with the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) and the Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force in sortable electronic format. The first report shall be made on January 15, 2023, and in six-month intervals thereafter unless PEER establishes a different schedule. The data shall include:

* * *

(** *a) Total number of participants at the end of each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(** *b) Total number of participants who began the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(** *c) Total number of participants who successfully completed the program in each month by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(** *d) Total number of participants who left the program in each month and reason for leaving by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(** *e) Total number of participants who were arrested for a new criminal offense while in the program in each month by race, gender and offenses charged;

(** *f) Total number of participants who were convicted of a new crime while in the program in each month by race, gender and offenses charged;

(** *g) Total number of participants who completed the program and were convicted of a new crime within three (3) years of completing the program;

(** *h) Total amount earned by participants and how the earnings were distributed in each month;

(** *i) Results of any initial risk and needs assessments conducted on each participant by race, gender, and offenses charged;

(** *j) * * * List of participating employers;

(** *k) * * * List of jobs acquired by participants;

(** *l) ** * List of the hourly wage paid to each participant;
(** *m) ** * Accounting of the manner and use of the ten percent
(10%) of the wages paid to the corporation by the inmate for administrative expenses;
(** *n) Total costs associated with program operations;
(** *o) ** * List of participating financial institutions;
(** *p) The number of accounts opened by participants at
financial institutions;
(** *q) The average hourly wage earned in the program; and
(** *r) Any other data or information as requested by the task
force.

(** *9) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and
Expenditure Review (PEER) shall conduct a review of the initiative ** *, including any
expansion of the initiative authorized under this section and produce ** * an annual
report to the Legislature on their effectiveness by January 1, ** * of each year. The
PEER Committee shall seek the assistance of the Corrections and Criminal Justice
Task Force and may seek assistance from any other criminal justice experts it deems
necessary during its review.

SECTION 4. Section 47-5-531, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward
as follows:

47-5-531. Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575 shall be known as the
"Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990."

SECTION 5. Section 47-5-533, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward
as follows:

47-5-533. (1) It is the finding of the Legislature that prison industry programs
of the State Department of Corrections are uniquely different from other programs
operated or conducted by other departments in that it is essential to the state that the
prison industry programs provide inmates with useful activities that can lead to
meaningful employment after release in order to assist in reducing the return of inmates
to the system.

(2) It is further the finding of the Legislature that the mission of a prison
industry program is:

(a) To reduce the cost of state government by operating prison
industries primarily with inmate labor, which industries do not seek to unreasonably
compete with private enterprise;

(b) To serve the rehabilitative goals of the state by duplicating as
nearly as possible, the operating activities of a free-enterprise type of profit-making
enterprise; and

(c) To serve the security goals of the state by reducing the idleness
of inmates and by providing an incentive for good behavior while in prison.

SECTION 6. Section 47-5-535, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward
as follows:

47-5-535. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it is the intent
of the Legislature that a nonprofit corporation be organized and formed, within sixty (60)
days from April 4, 1990, to lease and manage the prison industry programs of the
Mississippi Correctional Industries. The corporation created and established shall be a
body politic and corporate, may acquire and hold real and personal property, may
receive, hold and dispense monies appropriated to it by the Legislature of the State of
Mississippi received from the federal government, received from the sale of products,
goods, and services which it produces, and received from any other sources
whatsoever.

(2) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it is the further intent of
the Legislature that the nonprofit corporation shall create any additional prison industry
program as it deems fit, and any such program shall be created in compliance with the
provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575.

(3) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, it is the further intent of
the Legislature that such nonprofit corporation shall have exclusive rights to operate any
prison industry program and when such corporation is lawfully formed, no other public

or private entity shall be allowed to carry out the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575.

(4) It is the further intent of the Legislature, that the nonprofit corporation which is required to be organized and formed under Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575 shall locate and operate prison industries at any state correctional facility with the approval of the Commissioner of Corrections. It is the intent of the Legislature that the nonprofit corporation locate and operate such industries in an orderly and expeditious manner. Such corporation may locate and operate prison industries at other prison satellites, at community work centers in the state, at any private correctional facility which houses state inmates and at any regional correctional facility as authorized under Section 47-5-931. No industrial prison program shall be located at a site other than state prison facilities approved by the commissioner.

SECTION 7. Section 47-5-537, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-537. The Secretary of State, or his designee, shall assist the Department of Corrections and the Department of Finance and Administration in the formation of the nonprofit corporation, and within sixty (60) days after the formation of the corporation, the corporation shall apply for exemption from federal tax under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any program of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State Department of Human Services shall not be classified as prison industries under the provisions Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575.

SECTION 8. Section 47-5-539, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-539. For the purposes of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, the following terms shall have the following meaning unless the context shall provide otherwise:

(a) "Chief executive officer" means the chief executive officer of the corporation established under this chapter.

(b) "Corporation" means the private nonprofit corporation which is required to be organized and formed to carry out the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575 regarding prison industries.

(c) "Department" means the State Department of Corrections.

(d) "Inmate" means any person under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Department of Corrections who is incarcerated within any of the following state, regional or private correctional * * * facilities:

- (i) Central Mississippi Correctional Facility;
- (ii) Marshall County Correctional Facility;
- (iii) Mississippi State Penitentiary;
- (iv) Delta Correctional Facility;
- (v) Mississippi Correctional Institute for Women;
- (vi) South Mississippi Correctional Institution;
- (vii) Walnut Grove Correctional Facility;
- (viii) Alcorn County Regional Correctional Facility;
- (ix) Carroll/Montgomery County Regional Correctional

Facility;

- (x) George/Greene County Correctional Facility;
- (xi) Bolivar County Correctional Facility;
- (xii) Chickasaw County Regional Correctional Facility;
- (xiii) Holmes/Humphreys County Correctional Facility;
- (xiv) Issaquena County Correctional Facility;
- (xv) Kemper/Neshoba County Regional Correctional

Facility;

- (xvi) Jefferson/Franklin County Correctional Facility;
- (xvii) Leake County Correctional Facility;
- (xviii) Marion/Walthall County Correctional Facility;
- (xix) Washington County Regional Correctional Facility;
- (xx) Yazoo Regional Correctional Facility;
- (xxi) Stone County Correctional Facility;

- (xxii) Winston/Choctaw County Correctional Facility;
- (xxiii) East Mississippi Correctional Facility; and
- (xxiv) Wilkinson County Correctional Facility.

(e) "Prison industry program" means any program which is considered to be a part of any prison industry in this state.

(f) "Prison agricultural enterprises" means all agricultural endeavors as defined in Section 47-5-353.

(g) "Work initiative" or "initiative" means the program authorized in Section 47-5-579.

SECTION 9. Section 47-5-541, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward and amended as follows:

47-5-541. (1) The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors. The terms of the board of directors in place before July 1, 2022, shall expire June 30, 2022. From and after July 1, 2022, the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall be composed of the following five (5) members:

(a) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee;

(b) One (1) representative of the faith-based community, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(c) One (1) representative of the business community, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(d) The Executive Director of * * * State Office of Workforce Development or his or her designee; and

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board or his or her designee.

For the initial appointments, the representative of the faith-based community shall serve for a term of one (1) year; the representative of the business community shall serve for a term of two (2) years; the Executive Director of the * * * State Office of Workforce Development or his or her designee shall serve for a term of three (3) years and the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years. All succeeding terms shall be for four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. The term of the Commissioner of Corrections shall run concurrent with his or her term or terms as commissioner. Initial appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after July 1, 2022. Any vacancy on the board prior to the expiration of a term for any reason, including resignation, removal, disqualification, death or disability shall be filled in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection for the balance of the unexpired term. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be selected by the members of the board. However, the Commissioner of Corrections shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the corporation.

(2) The board of directors shall select and employ a chief executive officer of the corporation who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board shall set the compensation of the chief executive officer. The chief executive officer shall be responsible for the general business and entire operations of the corporation, and shall be responsible for operating the corporation in compliance with the bylaws of the corporation and in compliance with any provision of law. The board shall be authorized and empowered to do only those acts provided by law and by the bylaws of the corporation. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, such board shall have the authority to establish prison industries, to cease the operation of any industry which it deems unsuitable or unprofitable, to enter into any lease or contract for the corporation and it shall have the full authority to establish prices for any industry good.

(3) No member of the board of directors shall vote on any matter that comes before the board that could result in pecuniary benefit for himself or for any entity in which such member has an interest.

(4) In addition to the board of directors, an advisory board may be set up for the benefit of each industry which is established pursuant to the provisions of Sections

47-5-531 through 47-5-575. Such boards shall be advisory only, and may be set up in the discretion of the board of directors of the corporation.

(5) Each member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69 for each day or fraction thereof spent in actual discharge of his official duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties in accordance with the requirements of Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(6) The board of directors shall make and publish policies, rules and regulations governing all business functions, including but not limited to accounting, marketing, purchasing and personnel, not inconsistent with the terms of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, as may be necessary for the efficient administration and operation of the corporation.

(7) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall:

(a) Employ all necessary employees of the corporation and dismiss them as is necessary;

(b) Administer the daily operations of the corporation, including establishing education, training and workforce development programs in collaboration with the State Office of Workforce Development and other relevant state and federal agencies;

(c) Upon approval of the board of directors, execute any contracts on behalf of the corporation; and

(d) Take any further actions which are necessary and proper toward the achievement of the corporation purposes.

(8) A member of the board of directors of the corporation shall not be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury or property damage caused to a person as a result of any acts or omissions committed in good faith in the exercise of their duties as members of the board of directors of the corporation, except where a member of the board engages in acts or omissions which are intentional, willful, wanton, reckless or grossly negligent.

SECTION 10. Section 47-5-543, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-543. (1) Within sixty (60) days after the formation of the corporation pursuant to the provisions of Section 47-5-535, the State Department of Corrections shall lease to the corporation all existing prison industries including the buildings, land, furnishings, equipment and other chattel used in the operation of such industries. Such lease shall be agreed upon by the State Department of Corrections, State Department of Finance and Administration and the corporation. The initial term of such lease shall not exceed six (6) years, provided that such lease may be renewed for additional successive terms of years not to exceed six (6) years in any one (1) renewal. No sublease to the corporation shall be in excess of that amount for which the department is obligated to pay under any lease agreement with any other state agency. Any receivable and remaining funds shall be transferred to the corporation after the payment of any existing liabilities. No operating loss of any type shall be transferred to the corporation. The State Department of Corrections shall continue to manage and operate the prison industries until such industries are leased to the corporation. When leasing any prison industry program to the corporation, the corporation shall exercise a reasonable effort to employ any personnel of the State Department of Corrections who are currently involved in any prison industry program being leased to the corporation. Before the leasing of the prison industries, buildings, lands and other items mentioned herein to the corporation, the State Auditor of Public Accounts shall perform a comprehensive audit of all the items and things mentioned herein which are to be leased by the department to the corporation. The corporation may expand, eliminate, suspend or alter any of its industries as it sees fit.

(2) Any lands, buildings, equipment, furnishings, livestock, supplies and vehicles used in the department's farming operations which were leased or transferred to the nonprofit corporation under subsection (1) shall be transferred to the department. Any personnel in the department's farming operations employed by the nonprofit corporation who desire to be reassigned to the department and who are under state service may be reassigned to the department.

(3) The department is not required to lease land, buildings, equipment, furnishings or other chattel used in its prison agricultural enterprises.

SECTION 11. Section 47-5-545, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-545. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, after the commissioning and implementation of a marketing feasibility study for any proposed new prison industry, the corporation may establish such prison industry. Before any new industry is established, the corporation shall hold a hearing to determine the impact such industry may have on the private sector market. The corporation shall provide adequate and advance notice regarding the nature, time, date and place of such hearing. After the hearing which is required under this section, the corporation may commence negotiations with the State Department of Corrections, with the Secretary of State, or his designee, serving as a mediator, regarding the leasing of land and other chattels for the purpose of establishing any new industry.

SECTION 12. Section 47-5-547, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-547. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, any training program or auxiliary program associated with any existing prison industry shall be transferred to the corporation. The corporation is empowered and authorized to establish in participation with any community or junior college or state institution of higher learning, any training or auxiliary program for existing prison industries or for any industries which the corporation might create. Such community or junior college or state institution of higher learning shall provide assistance in business planning, marketing and analysis of existing or projected industries. These industrial services shall be contracted with any appropriate community or junior college or state institution of higher learning when these industries are developed at other correction sites.

SECTION 13. Section 47-5-549, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-549. Any service or item manufactured, processed, grown or produced by the corporation from its prison industries may be furnished or sold to any legislative, executive or judicial branch of the state, any political subdivision or any governing authority of the state, any other state, any school, college or university of the state, any foreign government, any agency of the federal government or to any private entity. The corporation shall make reasonable efforts to purchase raw materials from in-state vendors. The prices for industry-made products shall be established by the board of directors of the corporation or its designee.

SECTION 14. Section 47-5-551, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-551. In the event the corporation is dissolved or its lease of any prison industry program expires or is otherwise terminated, all property relating to such prison industry program which ceases to function because of such termination or dissolution, including all funds, buildings, land, furnishings, equipment and other chattels subsequently purchased or otherwise acquired by the corporation in connection with its continued operation of that program, automatically reverts to full ownership by the department.

SECTION 15. Section 47-5-553, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-553. Before any prison industry may commence operations, the chief executive officer of the corporation must communicate with the Commissioner of Corrections regarding the proper security for the facility. If at anytime the Commissioner of Corrections recognizes a need for improvement in the security at any facility, then he or she shall communicate to the corporation regarding what improvements are needed for the facility to be properly secured. The corporation shall furnish its own security within the parameters of any prison industry work area.

SECTION 16. Section 47-5-555, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-555. The department shall, subject to the necessary security requirements and the needs of the corporation, provide to the corporation sufficient inmate labor for the various prison industry programs. The department may adopt rules

and regulations as may be necessary to govern the use of inmates by the corporation. The corporation shall establish policies and procedures, subject to the approval of the department, relating to the use of inmates in the prison industry programs.

SECTION 17. Section 47-5-557, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-557. Any inmate who performs work for the corporation, except those inmates employed by the corporation in the Prison Industry Enhancement Program under Section 47-5-1251, shall not be deemed an agent, employee or involuntary servant of the corporation while performing such work or while going to and from work or other specified areas.

SECTION 18. Section 47-5-559, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-559. The corporation shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature, on or before January 1 of each year, a report on the status of the correctional work programs, including, but not limited to, the programs and funds which have been transferred to the corporation, the programs and funds to be taken over within the next year and the proposed use of the profits from such programs, a breakdown of the amount of nominate labor used, work subcontracted to other vendors, use of consultants, finished goods purchased for resale, and the number of inmates working in the correctional work programs at the time of the report. In addition, the corporation shall submit to the department, the Governor and the Legislature an annual independently audited financial statement and such other information as may be requested by the Legislature together with recommendations from the corporation relating to provisions for reasonable tax incentives to private enterprises that employ inmates, parolees or former inmates who have participated in correctional work programs. The department shall include, as a portion of its annual report, a report on post-release job placement and the rate of subsequent contact with the correctional system for those inmates who have participated in the correctional work programs operated by the corporation and by the department. Beginning January 1, 1991, the State Auditor shall conduct an annual financial audit of the corporation in conjunction with an independent audit conducted by the corporation's auditors. The State Auditor and the legislative PEER committee shall also conduct a biennial performance audit of the corporation for the period beginning January 1, 1991, through January 1, 1993, and thereafter upon the joint request of the Senate Corrections Committee, House * * * Corrections Committee, Senate Finance Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee.

SECTION 19. Section 47-5-561, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-561. (1) In addition to its other powers, the corporation shall have the power to request, through the department, an appropriation of general revenue funds for the purposes of operation of, addition to or renovation of facilities or correctional work programs at the various correctional institutions; however, upon receipt of such appropriation, the rental paid by the corporation for the operation of or such new remodeled or renovated facilities or the operation of a correctional work program shall be sufficient to amortize its cost over a period of five (5) years.

(2) The corporation shall maintain those prison industries funds in excess of that amount necessary for sustaining quarterly or monthly operations of the corporation in an interest-bearing account best serving the proper management of corporation funds and earning the maximum amount of interest allowed by law. The corporation shall cause monies from the interest-bearing account to be deposited quarterly or monthly into the corporation's checking account in order to pay the legal debts of the corporation, approved for payment by the corporation.

SECTION 20. Section 47-5-563, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-563. (1) The department may adopt such rules as may be necessary to govern the use of inmates by the corporation; however, such rules shall be related only to the need for security, inmate projections, and efficient operation of each institution.

(2) The corporation, with the input of the department, shall establish policies and procedures subject to the approval of the department's legal counsel relating to the use of inmates in the correctional work programs.

(3) All such policies and procedures adopted by the department and the corporation shall be placed on file in the Office of the Secretary of State.

SECTION 21. Section 47-5-565, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-565. To carry out the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, the provisions of Sections 47-5-301 et seq., and 47-5-501 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, the corporation shall authorize the transfer and expending of monies from the Prison Industries Fund.

SECTION 22. Section 47-5-567, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-567. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, no inmate shall be eligible for unemployment compensation or workmen's compensation whether employed by the corporation or by any other private enterprise operating on the grounds of a correctional institution or elsewhere where such employment shall be a part of a correctional work program or work release program of either the corporation or the department.

SECTION 23. Section 47-5-569, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-569. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, if the department leases a single correctional work program at any correctional institution to the corporation, the corporation shall lease all such correctional work programs at that institution. Any rent paid by the corporation to the department shall be deposited in a correctional programs trust fund for enhancement of education and training, post-release job placement, and other correctional purposes related to the purposes of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575.

(2) All leases of department-owned land for the funding or operations of the corporation shall be subject to the approval of the corporation, the Mississippi Department of Corrections and the Public Procurement Review Board.

(3) This section shall not apply to any program within the prison agricultural enterprises operated by the department.

SECTION 24. Section 47-5-571, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-571. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, no goods, wares, services or merchandise manufactured, mined or offered in whole or in part by prisoners shall be sold or offered by any person or other authority except by the corporation, as authorized by Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575.

SECTION 25. Section 47-5-573, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-573. (1) In adopting or modifying master plans for correctional work programs, and in the administration of the Department of Corrections, it shall be the objective of the department to develop a logical sequence of vocational training, employment by correctional work programs, and post-release job placement for inmates participating in correctional work programs.

(2) The Department of Corrections shall establish guidelines for the development of correctional work programs.

(3) The needs of the corporation shall be considered by the department when assigning and transferring prisoners to correctional institutions. The following criteria shall be used when assigning and transferring inmates:

(a) Skills of the inmate relevant to the corporation's industries;

(b) Security classification of the inmate relevant to the type of corporation's industry;

(c) Duration of availability of the inmate for employment by the corporation;

(d) Establishment of a concept of potentially rehabilitative inmate.

SECTION 26. Section 47-5-575, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-5-575. Any records or reports which relate to the financial aspect or operations of the corporation, with the exception of any trade secrets, shall be considered as public records and shall be subject to the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

SECTION 27. Section 47-5-1251, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-1251. (1) There is created the "Prison Industry Enhancement Program," through which the Department of Corrections may contract with the nonprofit corporation organized and formed under the "Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990" to employ offenders within the custody of the department or prison industries.

(2) Except as provided in Section 47-5-579, which is the provision authorizing a work initiative, the offenders must be under the supervision of the department at all times while working. The offenders shall be paid, by the entity or entities, wages at a rate which is not less than that paid for similar work in the locality in which the work is performed. The wages may be subject to deductions which shall not, in the aggregate, exceed eighty percent (80%) of gross wages. The deductions shall be limited to the following:

- (a) To pay federal, state and local taxes;
- (b) To pay reasonable charges for room and board as determined by regulations issued by the Commissioner of Corrections;
- (c) To support the offender's family pursuant to state statute, court order or agreement by the offender; and
- (d) To pay contributions equaling not less than five percent (5%) but not more than twenty percent (20%) of the offender's gross wages into the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund as created in Section 99-41-29.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, the offenders shall not be qualified to receive any payments for unemployment compensation while incarcerated. However, the offenders shall not solely by their status as offenders be deprived of the right to participate in benefits made available by the federal or state government to other individuals on the basis of their employment, such as workers' compensation.

(4) Offenders who participate in the employment must do so voluntarily and must agree in advance to the specific deductions made from gross wages pursuant to this section and to all other financial arrangements or benefits resulting from participation in the employment.

(5) The Department of Corrections shall develop rules and regulations to meet the criteria established by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program.

(6) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, *** 2027.

SECTION 28. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-473, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL FACILITY PILOT WORK RELEASE PROGRAM AND INCLUDE HINDS COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-577, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL ON THE MISSISSIPPI PRISON INDUSTRIES ACT OF 1990 FROM JULY 1, 2024, TO JULY 1, 2027, AND TO TRANSFER THE REPEALER IN SECTION 47-5-579 TO SECTION 47-5-577; TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-5-579 AND 47-5-539, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PERCENTAGES AND THE INMATE SAVINGS PERCENTAGES UNDER THE MDOC WORK RELEASE PROGRAM AND TO EXPAND THE PILOT WORK INITIATIVE TO ANY STATE, REGIONAL OR PRIVATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 47-5-531, 47-5-533, 47-5-535, 47-5-537, 47-5-541, 47-5-543, 47-5-545, 47-5-547, 47-5-549, 47-5-551, 47-5-553, 47-5-555, 47-5-557, 47-5-559, 47-5-561, 47-5-563, 47-5-565, 47-5-567, 47-5-569, 47-5-571, 47-5-573 AND 47-5-575, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972; TO AMEND

SECTION 47-5-1251, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Daniel H. Sparks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Kevin Horan, John G. Faulkner

On motion of Rep. Currie the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne, Remak. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2448: "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; extend repealer and authorize parole for certain juvenile homicide offenders.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 479, Laws of 2021, is brought forward as follows:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act."

SECTION 2. Section 47-7-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-3. (1) Every prisoner who has been convicted of any offense against the State of Mississippi, and is confined in the execution of a judgment of such

conviction in the Mississippi Department of Corrections for a definite term or terms of one (1) year or over, or for the term of his or her natural life, whose record of conduct shows that such prisoner has observed the rules of the department, and who has served the minimum required time for parole eligibility, may be released on parole as set forth herein:

(a) Habitual offenders. Except as provided by Sections 99-19-81 through 99-19-87, no person sentenced as a confirmed and habitual criminal shall be eligible for parole;

(b) Sex offenders. Any person who has been sentenced for a sex offense as defined in Section 45-33-23(h) shall not be released on parole except for a person under the age of nineteen (19) who has been convicted under Section 97-3-67;

(c) Capital offenders. No person sentenced for the following offenses shall be eligible for parole:

(i) Capital murder committed on or after July 1, 1994, as defined in Section 97-3-19(2);

(ii) Any offense to which an offender is sentenced to life imprisonment under the provisions of Section 99-19-101; or

(iii) Any offense to which an offender is sentenced to life imprisonment without eligibility for parole under the provisions of Section 99-19-101, whose crime was committed on or after July 1, 1994;

(d) Murder. No person sentenced for murder in the first degree, whose crime was committed on or after June 30, 1995, or murder in the second degree, as defined in Section 97-3-19, shall be eligible for parole;

(e) Human trafficking. No person sentenced for human trafficking, as defined in Section 97-3-54.1, whose crime was committed on or after July 1, 2014, shall be eligible for parole;

(f) Drug trafficking. No person sentenced for trafficking and aggravated trafficking, as defined in Section 41-29-139(f) through (g), shall be eligible for parole;

(g) Offenses specifically prohibiting parole release. No person shall be eligible for parole who is convicted of any offense that specifically prohibits parole release;

(h) (i) Offenders eligible for parole consideration for offenses committed after June 30, 1995. Except as provided in paragraphs (a) through (g) of this subsection, offenders may be considered eligible for parole release as follows:

1. Nonviolent crimes. All persons sentenced for a nonviolent offense shall be eligible for parole only after they have served twenty-five percent (25%) or ten (10) years, whichever is less, of the sentence or sentences imposed by the trial court. For purposes of this paragraph, "nonviolent crime" means a felony not designated as a crime of violence in Section 97-3-2.

2. Violent crimes. A person who is sentenced for a violent offense as defined in Section 97-3-2, except robbery with a deadly weapon as defined in Section 97-3-79, drive-by shooting as defined in Section 97-3-109, and carjacking as defined in Section 97-3-117, shall be eligible for parole only after having served fifty percent (50%) or twenty (20) years, whichever is less, of the sentence or sentences imposed by the trial court. Those persons sentenced for robbery with a deadly weapon as defined in Section 97-3-79, drive-by shooting as defined in Section 97-3-109, and carjacking as defined in Section 97-3-117, shall be eligible for parole only after having served sixty percent (60%) or twenty-five (25) years, whichever is less, of the sentence or sentences imposed by the trial court.

3. Nonviolent and nonhabitual drug offenses. A person who has been sentenced to a drug offense pursuant to Section 41-29-139(a) through (d), whose crime was committed after June 30, 1995, shall be eligible for parole only after he has served twenty-five percent (25%) or ten (10) years, whichever is less, of the sentence or sentences imposed.

(ii) Parole hearing required. All persons eligible for parole under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (h) who are serving a sentence or sentences for a crime of violence, as defined in Section 97-3-2, shall be required to

have a parole hearing before the Parole Board pursuant to Section 47-7-17, prior to parole release.

(iii) Geriatric parole. Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (h), a person serving a sentence who has reached the age of sixty (60) or older and who has served no less than ten (10) years of the sentence or sentences imposed by the trial court shall be eligible for parole. Any person eligible for parole under this subparagraph (iii) shall be required to have a parole hearing before the board prior to parole release. No inmate shall be eligible for parole under this subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (h) if:

1. The inmate is sentenced as a habitual offender under Sections 99-19-81 through 99-19-87;
2. The inmate is sentenced for a crime of violence under Section 97-3-2;
3. The inmate is sentenced for an offense that specifically prohibits parole release;
4. The inmate is sentenced for trafficking in controlled substances under Section 41-29-139(f);
5. The inmate is sentenced for a sex crime; or
6. The inmate has not served one-fourth (1/4) of the sentence imposed by the court.

(iv) Parole consideration as authorized by the trial court. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subsection, any offender who has not committed a crime of violence under Section 97-3-2 and has served twenty-five percent (25%) or more of his sentence may be paroled by the State Parole Board if, after the sentencing judge or if the sentencing judge is retired, disabled or incapacitated, the senior circuit judge authorizes the offender to be eligible for parole consideration; or if the senior circuit judge must be recused, another circuit judge of the same district or a senior status judge may hear and decide the matter. A petition for parole eligibility consideration pursuant to this subparagraph (iv) shall be filed in the original criminal cause or causes, and the offender shall serve an executed copy of the petition on the District Attorney. The court may, in its discretion, require the District Attorney to respond to the petition.

(2) The State Parole Board shall, by rules and regulations, establish a method of determining a tentative parole hearing date for each eligible offender taken into the custody of the Department of Corrections. The tentative parole hearing date shall be determined within ninety (90) days after the department has assumed custody of the offender. Except as provided in Section 47-7-18, the parole hearing date shall occur when the offender is within thirty (30) days of the month of his parole eligibility date. Any parole eligibility date shall not be earlier than as required in this section.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an inmate shall not be eligible to receive earned time, good time or any other administrative reduction of time which shall reduce the time necessary to be served for parole eligibility as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Any inmate within forty-eight (48) months of his parole eligibility date and who meets the criteria established by the classification board shall receive priority for placement in any educational development and job-training programs that are part of his or her parole case plan. Any inmate refusing to participate in an educational development or job-training program, including, but not limited to, programs required as part of the case plan, shall be in jeopardy of noncompliance with the case plan and may be denied parole.

(5) In addition to other requirements, if an offender is convicted of a drug or driving under the influence felony, the offender must complete a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program prior to parole, or the offender shall be required to complete a post release drug and alcohol program as a condition of parole.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (1)(a) through (h) of this section, all other persons shall be eligible for parole after serving twenty-five percent (25%) of the sentence or sentences imposed by the trial court, or, if sentenced to thirty (30) years or more, after serving ten (10) years of the sentence or sentences imposed by the trial court.

(7) The Corrections and Criminal Justice Oversight Task Force established in Section 47-5-6 shall develop and submit recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislature annually on or before December 1st concerning issues relating to juvenile and habitual offender parole reform and to review and monitor the implementation of Chapter 479, Laws of 2021.

(8) The amendments contained in Chapter 479, Laws of 2021, shall apply retroactively from and after July 1, 1995.

(9) Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in this section, a person who was sentenced before July 1, 2021, may be considered for parole if the person's sentence would have been parole eligible before July 1, 2021.

(10) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, *** 2027.

SECTION 3. Section 47-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-5. (1) The State Parole Board, created under former Section 47-7-5, is hereby created, continued and reconstituted and shall be composed of five (5) members. The Governor shall appoint the members with the advice and consent of the Senate. All terms shall be at the will and pleasure of the Governor. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the board.

(2) Any person who is appointed to serve on the board shall possess at least a bachelor's degree or a high school diploma and four (4) years' work experience. Each member shall devote his full time to the duties of his office and shall not engage in any other business or profession or hold any other public office. A member shall receive compensation or per diem in addition to his or her salary. Each member shall keep such hours and workdays as required of full-time state employees under Section 25-1-98. Individuals shall be appointed to serve on the board without reference to their political affiliations. Each board member, including the chairman, may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41. Each member of the board shall complete annual training developed based on guidance from the National Institute of Corrections, the Association of Paroling Authorities International, or the American Probation and Parole Association. Each first-time appointee of the board shall, within sixty (60) days of appointment, or as soon as practical, complete training for first-time Parole Board members developed in consideration of information from the National Institute of Corrections, the Association of Paroling Authorities International, or the American Probation and Parole Association.

(3) The board shall have exclusive responsibility for the granting of parole as provided by Sections 47-7-3 and 47-7-17 and shall have exclusive authority for revocation of the same. The board shall have exclusive responsibility for investigating clemency recommendations upon request of the Governor.

(4) The board, its members and staff, shall be immune from civil liability for any official acts taken in good faith and in exercise of the board's legitimate governmental authority.

(5) The budget of the board shall be funded through a separate line item within the general appropriation bill for the support and maintenance of the department. Employees of the department which are employed by or assigned to the board shall work under the guidance and supervision of the board. There shall be an executive secretary to the board who shall be responsible for all administrative and general accounting duties related to the board. The executive secretary shall keep and preserve all records and papers pertaining to the board.

(6) The board shall have no authority or responsibility for supervision of offenders granted a release for any reason, including, but not limited to, probation, parole or executive clemency or other offenders requiring the same through interstate compact agreements. The supervision shall be provided exclusively by the staff of the Division of Community Corrections of the department.

(7) (a) The Parole Board is authorized to select and place offenders in an electronic monitoring program under the conditions and criteria imposed by the Parole Board. The conditions, restrictions and requirements of Section 47-7-17 and Sections 47-5-1001 through 47-5-1015 shall apply to the Parole Board and any offender placed in an electronic monitoring program by the Parole Board.

(b) Any offender placed in an electronic monitoring program under this subsection shall pay the program fee provided in Section 47-5-1013. The program fees shall be deposited in the special fund created in Section 47-5-1007.

(c) The department shall have absolute immunity from liability for any injury resulting from a determination by the Parole Board that an offender be placed in an electronic monitoring program.

(8) (a) The Parole Board shall maintain a central registry of paroled inmates. The Parole Board shall place the following information on the registry: name, address, photograph, crime for which paroled, the date of the end of parole or flat-time date and other information deemed necessary. The Parole Board shall immediately remove information on a parolee at the end of his parole or flat-time date.

(b) When a person is placed on parole, the Parole Board shall inform the parolee of the duty to report to the parole officer any change in address ten (10) days before changing address.

(c) The Parole Board shall utilize an Internet website or other electronic means to release or publish the information.

(d) Records maintained on the registry shall be open to law enforcement agencies and the public and shall be available no later than July 1, 2003.

(9) An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the Parole Board shall be required to grant parole to an inmate convicted of capital murder or a sex crime.

(10) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2027.

SECTION 4. Section 47-7-3.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-7-3.1. (1) In consultation with the Parole Board, the department shall develop a case plan for all parole-eligible inmates to guide an inmate's rehabilitation while in the department's custody and to reduce the likelihood of recidivism after release.

(2) The case plan shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Programming and treatment requirements based on the results of a risk and needs assessment;

(b) Any programming or treatment requirements contained in the sentencing order; and

(c) General behavior requirements in accordance with the rules and policies of the department.

(3) With respect to parole-eligible inmates admitted to the department's custody on or after July 1, 2021, the department shall complete the case plan within ninety (90) days of admission. With respect to parole-eligible inmates admitted to the department's custody before July 1, 2021, the department shall complete the case plan by January 1, 2022.

(4) The department shall provide the inmate with a written copy of the case plan and the inmate's caseworker shall explain the conditions set forth in the case plan.

(a) Within ninety (90) days of admission, the caseworker shall notify the inmate of their parole eligibility date as calculated in accordance with Section 47-7-3(3);

(b) At the time a parole-eligible inmate receives the case plan, the department shall send the case plan to the Parole Board for approval.

(5) With respect to parole-eligible inmates admitted to the department's custody after July 1, 2021, the department shall ensure that the case plan is achievable prior to the inmate's parole eligibility date. With respect to parole-eligible inmates admitted to the department's custody before July 1, 2021, the department shall, to the extent possible, ensure that the case plan is achievable prior to the inmate's parole eligibility date or next parole hearing date, or date of release, whichever is sooner.

(6) The caseworker shall meet with the inmate every eight (8) weeks from the date the offender received the case plan to review the inmate's case plan progress.

(7) Every four (4) months the department shall electronically submit a progress report on each parole-eligible inmate's case plan to the Parole Board. The board may meet to review an inmate's case plan and may provide written input to the caseworker on the inmate's progress toward completion of the case plan.

(8) The Parole Board shall provide semiannually to the Oversight Task Force the number of parole hearings held, the number of prisoners released to parole without a hearing and the number of parolees released after a hearing.

(9) If the Department of Corrections fails to adequately provide opportunity and access for the completion of such case plans, the Department of Corrections shall, to the extent possible, contract with regional jail facilities that offer educational development and job-training programs to facilitate the fulfillment of the case plans of parole-eligible inmates.

SECTION 5. Section 47-7-3.2, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-7-3.2. (1) Notwithstanding Section 47-5-138, 47-5-139, 47-5-138.1 or 47-5-142, no person convicted of a criminal offense on or after July 1, 2014, shall be released by the department until he or she has served no less than the percentage of the sentence or sentences imposed by the court as set forth below:

(a) Twenty-five percent (25%) or ten (10) years, whichever is less, for a nonviolent crime;

(b) Fifty percent (50%) or twenty (20) years, whichever is less, for a crime of violence pursuant to Section 97-3-2, except for robbery with a deadly weapon as defined in Section 97-3-79, drive-by shooting as defined in Section 97-3-109, or carjacking as defined in Section 97-3-117;

(c) Sixty percent (60%) or twenty-five (25) years, whichever is less, for robbery with a deadly weapon as defined in Section 97-3-79, drive-by shooting as defined in Section 97-3-109, or carjacking as defined in Section 97-3-117.

(2) This section shall not apply to:

(a) Offenders sentenced to life imprisonment;

(b) Offenders convicted as habitual offenders pursuant to Sections 99-19-81 through 99-19-87;

(c) Offenders serving a sentence for a sex offense; or

(d) Offenders serving a sentence for trafficking pursuant to Section 41-29-139(f).

SECTION 6. Section 47-7-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-7-15. The board shall adopt an official seal of which the courts shall take judicial notice. Decisions of the board shall be made by majority vote, except as provided in Section 47-7-5(9).

The board shall keep a record of its acts and shall notify each institution of its decisions relating to the persons who are or have been confined therein. At the close of each fiscal year the board shall submit to the Governor and to the Legislature a report with statistical and other data of its work.

SECTION 7. Section 47-7-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-7-17. (1) Within one (1) year after his admission and at such intervals thereafter as it may determine, the board shall secure and consider all pertinent information regarding each offender, except any under sentence of death or otherwise ineligible for parole, including the circumstances of his offense, his previous social history, his previous criminal record, including any records of law enforcement agencies or of a youth court regarding that offender's juvenile criminal history, his conduct, employment and attitude while in the custody of the department, the case plan created to prepare the offender for parole, and the reports of such physical and mental examinations as have been made. The board shall furnish at least three (3) months' written notice to each such offender of the date on which he is eligible for parole.

(2) Except as provided in Section 47-7-18, the board shall require a parole-eligible offender to have a hearing as required in this chapter before the board and to be interviewed. The hearing shall be held no later than thirty (30) days prior to the month of eligibility. No application for parole of a person convicted of a capital offense shall be considered by the board unless and until notice of the filing of such application shall have been published at least once a week for two (2) weeks in a newspaper published in or having general circulation in the county in which the crime was committed. The board shall, within thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearing,

also give notice of the filing of the application for parole to the victim of the offense for which the prisoner is incarcerated and being considered for parole or, in case the offense be homicide, a designee of the immediate family of the victim, provided the victim or designated family member has furnished in writing a current address to the board for such purpose. The victim or designated family member shall be provided an opportunity to be heard by the board before the board makes a decision regarding release on parole. The board shall consider whether any restitution ordered has been paid in full. Parole release shall, at the hearing, be ordered only for the best interest of society, not as an award of clemency; it shall not be considered to be a reduction of sentence or pardon. An offender shall be placed on parole only when arrangements have been made for his proper employment or for his maintenance and care, and when the board believes that he is able and willing to fulfill the obligations of a law-abiding citizen. When the board determines that the offender will need transitional housing upon release in order to improve the likelihood of the offender becoming a law-abiding citizen, the board may parole the offender with the condition that the inmate spends no more than six (6) months in a transitional reentry center. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the release of an offender on parole, the director of records of the department shall give the written notice which is required pursuant to Section 47-5-177. Every offender while on parole shall remain in the legal custody of the department from which he was released and shall be amenable to the orders of the board. Upon determination by the board that an offender is eligible for release by parole, notice shall also be given within at least fifteen (15) days before release, by the board to the victim of the offense or the victim's family member, as indicated above, regarding the date when the offender's release shall occur, provided a current address of the victim or the victim's family member has been furnished in writing to the board for such purpose.

(3) Failure to provide notice to the victim or the victim's family member of the filing of the application for parole or of any decision made by the board regarding parole shall not

constitute grounds for vacating an otherwise lawful parole determination nor shall it create any right or liability, civilly or criminally, against the board or any member thereof.

(4) A letter of protest against granting an offender parole shall not be treated as the conclusive and only reason for not granting parole.

(5) The board may adopt such other rules not inconsistent with law as it may deem proper or necessary with respect to the eligibility of offenders for parole, the conduct of parole hearings, or conditions to be imposed upon parolees, including a condition that the parolee submit, as provided in Section 47-5-601 to any type of breath, saliva or urine chemical analysis test, the purpose of which is to detect the possible presence of alcohol or a substance prohibited or controlled by any law of the State of Mississippi or the United States. The board shall have the authority to adopt rules related to the placement of certain offenders on unsupervised parole and for the operation of transitional reentry centers. However, in no case shall an offender be placed on unsupervised parole before he has served a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the period of supervised parole.

SECTION 8. Section 47-7-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

47-7-18 (1) No inmate convicted of a sex offense as defined by Section 45-33-23(h), a crime of violence as defined by Section 97-3-2, or both, nor an inmate who is eligible for geriatric parole shall be released on parole without a hearing before the Parole Board as required by Section 47-7-17. All other inmates eligible for parole pursuant to Section 47-7-3 shall be released from incarceration to parole supervision on the inmate's parole eligibility date, without a hearing before the board, if:

(a) The inmate has met the requirements of the parole case plan established pursuant to Section 47-7-3.1;

(b) A victim of the offense has not requested the board conduct a hearing;

(c) The inmate has not received a serious or major violation report within the past six (6) months;

(d) The inmate has agreed to the conditions of supervision; and

(e) The inmate has a discharge plan approved by the board.

(2) At least thirty (30) days prior to an inmate's parole eligibility date, the department shall notify the board in writing of the inmate's compliance or noncompliance with the case plan. If an inmate fails to meet a requirement of the case plan, prior to the parole eligibility date, he or she shall have a hearing before the board to determine if completion of the case plan can occur while in the community.

(3) Any inmate for whom there is insufficient information for the department to determine compliance with the case plan shall have a hearing with the board.

(4) A hearing shall be held with the board if requested by the victim following notification of the inmate's parole release date pursuant to Section 47-7-17.

(5) A hearing shall be held by the board if a law enforcement official from the community to which the inmate will return contacts the board or the department and requests a hearing to consider information relevant to public safety risks posed by the inmate if paroled at the initial parole eligibility date. The law enforcement official shall submit an explanation documenting these concerns for the board to consider.

(6) If a parole hearing is held, the board may determine the inmate has sufficiently complied with the case plan or that the incomplete case plan is not the fault of the inmate and that granting parole is not incompatible with public safety, the board may then parole the inmate with appropriate conditions. If the board determines that the inmate has sufficiently complied with the case plan but the discharge plan indicates that the inmate does not have appropriate housing immediately upon release, the board may parole the inmate to a transitional reentry center with the condition that the inmate spends no more than six (6) months in the center. If the board determines that the inmate has not substantively complied with the requirement(s) of the case plan it may deny parole. If the board denies parole, the board may schedule a subsequent parole hearing and, if a new date is scheduled, the board shall identify the corrective action the inmate will need to take in order to be granted parole. Any inmate not released at the time of the inmate's initial parole date shall have a parole hearing at least every year.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AUTOMATIC REPEALER ON THE MISSISSIPPI EARNED PAROLE ELIGIBILITY ACT OF 2021; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 479, LAWS OF 2021; TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-7-3, 47-7-5 AND BRING FORWARD SECTIONS 47-7-3.1, 47-7-3.2, 47-7-15, 47-7-17 AND 47-7-18, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Juan Barnett, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Daniel H. Sparks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Becky Currie, Kevin Horan, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Blackwell, Hobgood-Wilkes, Oliver. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Barnett, Guice, Horne, Massengill, McCray, Osborne. Total-6.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following section shall be codified as Section 97-37-39, Mississippi Code of 1972:

97-37-39. (1) (a) Any person who manufactures, possesses, or uses a machine gun conversion device and who is not otherwise authorized by federal law to manufacture, possess or use a machine gun conversion device shall be guilty of a felony.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings described herein:

(i) "Machine gun conversion" means a device that is designed, made and intended to convert a semiautomatic firearm into a machine gun. The term "machine gun conversion" does not include any semi-automatic firearm or any device designed only to aid the operator of a semi-automatic firearm to discharge the firearm more accurately or to pull the trigger more quickly as long as the operator must still function the trigger of the firearm for each shot fired.

(ii) Machine gun means any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one (1) shot without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

(2) Any person convicted of a first offense in violation of this act shall be guilty of a felony, and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not more than ten (10) years, fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(3) A person convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be charged with a felony under this act and shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of not more than fifteen (15) years, fined not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(4) This section shall be known as the "Jeremy Todd Malone Law."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 97-37-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CRIMINALIZE THE MANUFACTURE, POSSESSION AND USE OF MACHINE GUN CONVERSION DEVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Kevin Felsher, Zachary Grady
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Barnett, Blackwell, Brown, Burch, Calvert, Crawford, Eubanks, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Lancaster, Oliver, Smith. Total--13.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Massengill, McCray, Osborne, Sanford, Stevenson. Total-6.

Present--Faulkner, Hines, Johnson, Karriem, Rosebud, Summers. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4083: Suffrage; restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4083.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--98.

Nays--Currie, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bailey, Bounds, Crawford, Ford, J, Foster, Jackson, K, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith. Total-17.

Present--Boyd, R, Calvert, Mattox. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4080: Suffrage; restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4080. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--Guice, Horne. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Bounds, Boyd, R, Carpenter, Creekmore, Currie, Ford, J, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Smith. Total-21.

Present--Calvert, Crawford, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4055: Suffrage; restore to Elaine Goudy of Covington County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4055. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--95.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Bounds, Boyd, R, Byrd, Carpenter, Currie, Felsher, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith, Turner. Total-25.

Present--Calvert, Crawford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--64

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4056: Suffrage; restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4056. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the

provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--99.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Bounds, Carpenter, Currie, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith. Total-21.

Present--Calvert, Crawford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--66

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4057: Suffrage; restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4057**. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Bounds, Carpenter, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith, Turner. Total-22.

Present--Boyd, R, Calvert, Crawford. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--65

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4078: Suffrage; restore to Chanty Williams of Coahoma County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4078**. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--91.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Arnold, Barnett, Bounds, Boyd, R, Carpenter, Currie, Felsher, Ford, J, Foster, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Jackson, K, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, Mangold, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith, Turner. Total-29.

Present--Calvert, Crawford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4079: Suffrage; restore to Felisha Turner of DeSoto County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4079. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Bounds, Boyd, R, Carpenter, Currie, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith, Turner. Total-26.

Present--Boyd, A, Calvert, Crawford. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4053: Suffrage; restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4053. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Arnold, Barnett, Bounds, Boyd, R, Carpenter, Currie, Eure, Felsher, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lott, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith, Turner. Total-27.

Present--Calvert, Crawford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--62

Representative Sanford entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. R. No. 116: Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 4120: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2510: Neshoba County; increase authorized contribution amount made to Philadelphia Transit.

S. B. No. 2663: City of Carthage; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax.

S. B. No. 2925: Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1646: City of West Point; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 1716: Jackson County; authorize contributions to various organizations.

H. B. No. 1743: Humphreys County; authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation.

H. B. No. 1752: City of Fulton; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax.

H. B. No. 1758: Jefferson Davis County; increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage collection and disposal.

H. B. No. 1931: Greene County; extend repeal date on assessments in justice court.

H. B. No. 1948: City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within.

H. B. No. 1968: Humphreys County; authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation.

H. B. No. 4090: Adams County; authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 4115: City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Creekmore moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Janis Knox Sanders, Martha Addy Robbins, Bryan Dunnam, Robert Ferrell Davidson, Cindy Wood, Robert Henderson, Jr. , Jerry Shiverdecker, and James Rayford "Ray" Clark, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Samuel "Eric" Storm, which motion prevailed.

At 2:37 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Friday, April 26, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-FOURTH DAY, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMENDED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 60: Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of.

H. C. R. No. 61: Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan; commend upon winning NCAA Division I national title in shot put.

H. C. R. No. 62: Jalani Davis; recognize and commend for winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Women's Weight Throw.

H. C. R. No. 63: Neshoba Central High School "Lady Rockets" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

S. C. R. No. 547: Extend the condolences of the Legislature on the passing of the first female Mayor of Meridian Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. B. No. 3231: PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1723: Pike County; authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize certain lease-purchase arrangement.

H. B. No. 4127: City of Gautier; authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.

S. B. No. 2486: Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process.

Adopted: 04/25/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 548: Suspend rules for introduction; revisions to PERS and public education funding. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 547: Extend the condolences of the Legislature on the passing of the first female Mayor of Meridian Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry. Rules.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. B. No. 3231: PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature. State Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. B. No. 4129: (Representative Ladner) City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation. Local and Private Legislation.

H. B. No. 4130: (Representatives Roberson, McCarty, Owen) "Mississippi Student Funding Formula"; create to provide funding mechanism for public schools. Education.

H. R. No. 147: (Representative Bell (65th)) Eris T. Sims; commend upon being the NAACP Chief of Staff and for numerous accomplishments with the NAACP. Rules.

H. R. No. 148: (Representative Butler-Washington) Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc.; commend in honor of Women's History Month. Rules.

H. R. No. 149: (Representatives Bell (65th), Butler-Washington, Banks) Joe Trotter Dockins; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. B. No. 4130: "Mississippi Student Funding Formula"; create to provide funding mechanism for public schools. Title Sufficient. Committee Substitute. Do Pass.

ROB ROBERSON, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 135: SFC Clyde Williams; commend upon winning 2023 Army National Guard Director's 54 Award for State of Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 142: Bridgette Whiting; commend upon being named 2023-2024 Star Teacher for the Ocean Springs School District for the second nine weeks. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 144: South Panola High School Varsity Cheerleaders; commend on winning MHSAA Game Day Cheer Division. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 145: Greater Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) USA; commend on 160th anniversary. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 146: Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant; commend upon becoming the first African-American woman to attain the rank of admiral. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 543: Commend Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 548: Suspend rules for introduction; revisions to PERS and public education funding. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Ford, K called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-3. (1) When not otherwise specifically provided, the commissioner is authorized to make and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations to be coordinated, and carry out the general provisions of the Highway Safety Patrol and Driver's License Law of 1938.

(2) The commissioner shall have the authority to administer oaths.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with written approval from the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, the commissioner may enter into a lease or sublease agreement for space in the Department of Public Safety headquarters building with a third party for the purpose of providing services and assistance to the department and its employees. The proceeds received from the lease under this subsection shall be paid to the State Treasurer for deposit into the General Fund.

SECTION 2. Section 45-3-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-3-51. * * * Each person employed as a law enforcement officer or agent by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety who retires under the Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System, for superannuation or for reason of disability or a beneficiary of such * * * law enforcement officer or agent, who is killed in the line of duty shall be allowed to retain, as his personal property, one (1) sidearm which was issued under authority of Section 45-3-19 or 41-29-159. Likewise, a beneficiary of any law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty shall be allowed to retain the officer's sidearm.

SECTION 3. Section 45-9-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 634, 2024 Regular Session is amended as follows:

45-9-131. (1) Upon approval of the governing authority of the municipality or county, a member of any municipal or county law enforcement agency who retires under any state retirement system or leaves such employment after being employed for ten (10) continuous years of service may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement officer by the law enforcement agency from which he or she retired or by whom he or she was employed at the time of death. The governing authority of the municipality or county that employed the member of the law enforcement agency shall determine an agreed upon price to be paid for the sidearm.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, upon approval of the director of a state agency, board or commission, a law enforcement officer employed by a state agency, board or commission who retires under any state retirement system may be allowed to purchase, as his or her personal property, one (1) sidearm which was issued to the law enforcement officer by a state agency, board or commission. The state agency, board or commission that employed the law enforcement officer shall determine an agreed upon price to be paid for the sidearm.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section and subject to the satisfactory completion of any required background checks, the next of kin of a law enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty is authorized to purchase the sidearm that was issued to the officer. The amount to be paid for any * * * sidearm purchased under the authority of this subsection shall be an agreed upon price as determined by the appropriate governmental authority who employed the officer.

(4) * * * This section does not apply to a law enforcement officer employed by the Department of Public Safety or a beneficiary of a law enforcement officer employed by the Department of Public Safety, who, pursuant to Section 45-3-51, may retain one (1) sidearm upon the officer's retirement or death in the line of duty.

SECTION 4. (1) There is established the State Medical Examiner Task Force as a successor entity to the State Medical Examiner Advisory Council created under Section 41-61-55(3). The task force is comprised of the following nine (9) members:

- (a) The State Health Officer or the officer's designee;
- (b) The Dean of the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Medicine or the dean's designee;
- (c) The Commissioner of Public Safety;
- (d) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
- (e) The President of the Mississippi Coroners and Medical Examiners Association or the president's designee;
- (f) The President of the Mississippi Prosecutors Association or the president's designee;
- (g) The President of the Mississippi Public Defenders Association or the president's designee;
- (h) The President of the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police or the president's designee; and
- (i) The President of the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association or the president's designee.

Each member of the task force serves at the pleasure of the head of the member's agency or appointing authority.

(2) The members of the task force shall elect a member annually to serve as chair. A member may not serve as chair more than two (2) consecutive years. The chair shall call meetings of the task force and shall cause written notice of the meetings to be furnished to members of the task force at least thirty (30) days before the date of a meeting.

(3) Members of the task force must serve without compensation.

(4) The task force shall meet at least once annually.

(5) The first meeting of the task force must be held before September 30, 2024. Notice of the time and place of the first meeting must be provided to each member of the task force no less than sixty (60) days before the scheduled meeting.

(6) Before December 31 of each year, the task force shall prepare and submit an annual report containing recommendations and advice to the Legislature. The report must include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Identification of needs and means to improve the investigation of deaths affecting the public interest while using best practices;
- (b) Identification of state medical examiner resources; and
- (c) Recommendations to enhance the efficiency of the Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office.

SECTION 5. Section 41-61-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-61-55. (1) There is hereby created the position of State Medical Examiner, under the supervision of the Commissioner of Public Safety and within the

Office of Forensic Laboratories. The State Medical Examiner shall be appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety subject to review by the dean of the University of Mississippi Medical Center School of Medicine and the State Health Officer. The State Medical Examiner may be discharged only for good cause by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(2) The State Medical Examiner must obtain a license to practice medicine in Mississippi and be certified in forensic pathology by the American Board of Pathology. The State Medical Examiner may also be designated as the Chief Medical Examiner.

* * *

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO ENTER INTO A LEASE OR SUBLEASE AGREEMENT FOR SPACE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING WITH A THIRD PARTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND SECTION 45-3-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RETAIN A SIDEARM UPON RETIREMENT; TO AUTHORIZE A BENEFICIARY OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO RETAIN THE SIDEARM OF SUCH OFFICER OR AGENT; TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-131, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE NO. 634, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO CONFORM; TO CREATE THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER TASK FORCE TO REPLACE THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER ADVISORY COUNCIL; TO AMEND SECTION 41-61-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Briggs Hopson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Ford, Daryl Porter, Billy Adam Calvert

On motion of Rep. Ford, K the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, McCray, Osborne, Tubb, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-144-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-144-1. There is established the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program for the purpose of identifying and recruiting qualified university and college students * * * for medical or osteopathic school matriculation. The program shall consist of three (3) distinct phases through which participants will progress, including:

- (a) Undergraduate premedical education;
- (b) Medical or osteopathic school and residency; and
- (c) Post-residency entry into medical practice in a rural or underserved area of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 2. Section 37-144-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-144-5. The Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) Developing the administrative policy for the commission and the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program;
- (b) Promulgating rules and regulations, with the advice and consent of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, pertaining to the implementation and operation of the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program;
- (c) Developing and implementing strategies and activities for the identification and recruitment of students and for marketing the program and for the implementation of the program. In developing these strategies, the board shall seek the input of various organizations and entities, including the Mississippi State Medical Association, the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, the Mississippi Chapters of the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of OB-GYN, Mississippi Psychiatric Association, the Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association, the Mississippi Osteopathic Medicine Association and the American Psychiatric Association;
- (d) Establishing a budget, with the advice and consent of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, to support the activities of the program and periodically reviewing and if appropriate, revising, the scholarship and other stipends offered through the program;
- (e) Advising the University of Mississippi Medical Center regarding hiring an executive director and support staff necessary for the commission's work. The commission shall nominate at least two (2) individuals to serve as executive director;
- (f) Reviewing participants progress in the program and mentoring students and physicians participating in the program;

(g) Developing and participating in programs that provide initial practice support in collaboration with other interested professional organizations;

(h) The commission shall have the authority through use of generally applicable definitions, to designate an area of the state as underserved or rural. The method by which these designations shall be made shall be contained in rules and regulations promulgated by the commission.

(i) The commission shall produce an annual report to the Legislature showing certain information relating to the program for the previous fiscal year, including the following:

(i) Budget, including funds provided in addition to Legislative appropriations;

(ii) Number of participants enrolled in medical or osteopathic school along with their matriculation status;

(iii) The status of, to include location of practice, participants who have entered a medicine or other generalist residency program;

(iv) The number and cause of participants who breached their obligation(s) to the program; and

(v) The status of, to include location of practice, participants who have entered into the practice of medicine in a rural or medically underserved area in Mississippi.

SECTION 3. Section 37-144-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-144-7. (1) The commission shall develop and implement policies and procedures designed to recruit, identify and enroll undergraduate students who demonstrate necessary interest, commitment, aptitude and academic achievement to pursue careers as family physicians, psychiatrist, child psychiatrists or other generalist physicians in rural or medically underserved areas of Mississippi, and to develop and implement the programs designed to foster successful entry of participants into medical school, completion of medical school, enrollment into and completion of family medicine or other generalist residency, and establishment and maintenance of a career in family medicine, psychiatrist, child psychiatry or other generalist specialty in a rural or underserved area of Mississippi.

(2) The commission shall have the authority through use of generally applicable definitions to designate an area of the state as underserved or rural.

(3) The commission, in conjunction with the University of Mississippi Medical Center, shall have the authority to provide students selected for scholarship funding with faculty mentors and other programs designed to enhance the students' likelihood of admission to the medical school. The commission and the University of Mississippi Medical Center will develop coursework that will provide scholarship students with the skills necessary for sustained and successful medical practice in rural Mississippi.

(4) Each applicant for admission to the program must submit an application to the commission that conforms to requirements established by the commission.

(5) In selecting participants for the program, the board may only accept an applicant if his or her academic record and other characteristics, if given consideration by the University of Mississippi School of Medicine Admissions Committee, would be considered credible and competitive.

(6) An applicant for the program may be admitted only upon a majority vote of the members of the commission.

(7) Not less than fifteen (15) students will be admitted to the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program each year, provided that there are fifteen (15) or more qualified applicants for the program.

(8) Upon the funding of sixty-one (61) or more rural physicians scholarships by the Legislature and recognizing the importance of balancing the needs of comprehensive primary care along with a critical shortage of psychiatrists in Mississippi, the commission may grant an exception for fourth-year medical or osteopathic school (M4) students who demonstrate a desire to practice psychiatry in rural Mississippi and who use a practice model and enter the practice of medicine in a rural or underserved area in Mississippi, as defined by the commission, beginning for the M4 Class of 2020.

SECTION 4. Section 37-144-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-144-13. (1) Subject to the availability of funding, students in the program who successfully matriculate to medical or osteopathic school are eligible for ongoing financial support in accordance with policies and requirements of the commission and in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. The number of students to be supported at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and at other schools will be established by policy prescribed by the commission.

(2) Subject to the availability of funding, students enrolled at * * * a medical or osteopathic school in Mississippi may receive tuition support, funding to assist with the cost of books and a living stipend, as prescribed by policy of the commission and in accordance with applicable regulations. Preferences for ongoing funding must be given to those students admitted to the University of Mississippi School of Medicine.

(3) For each year that a student in medical or osteopathic school receives financial assistance, the student is obligated for one (1) year of practice as a primary care physician in a rural or underserved area in Mississippi. Breach of the agreement at any stage of training shall invoke the repayment of all financial assistance provided to the student through the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, including assistance provided during undergraduate school, as well as in medical or osteopathic school, along with other penalties that may be prescribed in policy by the commission.

SECTION 5. Section 37-144-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-144-17. (1) Upon completion of residency, a participant in the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program must proceed to enter the practice of medicine in a rural or underserved area in Mississippi, as defined by the commission and consistent with generally acceptable designations. If an area experiences significant changes in its medical or general community which are not reflected by health professional shortage area (HPSA) or medically underserved area (MUA) rural designation, the commission may receive testimony and, in its discretion, may qualify the area as an underserved or rural area to allow the program participant to fulfill his or her practice obligation.

(2) Upon entering the practice of medicine, a participant in the program must serve in a health professional shortage area (HPSA), medically underserved area (MUA), or rural area otherwise approved for practice under subsection (1) of this section for a number of years which corresponds to the number of years, not to exceed five (5), for which the participant received funding through the program. A participant who completes residency * * * who fails to enter the practice of medicine as required under this section shall be deemed in breach of contract and shall be liable for the immediate repayment of all financial assistance provided to the participant through the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program, including assistance provided during undergraduate school, as well as in medical or osteopathic school, along with other penalties that may be prescribed in policy by the board. Any participant who fails to complete the period of practice for which he or she is obligated to provide services in a health professional shortage area (HPSA) or a medically underserved area (MUA) in exchange for financial assistance received through the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program shall be liable for the repayment of all financial assistance provided to the participant through the program, along with other penalties that may be prescribed by the commission, an amount which shall be reduced on a pro rata basis for actual years of practice by the physician in the area designated by the commission.

SECTION 6. Section 37-146-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-146-1. There is established the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program for the purpose of identifying and recruiting qualified university and college students * * * for dental school matriculation. Such program shall be known and may be cited as the Dr. G. Norris Howell Rural Dentists Scholarship Program. The program shall consist of three (3) distinct phases through which participants will progress, including:

- (a) Undergraduate pre-dental education;
- (b) Dental school and residency; and

(c) Initial entry into dental practice in a rural or underserved area of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 7. Section 37-146-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-146-5. The Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) Developing the administrative policy for the commission and the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program;

(b) Promulgating rules and regulations, with the advice and consent of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, pertaining to the implementation and operation of the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program;

(c) Developing and implementing strategies and activities for the identification and recruitment of students and for marketing the program and for the implementation of the program. In developing these strategies, the board shall seek the input of various organizations and entities * * *;

(d) Establishing a budget, with the advice and consent of the University of Mississippi Medical Center, to support the activities of the program and periodically reviewing and if appropriate, revising, the scholarship and other stipends offered through the program;

(e) Advising the University of Mississippi Medical Center regarding hiring appropriate staff necessary to work in conjunction with the Executive Director of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program * * *;

(f) Reviewing participants' progress in the program and mentoring students and dentists participating in the program;

(g) The commission shall have the authority through use of generally applicable definitions, to designate an area of the state as underserved or rural. The method by which these designations shall be made shall be contained in rules and regulations promulgated by the commission * * *;

(h) The commission shall produce an annual report to the Legislature showing certain information relating to the program for the previous fiscal year, including the following:

(i) Budget, including funds provided in addition to Legislative appropriations;

(ii) The number of participants enrolled in dental school along with their matriculation status;

(iii) The status of, to include location or practice, participants who have entered a dental residency program;

(iv) The number and cause of participants who breached their obligation(s) to the program; and

(v) The status of, to include location of practice, participants who have entered into the practice of dentistry in a rural or medically underserved area in Mississippi.

SECTION 8. Section 37-146-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-146-11. (1) Students in the program may apply to the * * * University of Mississippi School of Dentistry.

(2) Students in the program seeking admission to the University of Mississippi School of Dentistry shall be eligible for the admissions process pursuant to criteria established by the School of Dentistry Admissions Committee which will include consideration of the attributes of participation in the program.

(3) In carrying out the admissions process developed for the Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program participants under this section, the goal is for the program to work with the School of Dentistry to enhance the capability of participants to successfully enter and complete dental school and enter practice in rural or underserved areas in Mississippi. To the extent feasible, the early admissions process should be completed before December 1 of the year preceding a student's admission to dental school.

SECTION 9. Section 37-144-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-144-3. (1) The Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program shall be administered by a commission to be known as the "Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Commission." The commission shall be directed by a board composed of the following members:

(a) Two (2) generalist physicians appointed by and from the membership of the Mississippi State Medical Association, the term of which shall be three (3) years and may be reappointed for one (1) additional term;

(b) One (1) generalist physician appointed by and from the membership of each of the following organizations, the term of which shall be three (3) years and may be reappointed for one (1) additional term:

- (i) Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians;
- (ii) Mississippi Chapter, American College of Physicians;
- (iii) Mississippi Chapter, American Academy of

Pediatrics;

- (iv) Mississippi Chapter, American College of OB-GYN;
- (v) Mississippi Psychiatric Association;
- (** *vi) Mississippi Medical and Surgical Association;
- (** *vii) Mississippi Osteopathic Association;

(c) Two (2) designees of the Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine whose terms are at the discretion of the dean, at least one (1) of whom is a member of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine Admissions Committee;

(d) Two (2) medical students, one (1) of whom shall be selected yearly through a process developed by the Dean of the School of Medicine in consultation with the Chairs of the Departments of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB-GYN and Pediatrics, and one (1) of whom shall be nominated for a one-year term by the Mississippi Chapter of the Student National Medical Association and approved by the Dean of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine;

(e) A member of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning;

(f) The Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine; and

(g) A licensed psychiatrist appointed by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Psychiatric Association.

(2) The premedical advisors from the accredited four-year colleges and universities in the state and the directors or designees of the primary care generalist training programs in the State of Mississippi shall comprise an advisory committee to the commission to assist the commission in its administration of the Mississippi Rural Physicians Scholarship Program.

(3) Vacancies on the commission must be filled in a manner consistent with the original appointments.

(4) All appointments to the commission must be made no later than September 1, ** * 2024. After the members are appointed, the Chair of the Department of Family Medicine shall set a date for the organizational meeting that is mutually acceptable to the majority of the commission members. The organizational meeting shall be for the purposes of organizing the commission and establishing rules for transacting its business. A majority of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum at all commission meetings. An affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting shall be required in the adoption of rules, reports and in any other actions taken by the commission. At the organizational meeting, the commission shall elect a chair and vice chair from the members appointed according to paragraphs (a) through (d) of subsection (1). The chair shall serve for a term of two (2) years, upon the expiration of which the vice chair shall assume the office of chair.

(5) After the organizational meeting, the commission shall hold no less than two (2) meetings annually.

(6) The commission may form an executive committee for the purpose of transacting business that must be conducted before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the commission. All actions taken by the executive committee must be ratified by the commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

(7) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed, subject to the availability of funding, for mileage and actual and necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the commission.

(8) Funding for the establishment and continued operation of the program and commission shall be appropriated out of any money in the General Fund not already appropriated to the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-144-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO ALLOW STUDENTS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-144-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD A PHYSICIAN APPOINTED BY THE MISSISSIPPI PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER OF THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 37-144-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION TO PRODUCE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE PROVIDING CERTAIN STATISTICS; TO INCLUDE THE MISSISSIPPI PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION AMONG THE ORGANIZATIONS FROM WHICH THE COMMISSION SHALL SEEK INPUT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-144-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE CHILD PSYCHIATRY STUDENTS IN THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL PHYSICIANS SCHOLARSHIP RESIDENCY PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-144-13 AND 37-144-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CONFORMING REVISIONS THERETO; TO AMEND SECTION 37-146-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL DENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO ALLOW STUDENTS FROM ALL AREAS OF THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE DR. G. NORRIS HOWELL RURAL DENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-146-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI RURAL DENTISTS SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION TO PRODUCE ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE PROVIDING VARIOUS STATISTICS; TO AMEND SECTION 37-146-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL REVISIONS THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Nicole Boyd, Bart Williams, Briggs Hopson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Scoggin, Gregory Holloway, Sr., Billy Adam Calvert

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, McCray, Osborne, Tubb, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 57-78-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

57-78-1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Act."

SECTION 2. Section 57-78-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-78-3. The Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Act will authorize the Legislature, as well as the Mississippi Development Authority through appropriations by the Legislature, to make grants available to * * * eligible recipients for projects leading to the revitalization of Mississippi's downtowns or communities.

SECTION 3. Section 57-78-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-78-5. (1) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Eligible recipient" means a:

(i) Main Street Designated Community, or local Main Street program that has achieved and maintained Designated Community Status by the Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA), that is a good-standing member of the MMSA, has obtained Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or Section 501(c)(6) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service * * *;

(ii) Main Street * * * Network Community * * *;

(iii) Main Street Associate Community;

(iv) Cities located in Mississippi that otherwise meet the requirements of this act; or

(v) Business improvement districts that otherwise meet the requirements of this act.

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(* * *b) "Matching funds" means cash funds that are either in the applicant's possession or proposed by a match partner and clearly identified in a support

letter and are reserved for the proposed project. No state funds may be included in determining the amount of the match.

(**c) " ***Administrator" means the Mississippi Main Street Association.

(2) The *** administrator shall accept applications from eligible recipients, prioritize their applications and submit a list of suggested recipients to the Legislature no later than December of each year. Applicants who did not receive a grant the prior year shall receive priority for a grant the following year. *** The Legislature shall review the submitted list and determine the projects for which to award grants to eligible recipients through the Mississippi Development Authority ***. The *** administrator will consider projects in relation to the following criteria:

- (a) The demonstration of local financial need;
- (b) Projects that demonstrate high local impact;
- (c) Projects that produce a high level of public benefit;
- (d) Projects that demonstrate best practices in preservation;
- (e) Projects that will have local administration and implementation

capacity;

- (f) The distribution of geographic size and location of the project;
- (g) Projects that will be completed on time; and
- (h) *** Projects that are according to the Main Street Approach

and Guiding Principles or a comparable community plan.

(3) The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide grant funds to the *** eligible recipients under this section on a reimbursement basis, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) per community each year, and grantees shall not receive compensation for their required twenty percent (20%) of local match funds, which must cover at least twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost. *** Municipalities, or eligible recipients within a municipality, with a population of over ten thousand (10,000) are required to possess local matching funds to cover at least twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost. Municipalities, or eligible recipients within a municipality, with a population of less than ten thousand (10,000), shall be required to have a local cash match of ten percent (10%) for the first One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) requested, then will be required to have a local cash match of twenty percent (20%) for any amount over One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

(4) Eligible costs for the expenditure of grant funds include the acquisition of land and any improvements thereon, preservation of historic downtown structures and sites, and initiatives that will produce a revitalization to the economy of the historic downtown areas.

(5) Grants may be awarded for prospective purchases or for acquisitions of which the applicant has closed. In the latter case, the applicant shall demonstrate:

- (a) The closing occurred no more than twelve (12) months prior to the date of application for the grant; and
- (b) The subject purchase was made to help preserve and revitalize the location and economy of a historic downtown community.

(6) *** Any eligible recipient that is awarded a grant pursuant to this section for a project involving a historic property must comply with all applicable laws relating to the property, as well as applicable regulations of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, or other department or agency relating to such property.

(7) Grantees must adhere to Mississippi state procedures and guidelines relating to the implementation and financing of the approved project. Grantees must also submit any and all audit and financial statements as required by the State of Mississippi.

(8) Nothing in this section shall preclude the subsequent transfer or assignment by a state agency or other owner or holder of any property interest acquired pursuant to this section to the State of Mississippi, the county, city, town or municipality in which the land is located, for the purpose of further preserving, improving or maintaining the downtown property. The Mississippi Development Authority shall facilitate transfers and assignments of any such interests held by the department.

(9) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner, funds received as grants, endowments or gifts from the federal government, its agencies and instrumentalities, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Mississippi Development Authority, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes provided in this section.

(10) The Mississippi Development Authority shall administer the fund and establish guidelines for the expenditure of grant funds and reports relating to the expenditure of grant funds. The department * * * shall provide the administrator with no more than two percent (2%) of the amount of funds deposited into the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Fund for administrative expenses in carrying out its duties under this section.

(11) To carry out this act, the Mississippi Development Authority may enter into cooperative agreements with entities in the public and private sectors, including:

- (a) Colleges and universities;
- (b) Historical societies;
- (c) State and local agencies; and
- (d) Nonprofit organizations.

(12) To develop cooperative land-use strategies and conduct activities that facilitate the conservation of the historic, cultural, natural and scenic resources, the Mississippi Development Authority may require that recipients seek and secure technical assistance from the * * * administrator, to the extent that a recipient of technical assistance is engaged in the protection, interpretation or commemoration of historically significant property in the area in and around the historic downtown site. The * * * administrator will provide administrative support to * * * eligible recipients to ensure proper grant administration and project implementation.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-78-3 AND 57-78-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM; TO EXPAND GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; TO ALLOW APPLICANTS WHO DID NOT RECEIVE A GRANT THE PRIOR YEAR TO TAKE PRIORITY FOR GRANTS GRANTED THE FOLLOWING YEAR; TO AMEND THE EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANTEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Bart Williams, Tyler McCaughn
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Shane Barnett

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan,

Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, McCray, Osborne, Tubb, Young. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2196: Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport.

Rep. Horan moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4123: Suffrage; restore to Scotty Adam McMahan of Covington County.

A committee substitute was adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD AND PORTER:

AMEND by inserting the following Section after the line ____ and renumbering the succeeding sections:

" SECTION *. The right of suffrage is hereby fully and completely restored to Michael Gray of Prentiss County, Mississippi, who was disqualified as an elector as a result of his conviction for the crime of burglary larceny-residential on October 10, 2005, in Prentiss County, for which he was sentenced to serve five (5) years under the supervision of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. On July 31, 2007, he violated his probation and it was revoked. He was released to Earned Release Supervision on August 27, 2008.

He was discharged on November 23, 2008. The Legislature is informed that he has since conducted himself as a law-abiding and honorable citizen in a good and lawful manner."

Further, amend the title to conform.

ADOPTED

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4123.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Bennett, Bounds, Calvert, Carpenter, Currie, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Grady, Guice, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Smith, Tubb, Young. Total-27.

Present--Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Crawford. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4085: Suffrage; restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4085. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, R, Calvert, Currie, Fondren, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Smith, Tubb. Total-24.

Present--Carpenter, Crawford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--63

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4086: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Greer of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4086. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--90.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Deweese, Fondren, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Rushing, Smith, Tubb, Tullos. Total-32.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4087: Suffrage; restore to Rondale Hughes of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4087**. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--87.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Anderson, J, Bennett, Bounds, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Felsher, Fondren, Guice, Hale, Harness, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Smith, Tubb, Turner, Young. Total-33.

Present--Boyd, R, Ford, J. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4088: Suffrage; restore to Jose Williams of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4088**. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--92.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Currie, Fondren, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen,

Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Scott, Smith, Tubb. Total-30.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4089: Suffrage; restore to Walter Lewis of Hinds County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4089.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Rushing, Smith, Tubb, Tullos. Total-29.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4095: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4095.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Fondren, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mangold, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Smith, Tubb. Total-28.

Present--Boyd, R. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4098: Suffrage; restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4098.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Fondren, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Smith, Tubb. Total-27.

Present--Boyd, R. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--63

Rep. Porter called up:

H. B. No. 4099: Suffrage; restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **H. B. No. 4099.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Arnold, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Fondren, Ford, J, Guice, Hale, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Smith, Tubb. Total-28.

Present--Boyd, R. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Porter called up for consideration, separately and in order, the following suffrage bills::

H. B. No. 4100: Suffrage; restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County.

H. B. No. 4102: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Earl Greer of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4101: Suffrage; restore to Tony Lavell Smith of Noxubee County.

H. B. No. 4103: Suffrage; restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County.

H. B. No. 4104: Suffrage; restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County.

H. B. No. 4108: Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County.

H. B. No. 4111: Suffrage; restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County.

H. B. No. 4116: Suffrage; restore to Lamar Sampson of Humphreys County.

H. B. No. 4118: Suffrage; restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County.

H. B. No. 4124: Suffrage; restore to Tony Qualls of Humphreys County.

On motion of Rep. Porter, the rules were suspended, each of the foregoing bills were considered engrossed, each was read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken, and the bills passed, titles standing as stated by the following vote (the roll being called and the yeas and nays being taken separately on each bill and being identical, as appears in the original Journal on file with the Secretary of State):

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--83.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Arnold, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, R, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Luther-Waldo, Mattox, McCray, McLean, Mims, Oliver, Osborne, Pigott, Rushing, Sanford, Smith, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace. Total-39.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Shanks called up:

S. C. R. No. 548: Suspend rules for introduction; revisions to PERS and public education funding.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Evans. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Denton, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Watson. Total-5.

Present--Bell, C, Clark, Scott. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--57

On motion of Rep. Shanks unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. C. R. No. 548: Suspend rules for introduction; revisions to PERS and public education funding.

At 10:46 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:59 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 11:00 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:02 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 2:03 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 4:08 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Roberson called up:

H. B. No. 4130: "Mississippi Student Funding Formula"; create to provide funding mechanism for public schools.

A committee substitute was adopted.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4130. On motion of Rep. Roberson the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady,

Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Osborne, Watson. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--61

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 548: Suspend rules for introduction; revisions to PERS and public education funding.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from preclicensing requirements.

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content.

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Barnett moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Kendall Sanderson, Dixie Jo Jordan, The Honorable Shannon Clark, Judy Hulsey, and Ryan Loper, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ondrea Denise Flagg, and Jimmy E. Mixon, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mansell moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frank Lon Chrietberg, which motion prevailed.

Representative Ford J moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of James Harold "Jim" Butler, which motion prevailed.

At 4:35 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Saturday, April 27, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-FIFTH DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Lee Yancey.

Rep. Yancey led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Osborne.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1880: Grenada County; expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; bring forward code sections related to.

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements.

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

Adopted: 04/26/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

S. B. No. 2179: Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions related to.

S. B. No. 2577: Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of.

Adopted: 04/26/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

Mr. President: The above-named committee, having had under consideration the following, favorably reports same for the reason that the relief sought cannot be obtained by invoking the jurisdiction of the courts and by reason the local nature cannot be reached by a general law:

H. B. No. 4129: City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

SHANE BARNETT, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. B. No. 3231: PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

HENRY ZUBER III, Chairman

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

Rep. Massengill moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-153-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-153-7. (1) There is created the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development and the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board, which shall serve as the advisory board for the office. The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall be composed of thirty-one (31) voting members, of which a majority shall be representatives of business and industry in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or any successive acts.

(2) The members of the State Workforce Investment Board shall include:

(a) The Governor, or his designee;

(b) Nineteen (19) members, appointed by the Governor, of whom:

(i) A majority shall be representatives of businesses in

the state, who:

1. Are owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, or other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, and who, in addition, may be members of a local board described in Section 3122(b)(2)(A)(i) of the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. At least two (2) of the members appointed under this item 1. shall be small business owners, chief executives or operating officers of businesses with less than fifty (50) employees;

2. Represent businesses, including small businesses, or organizations representing businesses, which provide employment opportunities that, at a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in high-demand industry sectors or occupations in the state; and

3. Are appointed from among individuals nominated by state business organizations and business trade associations;

(ii) Not less than twenty percent (20%) shall consist of representatives of the workforce within the state, which:

1. Includes labor organization representatives who have been nominated by state labor federations;

2. Includes a labor organization member or training director from an apprenticeship program in the state, which shall be a joint labor-management apprenticeship program if such a program exists in the state;

3. May include representatives of community-based organizations, including organizations serving veterans or providing or supporting competitive, integrated employment for individuals with disabilities, who have demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing employment, training or education needs of individuals with barriers to employment; and

4. May include representatives of organizations, including organizations serving out-of-school youth, who have demonstrated experience or expertise in addressing the employment, training or education needs of eligible youth;

(iii) The balance shall include government representatives, including the lead state officials with primary responsibility for core programs, and chief elected officials (collectively representing both cities and counties, where appropriate);

(c) Two (2) representatives of businesses in the state appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(d) Two (2) representatives of businesses in the state appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) recommendations from the Speaker of the House; and

(e) The following state officials:

(i) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security;

Rehabilitation Services; (ii) The Executive Director of the Department of
 Development Authority; (iii) The State Superintendent of Public Education;
 College Board; (iv) The Executive Director of the Mississippi
 Association; and (v) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community
 (vi) The President of the Community College

(vii) The Commissioner of * * * Higher * * * Education.

(f) One (1) senator, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor, and one (1) representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House, shall serve on the state board in a nonvoting capacity.

(g) The Governor may appoint additional members if required by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, or any successive acts.

(h) Members of the board shall serve a term of four (4) years, and shall not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

(i) The membership of the board shall reflect the diversity of the State of Mississippi.

(j) The Governor shall designate the Chairman of the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board from among the business and industry voting members of the board, and a quorum of the board shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the board.

(k) The voting members of the board who are not state employees shall be entitled to reimbursement of their reasonable expenses in the manner and amount specified in Section 25-3-41 and shall be entitled to receive per diem compensation as authorized in Section 25-3-69.

(3) Members of the state board may be recalled by their appointing authority for cause, including a felony conviction, fraudulent or dishonest acts or gross abuse of discretion, failure to meet board member qualifications, or chronic failure to attend board meetings.

(4) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall establish limits on administrative costs for each portion of Mississippi's workforce development system consistent with the federal Workforce Investment Act or any future federal workforce legislation.

(5) The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall have the following duties * * *, which are intended to be consistent with the scope of duties provided in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, amendments and successor legislation to this act, and other relevant federal law:

(a) Through the office, develop and submit to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House a strategic plan for an integrated state workforce development system that aligns resources and structures the system to more effectively and efficiently meet the demands of Mississippi's employers and job seekers. This plan will comply with the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended, the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 and amendments and successor legislation to these acts;

(b) Assist the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House in the development and continuous improvement of the statewide workforce investment system that shall include:

(i) Development of linkages in order to assure coordination and nonduplication among programs and activities; and

(ii) Review local workforce development plans that reflect the use of funds from the federal Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act and the amendment or successor legislation to the acts, and the Mississippi Comprehensive Workforce Training and Education Consolidation Act;

(c) Recommend to the office the designation of local workforce investment areas as required in Section 116 of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. There shall be four

(4) workforce investment areas that are generally aligned with the planning and development district structure in Mississippi. Planning and development districts will serve as the fiscal agents to manage Workforce Investment Act funds, oversee and support the local workforce investment boards aligned with the area and the local programs and activities as delivered by the one-stop employment and training system. The planning and development districts will perform this function through the provisions of the county cooperative service districts created under Sections 19-3-101 through 19-3-115; however, planning and development districts currently performing this function under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1974, Sections 17-13-1 through 17-13-17, may continue to do so;

(d) Assist the Governor in the development of an allocation formula for the distribution of funds for adult employment and training activities and youth activities to local workforce investment areas;

(e) Recommend comprehensive, results-oriented measures that shall be applied to all of Mississippi's workforce development system programs;

(f) Assist the Governor in the establishment and management of a one-stop employment and training system conforming to the requirements of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, as amended, recommending policy for implementing the Governor's approved plan for employment and training activities and services within the state. In developing this one-stop career operating system, the Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board, in conjunction with local workforce investment boards, shall:

(i) Design broad guidelines for the delivery of workforce development programs;

(ii) Identify all existing delivery agencies and other resources;

(iii) Define appropriate roles of the various agencies to include an analysis of service providers' strengths and weaknesses;

(iv) Determine the best way to utilize the various agencies to deliver services to recipients; and

(v) Develop a financial plan to support the delivery system that shall, at a minimum, include an accountability system;

(g) To provide authority, in accordance with any executive order of the Governor, for developing the necessary collaboration among state agencies at the highest level for accomplishing the purposes of this article;

(h) To monitor the effectiveness of the workforce development centers and WIN job centers;

(i) To advise the Governor, public schools, community * * * and junior colleges and institutions of higher learning on effective school-to-work transition policies and programs that link students moving from high school to higher education and students moving between community colleges and four-year institutions in pursuit of academic and technical skills training;

(j) To work with industry to identify barriers that inhibit the delivery of quality workforce education and the responsiveness of educational institutions to the needs of industry;

(k) To provide periodic assessments on effectiveness and results of the overall Mississippi comprehensive workforce development system and district councils;

(l) Develop broad statewide development goals, including a goal to raise the state's labor force participation rate;

(m) Perform a comprehensive review of Mississippi's workforce development efforts, including the amount spent and effectiveness of programs supported by state or federal money; and

(n) To assist the Governor in carrying out any other responsibility required by the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, as amended and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, successor legislation and amendments.

(6) The Mississippi State Workforce Investment Board shall coordinate all training programs and funds within its purview, consistent with the federal Workforce

Investment Act, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, amendments and successor legislation to these acts, and other relevant federal law.

Each state agency director responsible for workforce training activities shall advise the Mississippi Office of Workforce Development and the State Workforce Investment Board of appropriate federal and state requirements. Each state agency, department and institution shall report any monies received for workforce training activities or career and technical education and a detailed itemization of how those monies were spent to the state board. The board shall compile the data and provide a report of the monies and expenditures to the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee by October 1 of each year. Each such state agency director shall remain responsible for the actions of his agency; however, each state agency and director shall work cooperatively to fulfill the state's goals.

(7) The State Workforce Investment Board shall establish an executive committee, which shall consist of the following State Workforce Investment Board members:

- (a) The Chair of the State Workforce Investment Board;
- (b) Two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board selected by the Governor;
- (c) The two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;
- (d) The two (2) business representatives currently serving on the state board appointed by the Governor from a list of three (3) recommendations from the Speaker of the House;
- (e) The two (2) legislators, who shall serve in a nonvoting capacity, one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor from the membership of the Mississippi Senate and one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the membership of the Mississippi House of Representatives.

(8) The executive committee shall select an executive director of the Office of Workforce Development, with the advice and consent of a majority of the State Workforce Investment Board. The executive committee shall seek input from economic development organizations across the state when selecting the executive director. The executive director shall:

- (a) Be a person with extensive experience in development of economic, human and physical resources, and promotion of industrial and commercial development. The executive director shall have a bachelor's degree from a state-accredited institution and no less than eight (8) years of professional experience related to workforce or economic development;
- (b) Perform the functions necessary for the daily operation and administration of the office, with oversight from the executive committee and the State Workforce Investment Board, to fulfill the duties of the state board as described in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020;
- (c) Hire staff needed for the performance of his or her duties under Chapter 476, Laws of 2020. The executive director, with approval from the executive committee, shall set the compensation of any hired employees from any funds made available for that purpose;
- (d) Enter any part of the Mississippi Community College Board, individual community and junior colleges, or other workforce training facilities operated by the state or its subdivisions;
- (e) Serve at the will and pleasure of the executive committee;
- (f) Promulgate rules and regulations, subject to oversight by the executive committee, not inconsistent with this article, as may be necessary to enforce the provisions in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020; and
- (g) Perform any other actions he or she, in consultation with the executive committee, deems necessary to fulfill the duties under Chapter 476, Laws of 2020.

(9) The Office of Workforce Development and Mississippi Community College Board shall collaborate in the administration and oversight of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and Mississippi Works Fund, as described in Section 71-5-353. The executive director shall maintain complete and exclusive operational control of the office's functions.

(10) The office shall file an annual and a quarterly report with the Governor, Secretary of State, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Chairman of the House Workforce Development Committee and Chairman of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee. The annual report shall be filed not later than October 1 of each year regarding all funds approved by the office to be expended on workforce training during the prior calendar year. The quarterly and annual reports shall include:

(a) Information on the performance of the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and the Mississippi Works Fund, in terms of adding value to the local and state economy, the contribution to future growth of the state economy, and movement toward state goals, including increasing the labor force participation rate;

(b) With respect to specific workforce training projects:

- (i) The location of the training;
- (ii) The amount allocated to the project;
- (iii) The purpose of the project;
- (iv) The specific business entity that is the beneficiary of

the project;

(v) The number of employees intended to be trained and actually trained, if applicable, in the course of the project; and

(vi) The types of funds used for the project;

(c) With respect to the grants that have been awarded under the Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program created in Section 37-153-221:

- (i) The entity that was awarded the grant;
- (ii) The amount allocated to the grant;
- (iii) The purpose of the grant; * * *
- (iv) How the grant has been used since it was awarded;

and

(d) With respect to the office's authority to select tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office:

(i) The policies that the office has adopted or amended on the process for the selection of tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office;

(ii) The eligible entities that the office determined may provide services, such as companies, nonprofit organizations, or other similar groups;

(iii) Any tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office, that have been selected by the office; and

(iv) What entity received the benefit of the tools and resources that were selected.

(e) All information concerning a proposed project which is provided to the executive director shall be kept confidential. Except as provided in subsections (13) and (14), such confidentiality shall not limit disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 of records describing the nature, quantity, cost or other pertinent information related to the activities of, or services performed using, the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund or the Mississippi Works Fund.

(11) In addition to other powers and duties provided in this section, the Office of Workforce Development shall also have the following powers and duties:

(a) Direct access to accounting and banking statements for all funds under its direction to ensure accurate and efficient management of funds and to improve internal control;

(b) The ability to enter into nondisclosure agreements to effectively support economic development activities and the proprietary nature of customized training for existing and new industry;

(c) To adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing the Mississippi K-12 Workforce Development Grant Program created in Section 37-153-221;

(d) To receive contributions, donations, gifts, bequests of money, other forms of financial assistance and property, equipment, materials or manpower from persons, foundations, trust funds, corporations, organizations and other sources, public or private, made to the office, and may expend or use the same in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the donor, provided that no such condition is contrary to any provision of law;

(e) To contract with state agencies, governing authorities or economic and workforce development entities for shared programmatic efforts and support service or joint employment of personnel in order to further the office's purposes;

(f) To determine, subject to appropriation, the need for and, if desired, the selection of tools and resources, including necessary online platforms and similar systems in furtherance of the mission of the office, through processes established in policies adopted by the office that are deemed to be practical, feasible and in the public interest. These processes shall outline eligible entities that may provide such services, such as companies, nonprofit organizations, or other similar groups and shall ensure the office determines metrics for success, including deliverables as required by the office;

(g) To implement the career coaching program provided for in Section 37-73-3;

(h) To provide career coaches with access to technology to develop customized career pathways and connect students with post-secondary and employment opportunities matching their skills and interests; and

(i) To implement and oversee programs providing support to community and junior colleges for training needs that may arise when new businesses locate in Mississippi, to include providing support to existing industries that may lose employees as a result of the new business.

Through December 31, *** 2026, the provisions of Section 27-104-7 related to rental agreements or leasing of real property for the purpose of conducting agency business shall not apply to the office.

(12) Nothing in Chapter 476, Laws of 2020 [Senate Bill No. 2564] shall void or otherwise interrupt any contract, lease, grant or other agreement previously entered into by the State Workforce Investment Board, Mississippi Community College Board, individual community or junior colleges, or other entities.

(13) Any records of the office which contain client information from the Mississippi Development Authority or local economic development entities concerning development projects shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 for a period of two (2) years after receipt of the information by the office. Confidential client information as described in this section shall not include the information which must be disclosed by the certified applicant related to a qualified economic development project in the annual report described in Section 57-1-759.

(14) Confidential client information in public records held by the office shall be exempt from the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 during any period of review and negotiation on a project proposal facilitated by the Mississippi Development Authority or local economic development entities and for a period of thirty (30) days after approval, disapproval or abandonment of the proposal not to exceed one (1) year.

SECTION 2. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of:

1. Any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c);

2. Any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services;

3. Any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning;

4. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation;

5. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services;

6. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019;

7. Any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission;

8. Any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services;

9. Any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation of such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories;

10. Any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health or the Department of Revenue solely in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2026;

11. Any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, or utility rate expert services;

12. Any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022;

13. Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026; and

14. And any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022, through June 30, 2026.

Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act.

(ii) From and after July 1, 2024, the Public Procurement Review Board shall promulgate rules and regulations that require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations as provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority, with assistance to be provided from these entities. Any powers that have been conferred upon agencies in order to comply with the provisions of this section for personal and professional services solicitations shall be conferred upon the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations for the Department of Marine

Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). The Department of Finance and Administration shall make any submissions that are required to be made by other agencies to the Public Procurement Review Board for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority.

The provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall stand repealed on June 30, 2027;

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;
2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;
3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;
4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and
5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall

clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts. Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the State Treasurer to enter into any personal or professional services contracts involving the management of trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

(9) Through December 31, * * * 2026, the provisions of this section related to rental agreements or leasing of real property for the purpose of conducting agency business shall not apply to the Office of Workforce Development created in Section 37-153-7.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-153-7 AND 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THE EXEMPTION FOR THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF

THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT REVIEW BOARD WHICH RELATE TO RENTAL AGREEMENTS AND THE LEASING OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING AGENCY BUSINESS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Dana McLean, Beth Luther Waldo

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Daniel H. Sparks, Andy Berry, Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Hines, Johnson. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development; revise various provisions related to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development fund; bring forward code section on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-73-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-73-3. (1) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the Office of Workforce Development shall *** implement a career coaching program to support middle schools and high schools as students are exposed, prepared and connected to career avenues within and beyond the classroom setting. Through strong partnerships with economic and business leaders, paired with viable relationships with school districts, the career coaches shall target the alignment of students' strengths with

intentional academic and work-based learning in pursuit of meaningful professional employment.

(2) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the Office of Workforce Development, working through the Department of Employment Security as fiscal agent, shall establish rules and regulations to operate the career coaching program, which may include granting funds to eligible recipients such as state agencies, regional workforce entities and other nonprofits, to hire coaches. The Office of Workforce Development shall establish criteria for coaches and shall work with partner organizations to identify candidates and measure outcomes.

SECTION 2. Section 37-153-209, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-153-209. (1) There is established the Mississippi Allied Health College and Career Navigator Grant Program, which shall be directed by the office for the purpose of hiring professionals, or navigators, to provide individual assistance and guidance to students to assist them in many areas, from maneuvering challenges while enrolled in college programs and understanding the job market to working through course challenges, and to help retain and graduate nursing and allied health students, at community and junior colleges. * * * The Office of Workforce Development shall promulgate rules and regulations on the eligibility requirements to be a navigator. The grant program shall be funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(2) The office shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the grant program. To be eligible to receive a grant from the office under the grant program, a community college shall provide the following information:

(a) The number of nursing or allied health students who will be served by the program;

(b) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and

(c) Any other information that the office determines is necessary.

SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section 37-153-223:

37-153-223. (1) There is established the Individual Training Account Workforce Reinforcement Assistance (ITA-WRAP) Program, which shall be directed by the Office of Workforce Development for the purpose of providing education and training to citizens seeking employment in high-wage, high-demand industries with documented workforce shortages prioritized by the office. This program shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated by the Legislature.

(2) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined herein unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Recipient" means a community college, institution of higher learning, local workforce development area or other eligible recipient of grant funding under this section.

(b) "Trainee" means an individual receiving training or other services through programs under this section with the goal of becoming employed in a high-wage, high-demand industry.

(c) "High-wage, high-demand industry" means those industries paying above Mississippi's median annual income and prioritized by the office and the four (4) local workforce areas.

(d) "Eligible expenses" means a cost incurred by a recipient, pursuant to this section, to include trainee support, including tuition or registration expenses and supportive services such as childcare or transportation assistance.

(3) The Department of Employment Security shall serve as fiscal agent in administering the funds.

(4) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, allocations to recipients shall be awarded by the office through an application process, which shall require the applicant to provide:

(a) A detailed explanation of the program the applicant intends to use awarded funds to create or expand, including:

- (i) A description of the high-wage, high-demand field or workforce shortage area the program is intended to address;
- (ii) The number of trainees who will be served by the program and how each will be tracked for reporting; and
- (iii) The average wage rate for trainees receiving employment before and after completing the program;
- (b) A proposed budget on how awarded funds will be expended, including a plan to consistently report expenditures to the office throughout the funding commitment;
- (c) A plan to provide data on participation and outcomes of the program, including a plan to report outcomes to the office throughout the funding commitment; and
- (d) Other relevant information as determined appropriate by the office.

(5) The office shall:

- (a) Inform each recipient of its portion of the funds appropriated to the grant program; and
- (b) Develop regulations and procedures to govern the administration of the grant program.

(7) The office may use a minimal amount of funds allocated for this section for the administration of the grant program, to be approved by the State Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. (1) Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services for such purpose, the Executive Director may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate-level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in a program that qualifies the individual to qualify to become a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist within the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. Those applicants deemed qualified shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program (hereinafter referred to as the "program") shall be used as an incentive for students to develop job-related skills and to encourage careers as rehabilitation specialists or benefits programs specialists at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(2) In order to be eligible for the program, an applicant must:

- (a) Attend any college or school approved and designated by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.
- (b) Have successfully obtained a minimum of fifty-eight (58) semester hours toward a bachelor's degree in an eligible field as determined by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services from a Mississippi institution of higher learning. Applicants must have achieved a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) on these semester hours of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. If accepted into the internship program, participants shall maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in all coursework counted toward a bachelor's degree in an eligible field as determined by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.
- (c) Work at least a total of three hundred (300) hours each summer at a Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services' (MDRS) offices that is mutually agreed upon between MDRS and the respective intern.
- (d) Agree to work as a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services upon graduation for a period of time equivalent to one (1) year for each semester the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services remits payment for tuition, books and/or related fees towards a bachelors degree in an eligible field as determined by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(3) (a) Before being placed into the program, each applicant shall enter into a contract with the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, which shall be deemed a contract with the State of Mississippi, agreeing to the terms and conditions upon which the internship shall be granted to him or her. The contract shall include such terms and provisions necessary to carry out the full purpose and intent of this section. The form of such contract shall be prepared and approved by the Attorney

General of this state, and shall be signed by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and the participant.

(b) Upon entry into the program, participants will become employees of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services during their time in the program and shall be eligible for benefits such as medical insurance paid by the agency for the participant; however, in accordance with Section 25-11-105II.(b), those participants shall not become members of the Public Employees' Retirement System while participating in the program. Participants shall not accrue personal or major medical leave while they are in the program.

(c) The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services shall have the authority to cancel any contract made between it and any program participant upon such cause being deemed sufficient by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(d) The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services is vested with full and complete authority and power to sue in its own name any participant for any damages due the state on any such uncompleted contract, which suit shall be filed and handled by the Attorney General of the state. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services may contract with a collection agency or banking institution, subject to approval by the Attorney General, for collection of any damages due the state from any participant. The State of Mississippi, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and its employees are immune from any suit brought in law or equity for actions taken by the collection agency or banking institution incidental to or arising from their performance under the contract. The Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, collection agency and banking institution may negotiate for the payment of a sum that is less than full payment in order to satisfy any damages the participant owes the state, subject to approval by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services.

(4) (a) Any recipient who is accepted into the program by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services and who fails to complete undergraduate level coursework toward an approved degree, or withdraws from school at any time before completing his or her education, shall be liable to repay the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services for all monies received during the time the recipient was in the program, at the rate of pay received by the employee while in the program, including benefits paid by the agency for the participant, and monies received for tuition, books and related fees used to pursue their degree with interest accruing at ten percent (10%) per annum from the date the recipient failed or withdrew from school. The recipient also shall not be liable for repayment for any money earned during the required summer hours. This money shall be considered earned by the recipient at the federal minimum wage rate.

(b) All paid internship compensation received by the recipient while in school shall be considered earned conditioned upon the fulfillment of the terms and obligations of the paid internship contract and this section. However, no recipient of the paid internship shall accrue personal or major medical leave while the recipient is pursuing junior or senior undergraduate-level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in a program that qualifies the individual to qualify to become a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist within the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services. The recipient shall not be liable for liquidated damages.

(c) If the recipient does not work as a rehabilitation specialist or a benefit program specialist at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services for the period required under subsection (2)(d) of this section, the recipient shall be liable for repayment on demand of the remaining portion of the compensation that the recipient was paid while in the program which has not been unconditionally earned, with interest accruing at ten percent (10%) per annum from the recipient's date of graduation or the date that the recipient last worked at the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services, whichever is the later date.

SECTION 5. Sections 5 through 9 of this act shall be known and cited as the "Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program Act."

SECTION 6. (1) The Legislature finds the following:

(a) The public health crisis related to COVID-19 resulted in a general disruption in the Mississippi economy and workforce, particularly in the healthcare industry.

(b) COVID-19 and the closing of or reduction in services at rural hospitals created an unprecedented demand on emergency medical response providers.

(c) Consequently, the number of paramedics decreased in the State of Mississippi by approximately nineteen percent (19%).

(d) The lack of paramedics directly impacts all Mississippians ability to rely on quality emergency care.

(2) Therefore, the intent of the Legislature is:

(a) To provide funding to the Office of Workforce Development to establish a scholarship program for the purposes outlined herein.

(b) To provide funding for grants to cover the full cost of tuition, fees, books and any required uniforms for qualified applicants to attend an accredited paramedic program.

(c) To provide funding for grants to reimburse the cost of a qualified applicant's fee for the successful completion of the National Registry Paramedic cognitive and psychomotor examinations.

(d) To gauge the effectiveness of this program by gathering data related to the participation and employment outcomes in order to replicate successful efforts in future workforce development programs.

SECTION 7. (1) There is established the Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program ("the program"). The scholarship program shall be used by the Office of Workforce Development, with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security acting as the fiscal agent, for the purpose of providing funding for grants to cover the full cost of tuition, fees, books and any required uniforms for qualified applicants to attend an accredited paramedic program and to reimburse the cost of a qualified applicant's fee for the successful completion of the National Registry Paramedic cognitive and psychomotor examinations. The scholarship program shall be funded from monies appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.

(2) For the purposes of Sections 5 through 9 of this act, a "paramedic" means a certified healthcare professional who specializes in providing emergency medical treatment to people who are injured or ill, typically in a setting outside of a hospital.

(3) The Office of Workforce Development shall prescribe the terms and conditions of grants awarded under the program. To qualify for a grant under this program, an applicant must:

(a) Be a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT);

(b) Have the necessary requisites for an accredited paramedic program;

(c) Commit to locate in the State of Mississippi for a minimum of three (3) years; and

(d) Meet any other conditions for receipt as prescribed by the Office of Workforce Development.

(4) The Office of Workforce Development may use a maximum of five percent (5%) of funds appropriated for the program for the administration of the program.

SECTION 8. The office shall enter into a grant contract agreement with each recipient of a grant under the program that incorporates the following obligations and conditions:

(a) The recipient of a grant shall commit to serving as a paramedic for three (3) continuous years in the State of Mississippi;

(b) If any recipient of a grant under the program does not engage in serving as a paramedic in accordance with the terms of Sections 5 through 9 of this act, the recipient shall be obligated to repay the grant amounts received, together with interest thereon at the maximum rate allowed by Mississippi law or the federal discount rate plus five percent (5%) per year, whichever is less, the interest to accrue from the date that each payment of funds was received by the recipient;

(c) No interest shall accrue and there shall be no obligation to repay the principal sums accrued during any one (1) period of time that the recipient involuntarily serves on active duty in the United States Armed Forces; and

(d) Repayment of the principal with interest shall be due and payable in full immediately on the occurrence of either of the following events:

(i) Failure to remain in the State of Mississippi for three (3) continuous years for any reason other than temporary personal illness; or

(ii) Failure to serve as a paramedic on a regularly sustained basis as provided in the eligibility requirements of Section 7.

SECTION 9. (1) The Office of Workforce Development shall submit an annual report on the grant program to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the House Workforce Development Committee and the Chair of the Senate Economic and Workforce Development Committee. The report shall contain a detailed explanation of how the funds appropriated for the program were awarded and how many paramedics have participated in the grant program and their employment outcomes.

(2) The Office of Workforce Development is authorized to enter into a memorandum of agreement with any public or nonpublic school which provides secondary education to students enrolled therein, for the purpose of allowing students who are at least seventeen (17) years of age to be eligible for enrollment in any accredited paramedic training program without any cost to the students, through dual-credit or dual-enrollment class offerings through an accredited entity authorized by the office to provide such trainings for purposes of the program. However, such students shall not be eligible to take any examination for certification as a paramedic until the time that he or she attains the age of eighteen (18), at which time he or she would be allowed to take the certification examination to become a certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-73-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO MODIFY THE DIRECTIVE OF THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FROM PILOTING A CAREER COACHING PROGRAM IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS, TO IMPLEMENTING SUCH PROGRAM FOR THE LONG TERM; TO AMEND SECTION 37-153-209, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATION OF THE MISSISSIPPI ALLIED HEALTH COLLEGE AND CAREER NAVIGATOR TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE NAVIGATORS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-153-223, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE INDIVIDUAL TRAINING ACCOUNT WORKFORCE REINFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE (ITA-WRAP) PROGRAM, WHICH SHALL BE DIRECTED BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO CITIZENS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN HIGH-WAGE, HIGH-DEMAND INDUSTRIES WITH DOCUMENTED WORKFORCE SHORTAGES PRIORITIZED BY THE OFFICE; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SHALL SERVE AS FISCAL AGENT IN ADMINISTERING THE FUNDS; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF LAW TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES TO GRANT A PAID INTERNSHIP TO STUDENTS PURSUING JUNIOR OR SENIOR UNDERGRADUATE-LEVEL YEAR COURSEWORK TOWARD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN A PROGRAM THAT QUALIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL TO BECOME A REHABILITATION SPECIALIST OR A BENEFIT PROGRAM SPECIALIST WITHIN THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR TUITION, BOOKS AND RELATED FEES; TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE AND REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THE INTERNSHIP; TO PROVIDE THE TERMS OF THE INTERNSHIP;

TO CREATE THE PARAMEDICS RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL BE USED BY THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTING AS THE FISCAL AGENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR GRANTS TO COVER THE FULL COST OF TUITION, FEES, BOOKS AND ANY REQUIRED UNIFORMS FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO ATTEND AN ACCREDITED PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AND TO REIMBURSE THE COST OF A QUALIFIED APPLICANT'S FEE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE NATIONAL REGISTRY PARAMEDIC COGNITIVE AND PSYCHOMOTOR EXAMINATIONS; TO PROVIDE HOW AN APPLICANT MAY QUALIFY FOR A GRANT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE RECIPIENT OF A GRANT SHALL COMMIT TO SERVING AS A PARAMEDIC FOR THREE CONTINUOUS YEARS IN THE STATE; TO PROVIDE THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO MOAS WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING CERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO ENROLL IN ACCREDITED PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAMS THROUGH DUAL-CREDIT OR DUAL-ENROLLMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH STUDENT CANNOT TAKE THE CERTIFICATION EXAM UNTIL HE OR SHE ATTAINS 18 YEARS OF AGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Steve Lott, Jonathan McMillan

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Daniel H. Sparks, Benjamin Suber, Chris Johnson

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bell (21st) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 47-5-26, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-26. (1) The commissioner shall employ the following personnel:

(a) A Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance, who shall supervise and implement all fiscal policies and programs within the department, supervise and implement all hiring and personnel matters within the department, supervise the department's personnel director, supervise and implement all purchasing within the department and supervise and implement all data processing activities within the department, and who shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Administration and Finance. He shall possess either:

(i) A master's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in public or business administration, accounting, economics or a directly related field, and four (4) years of experience in work related to the above-described duties, one (1) year of which must have included line or functional supervision; or

(ii) A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university in public or business administration, accounting, economics or a directly related field, and six (6) years of experience in work related to the above-described duties, one (1) year of which must have included line or functional supervision. Certification by the State of Mississippi as a certified public accountant may be substituted for one (1) year of the required experience.

(b) A Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections, who shall initiate and administer programs, including, but not limited to, supervision of probationers, parolees and suspensioners, counseling, community-based treatment, interstate compact administration and enforcement, prevention programs, halfway houses and group homes, technical violation centers, restitution centers, presentence investigations, and work and educational releases, and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Community Services. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections is charged with full and complete cooperation with the State Parole Board and shall make monthly reports to the Chairman of the Parole Board in the form and type required by the chairman, in his discretion, for the proper performance of the probation and parole functions. After a plea or verdict of guilty to a felony is entered against a person and before he is sentenced, the Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall procure from any available source and shall file in the presentence records any information regarding any criminal history of the person such as fingerprints, dates of arrests, complaints, civil and criminal charges, investigative reports of arresting and prosecuting agencies, reports of the National Crime Information Center, the nature and character of each offense, noting all particular circumstances thereof and any similar data about the person. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall keep an accurate and complete duplicate record of this file and shall furnish the duplicate to the department. This file shall be placed in and shall constitute a part of the inmate's master file. The Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections shall furnish this file to the State Parole Board when the file is needed in the course of its official duties. He shall possess either: (i) a master's degree in counseling, corrections psychology, guidance, social work, criminal justice or some related field and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in such field, including at least one (1) year of supervisory experience; or (ii) a bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years' full-time work in corrections, one (1) year of which shall have been at the supervisory level.

(c) A Deputy Commissioner for Institutions, who shall administer institutions, reception and diagnostic centers, prerelease centers and other facilities and programs provided therein, and shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Division of Institutions. He shall possess either: (i) a master's degree in counseling, criminal justice, psychology, guidance, social work, business or some related field, and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in corrections, including at least one (1) year of correctional management experience; or (ii) a bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years' full-time work in corrections, four (4) years of which shall have been at the correctional management level.

(d) A Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education and Reentry, who shall initiate and administer programs, including but not limited to, education services, religious services, moral rehabilitation, alcohol and drug rehabilitation, and court reentry. The Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education and Reentry may coordinate with any educational institution to develop a program for moral rehabilitation with an emphasis on promoting effective programs for release. The Deputy Commissioner for Programs, Education and Reentry shall focus on reentry programs aimed at reducing recidivism. The programs shall incorporate a moral component focused on providing offenders with an opportunity to make positive changes while incarcerated that will enable them to be productive members of society upon their release. Such deputy commissioner shall possess either:

(i) A master's degree in counseling, corrections, psychology, guidance, social work, criminal justice or some related field and at least four (4) years' full-time experience in such field, including at least one (1) year of supervisory experience; or

(ii) A bachelor's degree in a field described in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph and at least six (6) years full-time work in corrections, one (1) year of which shall have been at the supervisory level.

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(2) The commissioner shall employ an administrative assistant for parole matters who shall be selected by the State Parole Board who shall be an employee of the department assigned to the State Parole Board and who shall be located at the office of the State Parole Board, and who shall work under the guidance, supervision and direction of the board.

(3) The administrative assistant for parole matters shall receive an annual salary to be established by the Legislature. The salaries of department employees not established by the Legislature shall receive an annual salary established by the State Personnel Board.

(4) The commissioner shall employ a superintendent for the Parchman facility, Central Mississippi Correctional Facility and South Mississippi Correctional Institution of the Department of Corrections. The Superintendent of the Mississippi State Penitentiary shall reside on the grounds of the Parchman facility. Each superintendent shall appoint an officer in charge when he is absent.

Each superintendent shall develop and implement a plan for the prevention and control of an inmate riot and shall file a report with the Chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee and the Chairman of the House Penitentiary Committee on the first day of each regular session of the Legislature regarding the status of the plan.

In order that the grievances and complaints of inmates, employees and visitors at each facility may be heard in a timely and orderly manner, each superintendent shall appoint or designate an employee at the facility to hear grievances and complaints and to report grievances and complaints to the superintendent. Each superintendent shall institute procedures as are necessary to provide confidentiality to those who file grievances and complaints.

(5) For a one-year period beginning July 1, 2016, any person authorized for employment under this section shall not be subject to the rules, regulations and procedures of the State Personnel Board, except as otherwise provided under Section 25-9-127(5).

SECTION 2. Section 47-5-541, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-541. (1) The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors. The terms of the board of directors in place before July 1, 2022, shall expire June 30, 2022. From and after July 1, 2022, the board of directors of the nonprofit corporation shall be composed of the following five (5) members:

(a) The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or his or her designee;

(b) One (1) representative of the faith-based community who is a resident of the State of Mississippi, appointed by the * * * Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(c) One (1) representative of the business community who is a resident of the State of Mississippi, appointed by the * * * Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(d) The Executive Director of * * * the Office of Workforce Development or his or her designee; and

(e) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board or his or her designee.

For the initial appointments, the representative of the faith-based community shall serve for a term of one (1) year; the representative of the business community shall serve for a term of two (2) years; the Executive Director of the * * * Office of Workforce Development or his or her designee shall serve for a term of three (3) years and the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board shall serve for a term of four (4) years. All succeeding terms shall be for four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. The term of the Commissioner of Corrections shall run concurrent with his or her term or terms as commissioner. Initial appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after July 1, 2022. Any vacancy on the board prior to the expiration of a term for any reason, including resignation, removal, disqualification, death or disability shall be filled in the manner prescribed in paragraphs (a) through (e) of this subsection for the balance of the unexpired term. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a chairman, vice chairman and a secretary-treasurer. The officers shall be selected by the members of the board. However, the Commissioner of Corrections shall not be eligible to serve as an officer of the corporation.

(2) (a) The board of directors shall select and employ a chief executive officer of the corporation who shall serve at the pleasure of the board. The board shall set the compensation of the chief executive officer. The chief executive officer shall be responsible for the general business and entire operations of the corporation, and shall be responsible for operating the corporation in compliance with the bylaws of the corporation and in compliance with any provision of law. The board shall be authorized and empowered to do only those acts provided by law and by the bylaws of the corporation. Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, such board shall have the authority to establish prison industries, to cease the operation of any industry which it deems unsuitable or unprofitable, to enter into any lease or contract for the corporation and it shall have the full authority to establish prices for any industry good.

(b) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall work in collaboration with the Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development to implement workforce development programs within the corrections system which align with the strategic plan for an integrated workforce development system for the state, as described in Section 37-153-7.

(c) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall be a person with extensive experience in development of economic, human and physical resources, with an emphasis in the corrections or reentry environments preferred. The chief executive officer of the corporation shall have at least a bachelor's degree from a state-accredited institution and no less than eight (8) years of professional experience related to workforce development.

(d) With the assistance of the Office of Workforce Development, the chief executive officer of the corporation shall:

(i) Inventory and measure the effectiveness of current workforce development programs in the state corrections system, with the goal of eliminating any programs which do not result in desired outcomes, including, but not

limited to, an increase in employment in reentering offenders, a better environment within correctional facilities in the state, or a reduction in recidivism;

(ii) Partner with educational institutions to provide additional opportunities in workforce development programs for offenders leading to high-wage, high-skill jobs upon reentry;

(iii) Provide information, as appropriate, to offenders on workforce development programs available within the corrections system;

(iv) Work with industry to identify barriers which inhibit offender reentry and employment and evaluate the responsiveness of the corrections system and other support entities to the needs of industry;

(v) Develop short-term and long-term goals for the state related to workforce development and reentry offender employment within the corrections system; and

(vi) Perform a comprehensive review of workforce development in the corrections system, including the amount expended on programs supported by state or federal money and their outcomes.

(3) No member of the board of directors shall vote on any matter that comes before the board that could result in pecuniary benefit for himself or for any entity in which such member has an interest.

(4) In addition to the board of directors, an advisory board may be set up for the benefit of each industry which is established pursuant to the provisions of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575. Such boards shall be advisory only, and may be set up in the discretion of the board of directors of the corporation.

(5) Each member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69 for each day or fraction thereof spent in actual discharge of his official duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties in accordance with the requirements of Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(6) The board of directors shall make and publish policies, rules and regulations governing all business functions, including but not limited to accounting, marketing, purchasing and personnel, not inconsistent with the terms of Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, as may be necessary for the efficient administration and operation of the corporation.

(7) The chief executive officer of the corporation shall:

(a) Employ all necessary employees of the corporation and dismiss them as is necessary;

(b) Administer the daily operations of the corporation, including establishing education, training and workforce development programs in collaboration with the Office of Workforce Development and other relevant state and federal agencies;

(c) Upon approval of the board of directors, execute any contracts on behalf of the corporation; and

(d) Take any further actions which are necessary and proper toward the achievement of the corporation purposes.

(8) A member of the board of directors of the corporation shall not be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury or property damage caused to a person as a result of any acts or omissions committed in good faith in the exercise of their duties as members of the board of directors of the corporation, except where a member of the board engages in acts or omissions which are intentional, willful, wanton, reckless or grossly negligent.

SECTION 3. Section 47-5-577, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-577. Sections 47-5-531 through 47-5-575, which create the Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990, shall stand repealed from and after July 1, * * * 2027.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-26, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REQUIRING THAT THERE BE A DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF PRISON INDUSTRIES AND DIRECTOR OF PRISON AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-541, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REPLACE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACCELERATEMS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TO REQUIRE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION TO IMPLEMENT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WITHIN THE CORRECTIONS SYSTEM, AND TO DESCRIBE THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION; TO AMEND SECTION 47-5-577, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL FROM 2024 TO 2027; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Daniel H. Sparks, Benjamin Suber, Gary Brumfield
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Donnie Bell, Otis Anthony, Greg Haney

On motion of Rep. Bell (21st) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Rosebud. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Osborne. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Brown, Evans. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

On request of Rep. Bell (21st), unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2717**:

Unanimous Consent of the House is requested to make the following changes to the conference report for S.B. 2717:

On line 153 and line 5, insert the following after "Mississippi Code of 1972,":

"as amended by Senate Bill No. 2445, 2024 Regular Session,"

This language just conforms the code section with one that has already been sent to the Governor so that the language in Senate Bill 2717 does not get wiped out.

At 10:16 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 10:38 AM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Zuber called up:

S. B. No. 3231: PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3231. On motion of Rep. Zuber the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, K, Nelson, Osborne. Total-3.

Present--Anderson, J, Bailey, Butler-Washington, Evans, Gibbs, J, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Summers, Thompson, Young. Total--11.

Necessary for passage--54

Representative Johnson entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the following bill passed.

S. B. No. 3231: PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature.

At 11:03 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 2:00 PM.

At 2:05 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Barnett moved that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the following bill:

H. B. No. 4122: Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting.

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 1: This amendment in effect, set out an entirely new bill.

The House concurred in the foregoing amendment by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak,

Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-17-42, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-17-42. (1) Any person who shall, willfully and without authority, take possession of or take away a motor vehicle of any value belonging to another, with intent to either permanently or temporarily convert it or to permanently or temporarily deprive the owner of possession or ownership, and any person who knowingly shall aid and abet in the taking possession or taking away of the motor vehicle, shall be guilty of * * * a felony and shall be * * * fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or imprisoned in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed fifteen (15) years, or both.

(2) Any person convicted under this section who causes damage to any motor vehicle shall be ordered by the court to pay restitution to the owner or owners of the motor vehicle or vehicles damaged in the amount of damages caused to the vehicle and reasonable repair costs.

(3) This section shall not apply to the enforcement of a security interest in a motor vehicle.

(4) Any person who shall be convicted for a second or subsequent offense under this section shall be fined not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) or imprisoned in the * * * custody of the Department of Corrections for a term * * * of not less than five (5) years but not to exceed twenty (20) years, or both.

(5) Notwithstanding the penalties authorized in subsections (1) and (4) of this section, the penalty for a person convicted of an offense under this section where the motor vehicle was in the possession of a commercial entity in the business of buying, selling, leasing, renting, storing or transporting motor vehicles shall be instead a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) or imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than ten (10) years but not to exceed thirty (30) years, or both.

(6) As used in this section, "motor vehicle" includes every self-propelled device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway and shall also include any and all other land-based, self-propelled devices which are not designed for use upon a highway, including, but not limited to, farm machinery, construction equipment, all-terrain vehicles and off-road vehicles.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-42, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CRIME OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT SHALL BE A FELONY; TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR THE COMMISSION OF MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT; TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE PENALTY FOR A PERSON CONVICTED UNDER THIS SECTION WHERE THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS IN THE POSSESSION OF A COMMERCIAL ENTITY IN THE BUSINESS OF BUYING, SELLING, LEASING, RENTING, STORING OR TRANSPORTING MOTOR VEHICLES; TO DEFINE THE TERM "MOTOR VEHICLE"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Angela Burks Hill, Jason Barrett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Jay McKnight, Gene Newman

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, L, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--97.

Nays--Bell, C, Clark, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Karriem, Summers, Thompson. Total--8.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Osborne, Porter, Scott. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Nelson, Paden, Rosebud, Watson. Total--13.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-6-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-6-5. (1) There is hereby created the Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training, which shall consist of thirteen (13) members.

(2) (a) The Governor shall appoint six (6) members of the board from the following specified categories:

(i) Two (2) members, each of whom is a chief of police of a municipality in this state, with one (1) of the appointees being appointed from a municipality having a population of less than five thousand (5,000) according to the latest federal decennial census * * *;

(ii) * * * Two (2) members, each of whom is a sheriff of a county in this state, with one (1) of the appointees being appointed from a county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the latest federal decennial census;

(iii) One (1) member who is a district attorney in this state * * *; and

(iv) One (1) member who is a * * * current director of a Mississippi law enforcement officers' training academy. This member shall not serve successive terms on the board.

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(b) The initial appointments to the board shall be made by the Governor no later than twenty (20) days after April 7, 1981, as follows: the chief of police and the representative of higher education each shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years; and the sheriff and the district attorney each shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Upon the expiration of the terms of the initial appointees to the board, each subsequent appointment shall be made for a term of three (3) years, beginning on the date of the expiration of the previous term. A vacancy in any appointed position on the board prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment of the Governor only for the balance of the unexpired term. Appointments shall be made within sixty (60) days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

(c) Any member appointed under this subsection who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the board shall be subject to removal by the Governor. The president of the board shall notify the Governor in writing when a member has failed to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings.

(3) The remaining seven (7) members of the board shall be the following:

(a) The Attorney General, or * * * a deputy Attorney General as a designee * * *;

(b) The Director of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, or his designee * * *;

(c) The President of the Mississippi * * * Association of Chiefs of Police, or his designee * * *;

(d) The * * * Commissioner of the Mississippi * * * Department of Public Safety or his designee;

(e) The President of the Mississippi Constable Association, or his designee who is a member of the association * * *;

(f) The President of the Mississippi Campus Law Enforcement Officers Association, or his designee who is a member of the association * * *; and

(g) The President of the Mississippi Sheriffs' Association, or his designee who is a member of the association.

The Attorney General, the Director of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and the respective presidents of the foregoing associations, or their designees, shall serve only for their respective terms of office.

(4) Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any actual and reasonable expenses incurred as a necessary incident to such service, including mileage, as provided in Section 25-3-41.

(5) There shall be a chairman and a vice chairman of the board, elected by and from the membership of the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business, but the board shall meet at least every three (3) months.

(***)6) If a person appointed to the board no longer occupies the status qualifying that person's appointment, that position on the board shall be immediately vacated and filled ex officio or by appointment of the Governor as otherwise provided in this section.

(***)7) The board shall report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on its activities, and may make such other reports as it deems desirable.

(***)8) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the training officers of all police academies in the state whose curricula are approved by the board shall be advisors to the board. They shall be entitled to all privileges of the board members, including travel expenses and subsistence, but shall not be eligible to vote at board meetings.

SECTION 2. Section 45-6-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-6-7. In addition to the powers conferred upon the board elsewhere in this chapter, the board shall have power to:

(a) Promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this chapter, including the authority to require the submission of reports and information by law enforcement agencies of the state and its political subdivisions.

(b) Establish minimum educational and training standards for admission to employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer or a part-time law enforcement officer: (i) in a permanent position; and (ii) in a probationary status. The minimum educational and training standards for any law enforcement officer assigned to field or investigative duties shall include at least two (2) hours of training related to handling complaints of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of children as defined in Section 43-21-105, communicating with such victims, and requiring the officer to contact the Department of Child Protection Services when human trafficking or commercial sexual exploitation is suspected.

(c) Certify persons as being qualified under the provisions of this chapter to be law enforcement officers or part-time law enforcement officers.

(d) Revoke certification for cause and in the manner provided in this chapter. The board is authorized to conduct investigations and subpoena documents regarding revocations. The board shall maintain a current list of all persons certified under this chapter who have been placed on probation, suspended, subjected to revocation of certification, or any combination of these. The board may establish a hearing panel for the purpose of providing a hearing to any law enforcement officer for whom the board believes there is a basis for reprimand, suspension, cancellation of, or recalling the certification of a law enforcement officer. The hearing panel shall provide its written findings and recommendations to the board.

(e) Establish minimum curriculum requirements for basic and advanced courses and programs for schools operated by or for the state or any political subdivision thereof for the specific purpose of training police and other law enforcement officers, both full- and part-time, which shall include a minimum of two (2) hours of training in a course or courses related to the identification of and support for victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.

(f) Consult and cooperate with counties, municipalities, state agencies, other governmental agencies, and with universities, colleges, community and junior colleges and other institutions concerning the development of training schools, programs or courses of instruction for personnel defined in this chapter.

(g) Make recommendations concerning any matter within its purview pursuant to this chapter.

(h) Make such inspection and evaluation as may be necessary to determine if governmental units are complying with the provisions of this chapter.

(i) Approve law enforcement officer training schools for operation by or for the state or any political subdivision thereof for the specific purpose of training personnel defined in this chapter.

(j) Upon the request of agencies employing personnel defined in this chapter, conduct surveys or aid municipalities and counties to conduct surveys through qualified public or private agencies and assist in the implementation of any recommendations resulting from such surveys.

(k) Upon request of agencies within the purview of this chapter, conduct general and specific management surveys and studies of the operations of the requesting agencies at no cost to those agencies. The role of the board under this subsection shall be that of management consultant.

(l) Adopt and amend regulations consistent with law, for its internal management and control of board programs.

(m) Enter into contracts or do such things as may be necessary and incidental to the administration of this chapter.

(n) Establish jointly with the State Board of Education the minimum level of basic law enforcement training required of persons employed by school districts as school security guards, or school resource officers or in other positions that have the powers of a peace officer.

SECTION 3. Section 45-6-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-6-19. (1) The chief of police of any state agency, county, municipality, public two-year or four-year college or university and any extension thereof in the State of Mississippi, and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, is required to annually complete twenty (20) hours of executive level continuing education courses which are approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement *** Officer Standards and Training. Any new chief of police having never previously served in that capacity, is required to complete forty (40) hours of executive level continuing education courses for his first year of service. Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police.

(2) Any *** law enforcement officer of any state agency, county, municipality, public two-year or four-year college or university and any extension thereof in the State of Mississippi, and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, is required to annually complete a specified number of hours, as stated in this subsection, of continuing education courses which are approved by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement *** Officer Standards and Training. The following number of hours of continuing education courses is required for *** law enforcement officers specified in this subsection based upon the number of years following July 1, 2004:

0-2 years after July 1, 2004 8 hours of annual training

3-4 years after July 1, 2004 16 hours of annual training

5 or more years after July 1, 2004..24 hours of annual training

Such education courses may be provided by an accredited law enforcement academy or by the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police.

(3) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement *** Officer Standards and Training shall reimburse each state agency, county, municipality, public two-year or four-year college or university and any extension thereof or the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for the expense incurred for chiefs of police and state agency, county, municipal *** , public two-year or four-year college or university and any extension thereof and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District law enforcement officers in attendance at approved training programs as required by this section.

(4) Any chief of police or state agency, county, municipal *** , public two-year or four-year college or university and any extension thereof and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District law enforcement officer who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to having his certification as a chief of police or state agency, county, municipal *** , public two-year or four-year college or university and any

extension thereof and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District law enforcement officer revoked by the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement *** Officer Standards and Training, in accordance with Section 45-6-11.

(5) The Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement *** Officer Standards and Training is authorized to institute and promulgate all rules necessary for considering the revocation of any municipal chief of police or state agency, county, municipal *** , public two-year or four-year college or university and any extension thereof and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District law enforcement officer who does not comply with the provisions of this section, and may grant, for sufficient cause shown, an extension of time in which compliance with the provisions of this section may be made.

(6) Any chief of police or state agency, county, municipal *** , public two-year or four-year college or university and any extension thereof and the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District law enforcement officer who is aggrieved by any order or ruling made under the provisions of this section has the same rights and procedure of appeal as from any other order or ruling of the Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training.

SECTION 4. Section 45-1-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-101. (1) This section may be referred to as the "HR218 Qualification Law."

(2) Any retired law enforcement officer who resides in this state and for whom the law enforcement agency from which the officer retired does not participate in the necessary certification for the retired officer to be certified according to the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 *** or who does not reside in convenient proximity to the law enforcement agency from which the officer retired, may obtain the necessary certification from the Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING FROM THIRTEEN TO NINE; TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE BOARD'S POWERS AND DUTIES TO INCLUDE INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 45-6-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR ALL STATE AGENCY, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS WELL AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY ANY PUBLIC TWO-YEAR OR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND ANY EXTENSION THEREOF IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY REFERENCE TO RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Fred Shanks, Zachary Grady

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Hall. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials.

H. B. No. 1723: Pike County; authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize certain lease-purchase arrangement.

H. B. No. 4127: City of Gautier; authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 60: Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of.

H. C. R. No. 61: Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan; commend upon winning NCAA Division I national title in shot put.

H. C. R. No. 62: Jalani Davis; recognize and commend for winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Women's Weight Throw.

H. C. R. No. 63: Neshoba Central High School "Lady Rockets" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 136: Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team; commend upon winning MAIS 6A State Soccer Championship.

H. R. No. 137: Craig Newton; commend upon his induction into Delta State University's 2024 Sports Hall of Fame.

H. R. No. 138: Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 6A Boys State Championship.

H. R. No. 140: St. Andrews Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Soccer State Championship.

H. R. No. 141: Peter and Mireille DeBeukelaer; commend upon success as founders of world-renowned Pirouline wafer cookie and upon community service.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing.

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1880: Grenada County; expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership.

H. B. No. 4122: Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Hines moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Neal Sharkey, which motion prevailed.

At 2:13 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 1:00 PM, Sunday, April 28, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-SIXTH DAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Jeffrey Hulum.

Rep. Hulum led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1720: City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

H. B. No. 1473: Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash.

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2493: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds.

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 4130: "Mississippi Student Funding Formula"; create to provide funding mechanism for public schools.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 150: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Madison Central High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning Class 7A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 151: (Representative Hawkins) Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. Rules.

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Administrative Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the cost of eligible expeditions under the American Rescue Plan Act for the period beginning from and after the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 600,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the Administrative Office of Courts.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time-to-time, by the United States Department of the Treasury and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time-to-time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE COST OF ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Present--Bailey. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established in Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 30,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the State Department of Health.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901

of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time-to-time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time-to-time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. As a condition of receiving the funds appropriated herein, the State Department of Health shall award these funds to eligible entities that have not previously received funding in prior rounds.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for the purpose of purchasing eligible equipment for law enforcement officers employed by and through the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for the period beginning from and after the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 3,500,000.00.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of this act, the term "department" means the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time-to-time, by the United States Department of the Treasury and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as

added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 3. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time-to-time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund established by ARPA and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY AND THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of defraying administrative and reporting expenses for the period beginning on passage, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 15,000,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying eligible administration and reporting expenses related to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds incurred on or after March 3, 2021, through the final expenditure date as determined by the U.S. Treasury.

SECTION 2. None of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332

regarding subrecipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA; and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING EXPENSES ALLOWABLE UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON PASSAGE AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Crudup, Currie, Ladner, McCray, Osborne. Total-6.

Present--Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Evans, Karriem, Summers, Young.
Total--7.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management for the purposes described in this section, for the period beginning on passage, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 56,500,000.00.

This additional appropriation under this section is for the purpose of completing capital projects at any state-owned buildings or grounds that are allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith.

SECTION 2. "Capital projects" for the purpose of this act shall mean the following:

- (a) Eligible projects under the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), lead remediation, and stormwater infrastructure;
- (b) Prevention, mitigation, or other services in congregate living facilities and other key settings;
- (c) Ventilation system installation and improvements;
- (d) Capital investments in public facilities to implement COVID-19 mitigation tactics;
- (e) Improvements to state parks due to increased use;
- (f) Any other eligible project through ARPA guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury, excluding broadband infrastructure.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management prioritize necessary investment in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure when determining projects unless the entity operates a congregate living facility or the purpose is expressly stated in this act.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated under this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 5. (1) As used in this section and Section 6 of this act, the term "department" means the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding subrecipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 6. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA; and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 7. The department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by October 1 of each year an annual report. The reports shall contain a listing of the projects intended to be funded through this appropriation, the amount of funds allocated toward each project, the amount of funds expended on each project, and the status of each project.

SECTION 8. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS, AND REAL

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR ALLOWABLE CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON PASSAGE AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Sanders, Taylor. Total-3.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the purpose of expenditures for allowable Surface Transportation projects included

in the Maintenance Program of the MDOT Three-Year Plan for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 50,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds provided in Section 1 of this act shall be provided for shovel-ready projects that will be under contract and obligated before November 1, 2024.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of this act, the term "department" means the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

(2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

SECTION 4. (1) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to the department under this act complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 6. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR ALLOWABLE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM OF THE MDOT THREE-YEAR PLAN, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Rita Potts Parks

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Calvert, Creekmore, Osborne. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2170: Appropriation; additional to Department of Health.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2170: Appropriation; additional to Department of Health.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Health for the purpose of funding disbursements to Mississippi hospitals, for the period beginning upon passage and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 20,435,629.00.

SECTION 2. As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall:

(a) Determine the amount of funds each hospital under the program established in Section 41-9-371 would have been eligible to receive if the funds appropriated to the program by Chapter 47, General Laws of 2023, had not been subject to any restrictions other than those imposed by Section 41-9-371;

(b) Determine the amount of funds each hospital actually received or will receive pursuant to a beneficiary agreement executed by April 25, 2024, under the program in Section 41-9-371;

(c) Determine the difference between the amount of funds in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section; and

(d) Disburse the difference calculated in paragraph (c) of this section to any hospital where the difference is a positive balance.

SECTION 3. As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the department shall not disburse funds to a hospital pursuant to Section 41-9-371 that did not have a beneficiary agreement executed by April 25, 2024.

SECTION 4. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 5. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING DISBURSEMENTS TO MISSISSIPPI HOSPITALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Kevin Blackwell, John A. Polk

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Karl Oliver

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Mims, Osborne. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3059: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3059: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners for the period beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 320,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the costs of relocating the agency, facility inspections, and replacing the agency's database system.

SECTION 2. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

\$ 5,000,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Forestry Facility Grant Program established in Section 57-1-781, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Wireless Communication Commission and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Wireless Communication Commission for the period beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 3,900,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the cost associated with adding new statewide communication towers.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury, to the credit of the State Board of Cosmetology, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the State Board of Cosmetology for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 57,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying agency operational expenditures.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury, to the credit of the Governor's Office-Division of Medicaid, and allocated in a

manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Governor's Office-Division of Medicaid for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024

\$ 855,218,476.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying mandated Medicaid medical services.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury, to the credit of the State Forestry Commission, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the State Forestry Commission for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. \$ 719,405.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying expenses related to the emergency response to wildfires.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of paying for certain outside legal assistance, expert witness fees, court fees, judgments and settlement agreements incurred by the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 665,094.00.

(a) Anthony Fox v. State of Mississippi, Circuit Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, Cause No. 24-188 \$ 57,562.00

(b) Mississippi State Conference of the National Conference for the Advancement of Colored People, et al. v. State Board of Election Commissioners, et al. No. 3:22-cv-734 (S.D. Miss)

\$ 607,532.00

SECTION 8. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Office of the Secretary of State for the period upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 3,977,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying the expenses of software system updates and upgrades.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Education for the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 2,515,260.00.

This additional appropriation is provided for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Educable Child program.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Mississippi State Department of Health for the period beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,772,010.00.

This additional appropriation is provided for defraying the costs of legal expenses associated with the City of Jackson's water litigation.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF CAPITAL EXPENSE FUNDS AND SPECIAL FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS; THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; THE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION; THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY; THE

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-DIVISION OF MEDICAID; THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION; THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; THE SECRETARY OF STATE; THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Dennis DeBar, Jr., John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Vince Mangold

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne. Total-1.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Yancey called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-137-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-39. (1) (a) * * * The MDOH shall obtain criminal records background checks on all persons applying to become a licensee, an agent, or representative as defined herein, of a medical cannabis establishment. This shall include performing

criminal records background checks on all potential employees, current employees, or representatives/agents of the MDOH Medical Cannabis Program. The required criminal history background includes information provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) * * * For the purposes of this section, an applicant is any person who registers with or applies for an initial medical cannabis work permit, or a renewal of a medical cannabis work permit. Such a person or applicant may also be defined as an agent, an employee, a representative, etc. as further defined and sometimes used interchangeably as referenced in this section.

(c) * * * For purposes of this section, an agent is a person who acts for or on behalf of, or who represents a medical cannabis establishment while in the course of business or employment with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program and may also be referred to as an agent, a representative, or vice versa.

(d) * * * Representative means a principal officer, owner of ten percent (10%) or greater economic interest in a medical cannabis establishment with direct or indirect interest, officer, director, manager, employee, agent, volunteer, or other type representative of a registered medical cannabis licensee establishment.

(e) * * * Principal officer means a person(s) who has ultimate responsibility for implementing the decisions of a cannabis testing facility or other such medical cannabis establishment and includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Administrative Office (CAO), Chief Financial Officer, (CFO), as applicable. Elected or appointed, the board as a whole creates agency policies and oversees the agency's managerial positions.

(f) Board member means an individual on a medical cannabis establishment's company or agency board which serves as an organization's governing body.

(g) Principal owner means the primary owner of a medical cannabis establishment, but often may be the sole owner.

(h) Any and every person/applicant seeking to become an owner or principal owner, principal officer, or officer, board member, director, manager, agent/representative, employee, care giver, or volunteer of a medical cannabis establishment shall apply for, or authorize the MDOH to obtain state and national criminal background checks to be conducted by the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(i) Such criminal background checks shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(j) Once the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety completes a state level criminal history background checks, they will forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history background check.

(k) The person seeking to become an agent/representative of a medical cannabis establishment shall authorize the release of such criminal background checks to the MDOH and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee that the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety or the MDOH charges to process fingerprint-based state and national criminal background checks. The Department of Public Safety and the MDOH each may charge and retain a fee not to exceed Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) for each applicant.

(l) The Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety shall forward to the MDOH all information obtained concerning the applicant. MDOH will not disseminate the information and will only use such information as required to fulfill the purposes of this act.

(2) A medical cannabis establishment may not employ any person who:

(a) Was convicted of a disqualifying felony offense; or

(b) Is under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(3) The operating documents of a medical cannabis establishment must include procedures for the oversight of the medical cannabis establishment and procedures to ensure accurate record keeping and adequate security measures.

(4) A medical cannabis establishment shall implement appropriate security measures designed to deter and prevent the theft of medical cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing medical cannabis.

(5) All cultivation, harvesting, processing and packaging of medical cannabis must take place in an enclosed, locked and secure facility with a physical address provided to the MDOH during the licensing and registration process. The facility shall be equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by agents of the medical cannabis establishment, emergency personnel or adults who are twenty-one (21) years of age and older and who are accompanied by medical cannabis establishment agents.

(6) No medical cannabis establishment other than a cannabis processing facility or cannabis research facility may produce cannabis concentrates, cannabis extractions, or other cannabis products.

(7) A medical cannabis establishment may not share office space with or refer patients to a practitioner.

(8) Medical cannabis establishments are subject to inspection by the MDOR and MDOH during business hours.

(9) Before medical cannabis may be dispensed to a cardholder, a dispensary agent must:

(a) Require that the individual present a registry identification card;

(b) Make a diligent effort to verify that the registry identification card presented to the dispensary is valid;

(c) Make a diligent effort to verify that the person presenting the registry identification card is the person identified on the registry identification card presented to the dispensary agent; and

(d) Not believe that the amount of medical cannabis dispensed would cause the person to possess more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis.

(10) A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis to a cardholder. * * * A resident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twenty-four (24) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in thirty (30) days from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries.

The possession limit for resident cardholders of the allowable amount of medical cannabis shall be a total of twenty-eight (28) MMCEUs. There shall not be a possession limit on nonconsumable medical cannabis, including, but not limited to, suppositories, ointments, soaps, and lotions or other topical agents.

(11) For purposes of this chapter, total THC is defined as THCA multiplied by .877 plus THC Delta 9 and all other psychoactive forms or isomers of THC added together. A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell cannabis flower or trim that has a potency of greater than thirty percent (30%) total THC. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell cannabis tinctures, oils or concentrates that have a potency of greater than sixty percent (60%) total THC. Cannabis products that have a potency of over thirty percent (30%) total THC shall be clearly labeled as "extremely potent." Edible cannabis products, including food or drink products, that have been combined with usable cannabis or cannabis products shall be physically demarked and labeled with a clear determination of how much total THC is in a single-serving size and how much THC is in the entire package.

A medical cannabis product shall contain a notice of harm regarding the use of cannabis products. Edible cannabis products shall be homogenized to ensure uniform disbursement of cannabinoids throughout the product. All molded edible cannabis products shall be presented in the form of geometric shapes and shall not be molded to contain any images or characters designed or likely to appeal to minors, such as cartoons, toys, animals or children.

(12) A dispensary may not dispense more than the allowable amount of cannabis to a registered qualifying patient or a nonresident cardholder, directly or via a registered designated caregiver. Dispensaries shall ensure compliance with this limitation by maintaining internal, confidential records that include records specifying how much medical cannabis is being dispensed to the registered qualifying patient or

nonresident cardholder and whether it was dispensed directly to a registered qualifying patient, nonresident cardholder or to the registered designated caregiver.

(13) A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of six (6) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in a week from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries. A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twelve (12) MMCEUs of allowable cannabis from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries in a fifteen-day period.

(14) A nonresident may apply to receive a nonresident registry identification card up to thirty (30) days before arriving in Mississippi. A nonresident registry identification card shall be valid for fifteen (15) days. After the expiration of the card, a nonresident may apply for a renewal of the card and may be granted another card which shall be valid for another fifteen-day period. A nonresident registry identification card shall only be valid, at a maximum, for two (2) separate periods of fifteen (15) days in a three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. An applicant may indicate on his or her application the specific time period that he or she wishes for the card to be valid. The possession limit of the allowable amount of medical cannabis for nonresident cardholders shall be fourteen (14) MMCEUs.

(15) A medical cannabis dispensary agent or employee shall not issue a written certification. Employees and agents of a medical cannabis dispensary shall complete at least eight (8) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis as regulated by the MDOR in order to be certified to work at a medical cannabis dispensary. After the first year of employment, these employees shall complete five (5) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis annually to maintain this certification.

(16) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a patient with a debilitating medical condition who is between eighteen (18) years to twenty-five (25) years of age is not eligible for a medical cannabis registry identification card unless two (2) practitioners from separate medical practices have diagnosed the patient as having a debilitating medical condition after an in-person consultation. One (1) of these practitioners must be a physician or doctor of osteopathic medicine.

If one (1) of the recommending practitioners is not the patient's primary care practitioner, the recommending practitioner shall review the records of a diagnosing practitioner. The requirement that the two (2) practitioners be from separate medical practices does not apply if the patient is homebound or if the patient had a registry identification card before the age of eighteen (18).

(17) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a medical cannabis establishment shall not allow an individual who is younger than twenty-one (21) years old to enter the premises of the establishment unless the individual possesses a registry identification card and is accompanied by his or her legal guardian.

(18) A medical cannabis establishment shall only purchase, grow, cultivate, and use cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state. Any medical cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state shall not be transported outside of this state.

(19) Employees of all medical cannabis establishments shall apply for a work permit with the MDOH and MDOR, as applicable, before beginning employment with any establishment. The licensing agency for the respective medical cannabis establishment may issue work permits to these individuals. These licensing agencies shall maintain a work registry of all applicants and work permits issued. The fee for a work permit shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and the permit shall be valid for five (5) years. Work permits shall be the property of the employee and shall not be transferable to other employees.

(20) For purposes of this subsection, "plant growth regulator cannabis" shall mean a cannabis plant whose growth and structure has been modified using plant growth hormones. A cannabis cultivation facility shall not cultivate and a cannabis dispensary shall not sell, transfer or provide for consumption plant growth regulator cannabis.

(21) A medical cannabis dispensary shall only make sales to cardholders inside the dispensary. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell or otherwise convey medical cannabis to a cardholder through the means of a drive-through, curbside delivery or other delivery outside the premises of the dispensary. Any topical cannabis product that is purchased by a dispensary from a licensed processor, and that is not

ingested by the liver, may be sold to a cardholder or any person over the age of twenty-one (21) years old who is not a cardholder. Such products shall be placed in an area of the dispensary that does not require access with a registry identification card.

(22) Any and all contracts or agreements entered into by the MDOH and MDOR for information technology software, hardware, and/or services for the purpose of implementing and/or operating under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall include language reasonably limiting the ability of the vendor to escalate the ongoing cost of such software, hardware, and/or services during the term of the contract, including any amendments and/or extensions.

(23) The MDOR and MDOH shall not share the name, address or personal data of a registry identification cardholder to any federal government entity.

SECTION 2. Section 41-137-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-47. (1) * * * The licensing agency is authorized to investigate, either on the basis of complaints filed with it or on its own initiative through compliance visits, reviews or audits, instances of suspected violations of any nature, including, but not limited to:

(a) Performing the duties and requirements set forth for licensees within the relevant statute and regulations;

(b) The providing of false information on an application or renewal for a license, incident to a hearing, or otherwise;

(c) The conviction of a licensee of a felony;

(d) The misappropriation of funds; and

(e) The inversion or diversion of medical cannabis or medical cannabis products, or of any other matter reflecting unfavorably upon the holder of a license under the act.

(2) On the basis of information developed during such an investigation, the licensing agency may exercise any number of compliance actions including:

(a) To revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any license issued by the licensing agency;

(b) Deny an application for a license; or

(c) Reprimand, fine and/or take any other actions in relation to a license, as the licensing agency may deem proper under the circumstances.

(3) The licensing agency may deny the application of any applicant who fails to meet the qualifications for obtaining such license under this chapter or any rules and regulations under this chapter.

(4) Whenever the results of such an investigation are filed, the licensee may request an administrative hearing on the matter. If a licensee or applicant wishes to appeal the licensing agency's decision, the licensee or applicant shall file its administrative appeal within twenty (20) days of receipt of the initial notice.

If such a hearing is requested, the licensing agency shall set a day for a hearing and shall notify the licensee that on the day fixed for hearing he or she may appear so that an administrative hearing may take place. The licensing agency shall then conduct a hearing on the record pursuant to the licensing agency's rules and regulations governing such hearings, at which time the burden shall be on the licensee or applicant to prove that the agency's decision was:

(a) Unsupported by substantial evidence;

(b) Arbitrary or capricious;

(c) Beyond the power of the administrative agency to make; or

(d) Violated some statutory or constitutional right of the aggrieved

party.

If the licensee or applicant fails to appeal the initial notice within the prescribed time, the decision becomes final and cannot be further appealed.

(5) In cases where violations of this chapter have been substantiated, the licensing agency may assess a monetary penalty or recoupment of costs for those reasonable costs that are expended by the licensing agency in the investigation and conduct of a proceeding for the compliance issue that is the subject matter of the hearing, including, but not limited to, the costs of process service, court reporters, expert witnesses and investigations. The licensing agency shall determine the amount of

investigative fees and costs owed by a licensee based on an itemized accounting after the investigation has been officially completed and a final determination or action has been determined. Upon final determination or action, the licensing agency shall give to the licensee an itemized accounting of the investigative fees and costs incurred. The licensing agency may recommend denial of, or refusal to take final action to approve the renewal of a licensee unless all investigative fees and costs have been paid in full by the licensee.

(** *6) The licensing agency shall provide its initial notice of suspension, revocation, fine or other sanction by personal delivery or mailing by certified mail, signature required, to the medical cannabis establishment at the address on the registration certificate. A suspension shall not be for a longer period than six (6) months. The licensing agency shall provide its initial notice of denial by personal delivery, mailing by certified mail, signature required, or by electronic mail to the applicant at the physical or electronic address listed in its application.

(** *7) A medical cannabis establishment may continue to possess and cultivate cannabis as otherwise authorized to do so under its license during a suspension, but it may not dispense, transfer or sell cannabis.

(** *8) The MDOH shall immediately revoke the registry identification card of any cardholder who sells or otherwise transfers medical cannabis to a person or other entity, and the cardholder shall be disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(** *9) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (** *8) of this section, the MDOH may revoke the registry identification card of any cardholder who knowingly commits a violation of this chapter.

(** *10) The hearing decision of the agency on a denial, revocation, suspension or fine is a final decision of the applicable agency subject to judicial review in accordance with Section 41-137-59.

(** *11) No license issued by the MDOH or MDOR shall be transferred by the license holder to any other person or entity except with the written consent of the applicable licensing agency.

(** *12) Any ongoing investigation by a licensing agency under this section shall be considered confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, Sections 25-61-1 through 25-61-17.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO PERFORMING BACKGROUND CHECKS AS PART OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO OBTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS BACKGROUND CHECKS FROM THE MISSISSIPPI JUSTICE INFORMATION CENTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE F.B.I.; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO RECOUP ANY FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BACKGROUND CHECK; TO DELETE THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT PROHIBITS A RESIDENT CARDHOLDER FROM OBTAINING MORE THAN A TOTAL OF SIX MMCEUS OF ALLOWABLE MEDICAL CANNABIS IN A WEEK FROM A DISPENSARY OR A COMBINATION OF DISPENSARIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EACH MAY CHARGE AND RETAIN A FEE FOR EACH APPLICANT; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEASURES RELATED TO INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES BY LICENSING AGENCIES UNDER THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT; TO SET CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING PROCEDURES; TO AUTHORIZE THE LICENSING AGENCY TO RECOUP ANY FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE INVESTIGATION OR HEARING PROCESS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Kevin Blackwell, Chris Johnson
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lee Yancey, Billy Adam Calvert, Josh Hawkins

On motion of Rep. Yancey the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--104.

Nays--Summers. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, McCarty, McCray, Osborne. Total-5.

Present--Anderson, J, Anthony, Banks, Clark, Crudup, Evans, Harness, Hines, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Porter. Total--12.

Necessary for passage--63

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

Rep. Horan moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Creekmore called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

Rep. Creekmore moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Shanks called up:

S. C. R. No. 543: Commend Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Harness, Osborne. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 96: Workers' Memorial Day; recognize upon occasion of 25th anniversary.

H. R. No. 143: Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 135: SFC Clyde Williams; commend upon winning 2023 Army National Guard Director's 54 Award for State of Mississippi.

H. R. No. 142: Bridgette Whiting; commend upon being named 2023-2024 Star Teacher for the Ocean Springs School District for the second nine weeks.

H. R. No. 144: South Panola High School Varsity Cheerleaders; commend on winning MHSAA Game Day Cheer Division.

H. R. No. 145: Greater Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) USA; commend on 160th anniversary.

H. R. No. 146: Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant; commend upon becoming the first African-American woman to attain the rank of admiral.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

At 1:35 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:25 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby **S. B. No. 3231:** (PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature.) passed, and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Summers moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Leon Esco, which motion prevailed.

At 3:30 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Monday, April 29, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-SEVENTH DAY, MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED NINETEENTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Zakiya Summers.

Rep. Summers led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Absent or those not voting--Taylor. Total-1.

Leave of absence was granted to Representative Taylor.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 29, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 120: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway." Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:40 AM

H. B. No. 313: Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:32 AM

H. B. No. 349: Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:35 AM

H. B. No. 634: Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:39 AM

H. B. No. 1068: County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:45 AM

H. B. No. 1092: Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:47 AM

H. B. No. 1196: Sextortion; create crime of. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:51 AM

H. B. No. 1378: Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 10:57 AM

H. B. No. 1577: Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:01 AM

H. B. No. 1696: Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:03 AM

H. B. No. 1744: City of Lucedale; authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:03 AM

H. B. No. 1855: Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft. Thursday, April 25, 2024, 11:04 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, April 29, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 1035: Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act". Monday, April 29, 2024, 9:59 AM

H. B. No. 1344: Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State. Monday, April 29, 2024, 9:50 AM

H. B. No. 1984: Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products. Monday, April 29, 2024, 9:53 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1086: Land partitions; revise provision that regulate.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. C. R. No. 64: Legislature; extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine and die adjournment.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 64: (Representative White) Legislature; extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. Rules.

H. R. No. 152: (Representative Hulum) Lisa McGhee Davis; commend esteemed career with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon the occasion of her retirement. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 148: Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc.; commend in honor of Women's History Month. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 151: Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 152: Lisa McGhee Davis; commend esteemed career with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon the occasion of her retirement. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 539: Designate March 2024 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 540: Recognize legacy of Rosie S. Simmons as the first African American since Reconstruction to serve as Bolivar County Circuit Clerk. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 545: Recognize Jessica Banahan McNeel as MDE "2024 Mississippi Parent of the Year." Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 546: Designate April 11, 2024, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

S. C. R. No. 547: Extend the condolences of the Legislature on the passing of the first female Mayor of Meridian Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. C. R. No. 64: Legislature; extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine and die adjournment. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 150: Madison Central High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning Class 7A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Sanford called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this article, for all absentee ballots that are cast in person at the office of the registrar, the absentee ballot application and the required elector certificates shall be printed on the same absentee ballot envelope, with the application being printed on the front side of the envelope and the elector's certificates printed on the back side of the envelope. Such envelope shall not be smaller than eight and one-half (8-1/2) inches by eleven (11) inches. Once a voter has completed the application, he or she shall proceed to cast his or her absentee ballot and then place the ballot in the absentee ballot envelope as otherwise provided by law. After the ballot is sealed in the envelope, the elector shall complete the elector's certificate. A signature mismatch shall not be grounds for rejecting an absentee ballot that was cast in person in the registrar's office.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-633, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-633. (1) On any envelope where the elector's signature and the signature of the attesting witness are required, the signature lines and the signatures shall be in the boxes across the flap of the envelope to * * * ensure the integrity of the ballot and the following shall be printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS IN THE BOXES ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE * * *."

(2) For in-person absentee ballot envelopes, the form of the envelope shall comply with the provisions of Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-635, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-635. (1) The form of the elector's certificate, attesting witness certification and certificate of the person providing voter assistance on the back of the envelope used by absentee voters who receive their ballot by mail and who are not absent voters as defined in Section 23-15-673, shall be as follows:

"ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE
STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, under penalty of perjury do solemnly swear that this envelope contains the ballot marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the ____ day of _____, 2____, and I hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the * * * resolution board to open this envelope and place my ballot among the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

I further swear that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to five (5) years in prison and a fine of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are up to one (1) year in jail and a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

(Signature of voter)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

Under penalty of perjury I affirm that the above named voter personally appeared before me, on this the ____ day of _____, 2____, and is known by me to be the person named, and who, after being duly sworn or having affirmed, subscribed the foregoing oath or affirmation. That the voter exhibited to me his or her blank ballot; that the ballot was not marked or voted before the voter exhibited the ballot to me; that the voter was not solicited or advised by me to vote for any candidate, question or issue, and that the voter, after marking his or her ballot, placed it in the envelope, closed and sealed the envelope in my presence, and signed and swore or affirmed the above certificate.

(Attesting witness)

(Address)

(Official title)

(City and State)

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PROVIDING VOTER ASSISTANCE

(To be completed only if the voter has received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot.) I, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that the above-named voter declared to me that he or she is blind, temporarily or permanently physically disabled, or cannot read or write, and that the voter requested that I assist the voter in marking the enclosed absentee ballot. I hereby certify that the ballot preferences on the enclosed ballot are those communicated by the voter to me, and that I have marked the enclosed ballot in accordance with the voter's instructions.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to five (5) years in prison and a fine of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are up to one (1) year in jail and a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

Signature of person providing assistance

Printed name of person providing assistance

Address of person providing assistance

Date and time assistance provided

Family relationship to voter (if any)"

(2) The envelope shall have printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color, the following: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS IN THE BOXES ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE * * *."

SECTION 4. Section 23-15-639, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-639. (1) The examination and counting of all absentee ballots shall be conducted as follows:

(a) At the opening of the regular balloting and at the opening of the polls, the resolution board established under Section 23-15-523 and trained in the process of canvassing absentee ballots shall first take the envelopes containing the absentee ballots of such electors from the secure location at the * * * registrar's office, and the name, address and precinct inscribed on each envelope shall be announced by the * * * resolution board.

(b) (i) For absentee ballots that were received by mail, the signature on the application shall then be compared with the signature in the box on the back of the envelope. If it corresponds and the affidavit, if one is required, is sufficient and the resolution board finds that the applicant is a registered and qualified voter or otherwise qualified to vote, the envelope shall then be opened and the ballot removed from the envelope, without its being unfolded, or permitted to be unfolded or examined.

(ii) For absentee ballots that were cast in person in the registrar's office, the resolution board shall confirm that the voter completed the application on the front of the envelope and signed the elector's certificate in the box on the back of the envelope. If it is signed and the resolution board finds that the applicant is a registered and qualified voter or otherwise qualified to vote, the envelope shall be opened and the absentee ballot removed from the envelope, without its being unfolded, or permitted to be unfolded or examined.

(c) When a voter's absentee ballot is rejected because the signatures on the application and in the box on the envelope do not correspond, the registrar shall notify the voter within one (1) business day of the election that the voter's absentee ballot has been tentatively rejected because the signature on the application does not correspond with the signature in the box on the envelope. The notice shall inform the voter about the process of curing the deficiency and that if the voter does not cure the signatures by 12:00 p.m. on the fifth business day after the election, then the voter's ballot shall be rejected. Notice to the voter shall be made using the contact information that the voter provided on his or her absentee ballot application. The absentee cure form shall be transmitted to the voter via email or facsimile; however, if neither are available, then the form shall be transmitted by first-class mail to the voter. The form of the notice and the absentee cure form shall be provided for in rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State.

(* * *d) Having observed and found the ballot to be regular as far as can be observed from its official endorsement, the resolution board shall deposit it in the ballot box with the other ballots before counting any ballots and enter the voter's name in the receipt book provided for that purpose. All absentee ballots received prior to 7:00 p.m. the day * * * of the election shall be counted in the registrar's office by the resolution board when the polls close and then added to the votes cast in each precinct. * * *

(2) The resolution board shall also take such action as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State to ensure compliance with the identification requirements of Section 23-15-563.

(3) The resolution board shall process the absentee ballots using the procedure provided in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 5. Section 23-15-641, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-641. (1) For all absentee votes received by mail, if an affidavit or the certificate of the officer before whom the affidavit is taken is required and such affidavit or certificate is found to be insufficient, or if it is found that the signatures do not correspond and the voter has not cured his or her ballot as provided in Section 23-15-639, or that the applicant is not a duly qualified elector in the precinct, or otherwise qualified to vote, or that the ballot envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, * * * the previously cast vote shall not be allowed. Without opening the voter's envelope the resolution board shall mark across its face "REJECTED", with the reason therefor.

(2) For all absentee votes received by mail, if the ballot envelope contains more than one (1) ballot of any kind, the ballot shall not be counted but shall be marked "REJECTED", with the reason therefor, and the registrar shall promptly notify the voter of such rejection. The voter's envelopes and affidavits, and the voter's envelope with its contents unopened, when such vote is rejected, shall be retained and preserved in the same manner as other ballots at the election. Such votes may be challenged in the same manner and for the same reasons that any other vote cast in such election may be challenged.

(3) If an affidavit is required and the officials find that the affidavit is insufficient, or if the officials find that the absentee voter is otherwise disqualified to vote, the envelope shall not be opened and * * * the resolution board shall write across the face of the envelope "REJECTED" giving the reason therefor, and the registrar shall promptly notify the voter of such rejection.

(4) The ballots marked "REJECTED" shall be placed in a separate envelope in the secure ballot transfer case and delivered to the officials in charge of conducting the election at the central tabulation point of the county.

(5) All electors voting absentee shall be provided with written information to inform the person how to ascertain whether his or her ballot was counted and, if rejected, the reason therefor.

(6) A signature mismatch shall not be grounds for rejecting an absentee ballot that was cast in the registrar's office.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-715, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-715. Any elector desiring an absentee ballot as provided in this subarticle may secure same if:

(a) Not more than forty-five (45) days nor later than 12:00 noon, * * * on the Saturday immediately preceding elections held on Tuesday, the Thursday immediately preceding elections held on Saturday, or the second day immediately preceding the date of elections held on other days, he or she shall appear in person before the registrar of the county in which he resides, or for municipal elections he shall appear in person before the city clerk of the municipality in which he or she resides and, when the elector so appears, he or she shall execute and file an application as provided in Section 23-15-627 and vote by absentee ballot * * *. If the absentee ballot has not been printed by forty-five (45) days preceding the election, the elector may appear and file an application anytime before the election. Then the absentee ballot shall be mailed by the * * * registrar to the elector as soon as the ballot has been printed.

(b) Within forty-five (45) days next prior to any election, any elector who cannot comply with paragraph (a) of this section by reason of temporarily residing outside the county, or any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability, persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, any person who is incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where the person is registered to vote and has not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime, or any person who is the parent, spouse or dependent of a temporarily or permanently physically disabled person who is hospitalized outside of his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence and such parent, spouse or dependent will be with such person on election day, may make application for an absentee ballot by mailing the appropriate application to the registrar. Only persons temporarily residing out of the county of their residence, persons having a temporary or permanent physical disability, persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, any person who is incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where the person is registered to vote and has not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime, or any person who is the parent, spouse or dependent of a temporarily or permanently physically disabled person who is hospitalized outside of his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and such parent, spouse or dependent will be with such person on election day, may obtain absentee ballots by mail under the provisions of this subsection and as provided by Section 23-15-713. Applications of persons temporarily residing outside the county shall be sworn to and subscribed before an official who is authorized to administer oaths or other official authorized to witness absentee balloting as provided in this chapter, said application to be accompanied by such verifying affidavits as required by this chapter. The applications of persons having a temporary or permanent physical disability shall not be required to be accompanied by an affidavit but shall be witnessed and signed by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older. The registrar shall send to such absent voter a proper absentee voter ballot within twenty-four (24) hours, or as soon thereafter as the ballots are available, containing the names of all candidates who qualify or the proposition to be voted on in such election, and with such ballot there shall be sent an official envelope containing upon it in printed form the recitals and data hereinafter required.

(c) Except when the voter has requested a runoff ballot on the initial absentee ballot application, upon request for a runoff ballot pursuant to Section 23-15-719, the registrar shall mail together the absentee ballot application and the absentee ballot to the absent voter for the runoff election.

SECTION 7. Section 23-15-719, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-719. (1) Except where the registrar has already mailed a ballot with an application, upon receipt of a properly completed application form by an elector qualified to vote absentee as provided in this article, the registrar shall mail the absent voter an absentee ballot within one (1) business day, or as soon as the absentee ballot is prepared and available, containing the names of all the candidates and propositions, if any, to be voted on in the election. The registrar shall include with the absentee ballot an official envelope that complies with the provisions of * * * Section 23-15-635, as well

as information to comply with Section 23-15-641(3) related to the status of the elector's ballot.

(2) When an absentee voter appears before the registrar to vote, the registrar shall identify the applicant by requiring him or her to present identification as required by Section 23-15-563, and shall then deliver the *** ballot to the applicant in the registrar's office. *** After the applicant has properly marked the ballot and properly folded it, he or she shall deposit it in the envelope furnished to him or her by the registrar.

After the absentee voter has sealed the envelope, he or she shall ensure the absentee application on the front of the envelope is complete and shall subscribe and swear to an affidavit ***. The affidavit shall be in the following form, which shall be printed on the back of the envelope containing the applicant's ballot:

"STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, do solemnly swear that this envelope contains the ballot marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the ____ day of _____, 2____, and I hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the *** resolution board to open this envelope and place my ballot among the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

I further swear that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

(Signature of voter)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, _____, this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Registrar)

(Registrar)"

After the completion of the requirements of this section, the elector shall deliver the envelope containing the ballot to the registrar.

(** *3) If the voter has received assistance in marking his or her ballot, the person providing the assistance shall complete the following form which shall be printed on the back of the envelope containing the applicant's ballot:

"CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PROVIDING VOTER ASSISTANCE

(To be completed only if the voter has received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot.) I hereby certify that the above-named voter declared to me that he or she is blind, temporarily or permanently physically disabled, or cannot read or write, and that the voter requested that I assist the voter in marking the enclosed absentee ballot. I hereby certify that the ballot preferences on the enclosed ballot are those communicated by the voter to me, and that I have marked the enclosed ballot in accordance with the voter's instructions.

Signature of person providing assistance

Printed name of person providing assistance

Address of person providing assistance

Date and time assistance provided

Family relationship to voter (if any)"

(* * * 4) The envelope used pursuant to this section shall not contain the form prescribed by Section 23-15-635 and shall have printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color, the following: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS IN THE BOXES ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE * * *."

(5) The registrar shall not personally hand deliver ballots to voters, except to those who personally appear in the registrar's office to absentee vote.

SECTION 8. Section 23-15-625, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-625. (1) The registrar shall be responsible for providing applications for absentee voting as provided in this section. At least sixty (60) days before any election in which absentee voting is provided for by law, the registrar shall provide a sufficient number of applications. In the event a special election is called and set at a date which makes it impractical or impossible to prepare applications for absent elector's ballot sixty (60) days before the election, the registrar shall provide applications as soon as practicable after the election is called. The registrar shall fill in the date of the particular election on the application for which the application will be used. For voters appearing in person to cast an absentee vote, the application and elector certificate shall be printed on the absentee ballot envelope as provided in Section 1 of this act.

(2) The registrar shall be authorized to disburse applications for absentee ballots to any qualified elector within the county where he or she serves. Any person who presents to the registrar an oral or written request for an absentee ballot application for a voter entitled to vote absentee by mail, other than the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot, shall, in the presence of the registrar, sign the application and print on the application his or her name and address and the name of the elector for whom the application is being requested in the place provided for on the application for that purpose. However, if for any reason such person is unable to write the information required, then the registrar shall write the information on a printed form which has been prescribed by the Secretary of State. The form shall provide a place for such person to place his or her mark after the form has been filled out by the registrar.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit absentee ballot applications or absentee ballots for persons staying in any skilled nursing facility as defined in Section 41-7-173 unless the person soliciting the absentee ballot applications or absentee ballots is:

(a) A family member of the person staying in the skilled nursing facility; or

(b) A person designated by the person for whom the absentee ballot application or absentee ballot is sought, the registrar or the deputy registrar.

As used in this subsection, "family member" means a spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, adult child, grandchild or legal guardian.

(4) The registrar in the county wherein a voter is qualified to vote upon receiving by mail the envelope containing the absentee ballots shall keep an accurate list of all persons preparing such ballots. The list shall be kept in a conspicuous place accessible to the public near the entrance to the registrar's office. The registrar shall also furnish to each precinct manager a list of the names of all persons in each respective precinct voting absentee by mail and in person to be posted in a conspicuous place at the polling place for public notice. The application on file with the registrar and the envelopes containing the ballots that voters mailed to the registrar shall be kept by the registrar in his or her office in a secure location. At the time such boxes are delivered to the election commissioners or managers, the registrar shall also turn over a list of all such persons who have voted and whose mailed ballots are in the registrar's office.

(5) The registrar shall also be authorized to mail one (1) application to any qualified elector of the county, who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot, for use in a particular election.

(6) The registrar shall process all applications for absentee ballots by using the Statewide Election Management System. The registrar shall account for all absentee ballots delivered to and received by mail as well as those who voted absentee

in person from qualified voters by processing such ballots using the Statewide Election Management System.

SECTION 9. Section 23-15-627, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-627. (1) Any elector described in Section 23-15-713 may request an absentee ballot application and vote in person at the office of the registrar in the county in which he or she resides. The registrar shall be responsible for furnishing an absentee ballot application form to any elector authorized to receive an absentee ballot. Such form shall be printed on the absentee ballot envelope as provided in Section 1 of this act. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-625, absentee ballot applications shall be furnished to a person only upon the oral or written request of the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot; however, the parent, child, spouse, sibling, legal guardian, those empowered with a power of attorney for that elector's affairs or agent of the elector, who is designated in writing and witnessed by a resident of this state who shall write his or her physical address on such designation, may orally request an absentee ballot application on behalf of the elector. The written designation shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of the designation. An absentee ballot application must have the seal of the circuit or municipal clerk affixed to it and be initialed by the registrar or his or her deputy in order to be used to obtain an absentee ballot. A reproduction of an absentee ballot application shall not be valid unless it is a reproduction provided by the office of the registrar of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held and which contains the seal and initials required by this section.

(2) Such application shall be substantially in the following form for applications mailed to absentee electors:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the _____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

() (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

() I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

() I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

() I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

() I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

() I will be outside the county on election day.

() I have a temporary or permanent physical disability * * *.

() I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

() I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

() I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

() I am required to be at work on election day during the times * * * when the polls will be open or I am required to be on-call on election day during the times when the polls will be open.

() I am incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where I am registered to vote and have not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Mail 'Absent Elector's Ballot' to me at the following address _____.

() I wish to receive an absentee ballot for the runoff election

_____.
Notify me of a problem with my "Absent Elector's Ballot" at the following:

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

I realize that I can be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and sentenced up to five (5) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, you are not required to have this application notarized or signed by an official authorized to administer oaths for absentee balloting. You are required to sign this application in the proper place and have a person eighteen (18) years of age or older witness your signature and sign this application in the proper place.

DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of absent elector)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Official authorized to administer

oaths

for absentee balloting.)

TO BE SIGNED BY WITNESS FOR VOTERS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this application for an absent elector's ballot was signed by the above-named elector in my presence and that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of witness)

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I hereby certify that _____ (print name of voter) has requested that I, _____ (print name of person delivering application), deliver to the voter this absentee ballot application.

(Signature of person delivering application)

(Address of person delivering application)"

(3) The application printed on the front of the absentee ballot envelope for absentee voters appearing before the registrar shall be substantially in the following form:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the ____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT

ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

☐ (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

☐ I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

☐ I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

☐ I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

☐ I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

☐ I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

☐ I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

☐ I will be outside the county on election day.

☐ I have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

☐ I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

☐ I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

☐ I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

☐ I am required to be at work on election day during the times when the polls will be open or I am required to be on-call on election day during the times when the polls will be open.

☐ I am incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where I am registered to vote and have not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Notify me of a problem with my "Absent Elector's Ballot" at the following:

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

I realize that I can be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and sentenced up to five (5) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

SECTION 10. Section 23-15-631, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-631. (1) The registrar shall enclose with each ballot mailed to an absent elector separate printed instructions furnished by the registrar containing the following:

(a) All absentee voters, excepting those with temporary or permanent physical disabilities or those who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, who mark their ballots in the county of the residence shall use the registrar of that county as the witness. The absentee voter shall come to the office of the registrar and neither the registrar nor his or her deputy shall be required to go out of the registrar's office to serve as an attesting witness.

(b) Upon receipt of the enclosed ballot, you will not mark the ballot except in view or sight of the attesting witness. In the sight or view of the attesting witness, mark the ballot according to instructions.

(c) After marking the ballot, fill out and sign the "ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE" in the box on the back of the envelope so that the signature is across the flap of the envelope to ensure the integrity of the ballot. All absent electors shall have the attesting witness sign the "ATTESTING WITNESS CERTIFICATE" in the box across the flap on the back of the envelope. Place the necessary postage on the envelope and deposit it in the post office or some government receptacle provided for the deposit of mail so that the absent elector's ballot will be * * * received no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. The ballot may only be transmitted by the United States Postal Service or other common carriers, including, but not limited to, United Parcel Service or FedEx Corporation.

Any notary public, United States postmaster, assistant United States postmaster, United States postal supervisor, clerk in charge of a contract postal station, or other officer having authority to administer an oath or take an acknowledgment may be an attesting witness; provided, however, that in the case of an absent elector who is temporarily or permanently physically disabled, the attesting witness may be any person eighteen (18) years of age or older and such person is not required to have the authority to administer an oath. If a postmaster, assistant postmaster, postal supervisor, or clerk in charge of a contract postal station acts as an attesting witness, his or her signature in a box on the elector's certificate must be authenticated by the cancellation stamp of their respective post offices. If an officer having authority to administer an oath or take an * * * acknowledgment acts as attesting witness, his or her signature in a box on the elector's certificate, together with his or her title and address, but no seal, shall be required. Any affidavits made by an absent elector who is in the Armed Forces may be executed before a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or noncommissioned officer not lower in grade than sergeant rating or any person authorized to administer oaths.

(d) When the application accompanies the ballot it shall not be returned in the same envelope as the ballot but shall be returned in a separate pre-addressed envelope provided by the registrar.

(e) A candidate for public office, or the spouse, parent or child of a candidate for public office, may not be an attesting witness for any absentee ballot upon which the candidate's name appears, unless the voter is related within the first degree to the candidate or the spouse, parent or child of the candidate.

(f) Any voter casting an absentee ballot who declares that he or she requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, temporary or permanent physical disability or inability to read or write, shall be entitled to receive assistance in the marking of his or her absentee ballot and in completing the affidavit on the absentee ballot envelope. The voter may be given assistance by anyone of the voter's choice other than a candidate whose name appears on the absentee ballot being marked, the spouse, parent or child of a candidate whose name appears on the absentee ballot being marked or the voter's employer, an agent of that employer or a union representative; however, a candidate whose name is on the ballot or the spouse, parent or child of such candidate may provide assistance upon request to any voter who is related within the first degree. In order to ensure the integrity of the ballot, any person who provides assistance to an absentee voter shall be required to sign and complete the "Certificate of Person Providing Voter Assistance" on the absentee ballot envelope.

(2) The foregoing instructions required to be provided by the registrar to the elector shall also constitute the substantive law pertaining to the handling of absentee ballots by the elector and registrar.

(3) The Secretary of State shall prepare instructions on how absent voters may comply with the identification requirements of Section 23-15-563.

SECTION 11. Section 23-15-713, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-713. For the purpose of this subarticle, any duly qualified elector may vote as provided in this subarticle if the elector falls within at least one (1) of the following categories:

(a) Any qualified elector who is a bona fide student, teacher or administrator at any college, university, junior college, high, junior high, or elementary grade school whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates his or her absence from the county of his or her voting residence on the date of any primary, general or special election, or the spouse and dependents of that student, teacher or administrator if such spouse or dependent(s) maintain a common domicile, outside of the county of his or her voting residence, with such student, teacher or administrator.

(b) Any qualified elector who is required to be away from his or her place of residence on any election day due to his or her employment as an employee of a member of the Mississippi congressional delegation and the spouse and dependents of such person if he or she shall be residing with such absentee voter away from the county of the spouse's voting residence.

(c) Any qualified elector who is away from his or her county of residence on election day for any reason.

(d) Any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability and who, because of such disability, is unable to vote in person without substantial hardship to himself, herself or others, or whose attendance at the voting place could reasonably cause danger to himself, herself or others. * * *

(e) The parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside of his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles distant from his or her residence, if the parent, spouse or dependent will be with such person on election day. * * *

(f) Any person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

(g) Any member of the Mississippi congressional delegation absent from Mississippi on election day, and the spouse and dependents of such member of the congressional delegation.

(h) Any qualified elector who will be unable to vote in person because he or she is required to be at work on election day during the times * * * when the polls will be open or I am required to be on-call on election day during the times when the polls will be open.

(i) I am incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where I am registered to vote and have not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime.

SECTION 12. Section 23-15-637, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-637. (1) (a) Absentee ballots and applications received by mail, * * * or common carrier, such as United Parcel Service or FedEx Corporation, must be * * * received by the registrar * * * not later than 7:00 p.m. the day of the election; any received after such time shall be handled as provided in Section 23-15-647 and shall not be counted.

(b) All ballots cast by the absent elector appearing in person in the office of the registrar shall be cast with an absentee paper ballot and deposited into a sealed ballot box by the voter, not later than 12:00 noon * * * on the Saturday immediately preceding elections held on Tuesday, the Thursday immediately preceding elections held on Saturday, or the second day immediately preceding the date of elections held on other days. At the close of business each day at the office of the registrar, the ballot box used shall be sealed and not unsealed until the beginning of the next business day, and the seal number shall be recorded with the number of ballots cast which shall be stored in a secure location in the registrar's office.

(2) The registrar shall deposit all absentee ballots which have been timely cast and received by mail in a secured and sealed box in a designated location in the registrar's office upon receipt. The registrar shall not send any absentee ballots to the precinct polling locations.

(3) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to ensure that when a qualified elector who is qualified to vote absentee votes by absentee ballot, either by mail or in person with a regular paper ballot, that person's absentee vote is final and he or she may not vote at the polling place on election day. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to ensure that absentee ballots shall

remain in the registrar's office for counting and not be taken to the precincts on election day.

SECTION 13. Section 23-15-651, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-651. The results of the vote by absentee balloting shall be announced simultaneously with the vote cast on election day * * *.

SECTION 14. Section 23-15-721, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-721. (1) Absentee ballots requested under the provisions of Section 23-15-715 for electors temporarily residing outside the county of residence shall be mailed to the elector's address outside of the county in which he or she is registered, and such electors shall appear before any official authorized to administer oaths or other official authorized to witness absentee balloting as provided in this article. The elector shall exhibit to such official his or her absentee ballot unmarked and thereupon proceed in secret to fill in the ballot. After the elector has properly marked the ballot and properly folded it, he or she shall deposit it in the envelope furnished to him or her. After the elector has sealed the envelope he or she shall deliver it to the official before whom he or she is appearing and shall subscribe and swear to the elector's certificate provided for in Section 23-15-635, which affidavit shall be printed on the back of the envelope as provided for in Section 23-15-635 containing the elector's ballot.

(2) Electors who are temporarily or permanently physically disabled shall sign the elector's certificate and the certificate of attesting witness shall be signed by any person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(3) After the completion of the requirements of this section, the elector shall mail the envelope containing the ballot to the registrar in the county wherein the elector is qualified to vote. * * * Absentee ballots must be received by the registrar not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

SECTION 15. Section 23-15-697, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-697. When the absentee ballot has been voted and the envelope sealed, signed and certified to as provided above, the absentee voter shall mail the envelope containing the ballot to the registrar.

Hand-delivery of ballots to a voter or from a voter shall be prohibited, and the use of drop boxes or other mechanisms to submit a completed absentee ballot other than by mail or common carrier, shall be prohibited.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT FOR ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS THAT ARE CAST IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR, THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION AND ELECTOR CERTIFICATES SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPE; TO PROVIDE THAT A SIGNATURE MISMATCH SHALL NOT BE GROUNDS FOR REJECTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT THAT WAS CAST IN PERSON IN THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-633 AND 23-15-635, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-639, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS TO CURE THEIR MAILED ABSENTEE BALLOT IF THE SIGNATURE ON THE APPLICATION DOES NOT MATCH THE SIGNATURE ON THE ENVELOPE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-641, 23-15-715, 23-15-719 AND 23-15-631, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-627, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN METHODS OF NOTIFICATION TO BE ASKED ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK ON-CALL AND THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED FOR A NONDISFRANCHISING CRIME TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-625 AND 23-15-713, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-637, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO

CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-651 AND 23-15-721, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-697, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT RETURNING MAIL-IN BALLOTS USING ANY METHOD OTHER THAN BY MAIL OR COMMON CARRIER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Noah Sanford, Mark Tullos, Timaka James-Jones (Not Signed)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeremy England, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, David Blount

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hall, Hurst, Smith, Taylor. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

Rep. Hood moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) An application for a felony warrant or signature utilized by the judicial branch of state government other than an application for a no-knock warrant shall not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form. An application, signature or record in electronic form shall have the full effect of law.

(2) If a provision of law requires the application for a felony warrant to be in writing, an electronic version of the written record shall satisfy such provision of law.

(3) If a provision of law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies such provision of law.

(4) An application used to attach a digital signature to a felony warrant or affidavit must have security procedures in place that ensure the authenticity of the digital signature. The application must also be able to keep an electronic record of the warrant or affidavit, including the time and date of when the signature was attached. The application must also include encryption measures to ensure secure access of the application.

(5) Unless otherwise agreed to by a sender of a warrant application and the judge, an electronic record is received when:

(a) The record enters an information-processing system that the local court rules have designated and approved for the purpose of receiving electronic applications for warrants and from which the recipient is able to retrieve the electronic record; and

(b) It is in a form capable of being processed by the system, and in a form that satisfies the provisions of the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(6) In an instance where an affidavit is submitted to a judge electronically, the electronic signature of the affiant shall satisfy the constitutional requirement that the testimony of the affiant be made under oath, provided that such signature is made under penalty of perjury and in compliance with subsection (4) of this section. If the requirements of subsection (4) of this section are met, it shall not be necessary for the oath to be made orally for the affidavit to have legal effect.

(7) An application for a felony warrant or signature made pursuant to this section shall contain a statement that the application is being made for a felony criminal investigation.

(8) Before an electronic felony warrant shall be issued pursuant to this section, the applicant shall be required to meet with a judge. The meeting required by this subsection may be through the use of video or teleconference devices.

(9) This section shall not authorize the issuance of no-knock warrants by the use of electronic warrant applications or electronic signatures for the applications.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF ELECTRONIC WARRANT APPLICATIONS, ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES FOR THE APPLICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC VERSIONS OF WRITTEN RECORDS OF THE WARRANTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Jansen Owen, Zachary Grady

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Derrick T. Simmons

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren,

Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Butler-Washington, Hall, James-Jones, Ladner, Taylor. Total-5.

Present--Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Porter, Rosebud. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-23-93, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-23-93. (1) Any person who shall willfully and unlawfully take possession of any merchandise owned or held by and offered or displayed for sale by any merchant, store or other mercantile establishment with the intention and purpose of converting such merchandise to his own use without paying the merchant's stated price therefor shall be guilty of the crime of shoplifting and, upon conviction, shall be punished as is provided in this section.

(2) The requisite intention to convert merchandise without paying the merchant's stated price for the merchandise is presumed, and shall be prima facie evidence thereof, when such person, alone or in concert with another person, willfully:

- (a) Conceals the unpurchased merchandise;
- (b) Removes or causes the removal of unpurchased merchandise from a store or other mercantile establishment;
- (c) Alters, transfers or removes any price-marking, any other marking which aids in determining value affixed to the unpurchased merchandise, or any tag or device used in electronic surveillance of unpurchased merchandise;
- (d) Transfers the unpurchased merchandise from one (1) container to another; or

(e) Causes the cash register or other sales recording device to reflect less than the merchant's stated price for the unpurchased merchandise.

(3) Evidence of stated price or ownership of merchandise may include, but is not limited to:

(a) The actual merchandise or the container which held the merchandise alleged to have been shoplifted; or

(b) The content of the price tag or marking from such merchandise; or

(c) Properly identified photographs of such merchandise.

(4) Any merchant or his agent or employee may testify at a trial as to the stated price or ownership of merchandise.

(5) A person convicted of shoplifting merchandise for which the total price of all items shoplifted in violation of this section is less than or equal to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be punished as follows:

(a) Upon a first shoplifting conviction the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or punished by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six (6) months, or * * * both * * *.

(b) Upon a second shoplifting conviction the defendant shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not less than forty-eight (48) hours, not to exceed six (6) months, or by both * * *.

(6) Upon a third or subsequent shoplifting conviction where the total price of all shoplifted merchandise is not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or greater than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the defendant shall be guilty of a felony and fined not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or imprisoned for a term not to exceed three (3) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(7) A person convicted of shoplifting merchandise for which the total price of all items shoplifted in violation of this section exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, punished as provided in Section 97-17-41 for the offense of grand larceny.

(8) In determining the number of prior shoplifting convictions for purposes of imposing punishment under this section, the court shall disregard all such convictions occurring more than seven (7) years prior to the shoplifting offense in question.

(9) For the purpose of determining the gravity of the offense under subsection (7) of this section, the prosecutor may aggregate the total price of merchandise shoplifted from the same or separate mercantile establishments within the same legal jurisdiction over a period of thirty (30) or fewer days.

(10) A person convicted of shoplifting merchandise, acting in concert with, aiding, abetting, or encouraging one or more persons to commit such crime, regardless of whether such others are prosecuted for such crime, for which the total price of all items shoplifted in violation of this section exceeds One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, punished as provided in Section 97-17-41 for the offense of grand larceny.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-23-93, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COURT FINDS SUBSTANTIAL AND COMPELLING REASONS WHY AN OFFENDER CANNOT BE SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY SUPERVISED IN THE COMMUNITY, IS NOT AMENABLE TO COMMUNITY BASED TREATMENT, OR POSES A SIGNIFICANT RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY BEFORE IMPOSING A TERM OF IMPRISONMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED OF SHOPLIFTING MERCHANDISE, ACTING IN CONCERT WITH, AIDING, ABETTING, OR ENCOURAGING ONE OR MORE PERSONS TO COMMIT SUCH CRIME, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH OTHERS ARE PROSECUTED FOR SUCH CRIME, FOR WHICH THE TOTAL PRICE OF ALL ITEMS

SHOPLIFTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION EXCEEDS \$1,000.00 SHALL BE GUILTY OF A FELONY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Gene Newman, Daryl Porter (Not Signed)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--88.

Nays--Anderson, J, Brown, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, James-Jones, Karriem, Nelson, Rosebud, Scott, Summers, Thompson, Young. Total--15.

Absent or those not voting--Grady, Hall, Holloway, G, McCray, Osborne, Paden, Taylor, Watson. Total-8.

Present--Anthony, Bell, C, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, Johnson, Porter. Total--11.

Necessary for passage--53

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

Rep. Horan moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Horan called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-21-63, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-21-63. (1) No person, other than persons charged with crime, shall be committed to a public treatment facility except under the provisions of Sections 41-21-61 through 41-21-107 or 43-21-611 or 43-21-315. However, nothing herein shall be construed to repeal, alter or otherwise affect the provisions of Section 35-5-31 or to affect or prevent the commitment of persons to the Veterans Administration or other agency of the United States under the provisions of and in the manner specified in those sections.

(2) (a) The chancery court, or the chancellor in vacation, shall have jurisdiction under Sections 41-21-61 through 41-21-107 except over persons with unresolved felony charges unless paragraph (b) of this subsection applies.

(b) If a circuit court with jurisdiction over unresolved felony charges enters an order concluding that * * * a person is incompetent to stand trial and is not restorable to competency in the foreseeable future, the * * * circuit court shall retain jurisdiction and shall proceed with civil commitment procedures in the same manner as described in Sections 41-21-61 through 41-21-107. The order of the circuit court finding that the person is incompetent to stand trial and is not restorable to competency in the foreseeable future shall be in lieu of the affidavit for commitment provided for in Section 41-21-65. * * * Additionally, if the finding of the circuit court is based on the report and/or testimony of a physician or psychologist that has examined the person, the provisions of Section 41-21-67 for psychiatric examinations shall not apply.

(3) The circuit court shall also have jurisdiction under Sections 99-13-7, 99-13-9 and 99-13-11.

(4) Before the release of a person referred for civil commitment under this section and committed under Sections 41-21-61 through 41-21-107, the Department of Mental Health must notify the district attorney of the county where the offense was committed. The district attorney must notify the crime victim or a family member who has requested notification under Section 99-43-35 and the sheriffs of both the county where the offense was committed and the county of the committed person's destination.

SECTION 2. Section 99-13-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-13-9. When any person is indicted for an offense and acquitted on the ground of having an intellectual disability, the jury rendering the verdict shall state in the verdict that ground and whether the accused constitutes a danger to life or property and to the peace and safety of the community. If the jury certifies that the person with an intellectual disability is dangerous to the peace and safety of the community or to himself or herself, the circuit court shall * * * proceed with the person according to the law provided in the case of persons with an intellectual disability, the person with an intellectual disability himself being remanded to custody to await the further action of the * * * circuit court.

SECTION 3. Section 41-21-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-21-65. (1) It is the intention of the Legislature that the filing of an affidavit under this section be a simple, inexpensive, uniform, and streamlined process for the purpose of facilitating and expediting the care of individuals in need of treatment.

(2) The Uniform Civil Commitment Affidavit developed by the Department of Mental Health under this section must be provided by the clerk of the chancery court to any party or affiant seeking a civil commitment under this section, and must be utilized in all counties to commence civil commitment proceedings under this section. The affidavit must be made available to the public on the website of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

(3) The Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the Mississippi Chancery Clerks Association, the Mississippi Conference of Chancery Court Judges and the Mississippi Association of Community Mental Health Centers, must develop a written guide setting out the steps in the commitment process no later than January 1,

2020. The guide shall be designated as the "Uniform Civil Commitment Guide" and must include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Steps in the civil commitment process from affidavit to commitment, written in easily understandable layman's terms;
- (b) A schedule of fees and assessments that will be charged to commence a commitment proceeding under this section;
- (c) Eligibility requirements and instructions for filing a pauper's affidavit; and

(d) A statement on the front cover of the guide advising that persons wishing to pursue a civil commitment under this section are not required to retain an attorney for any portion of the commitment process.

(4) Immediately upon availability, but no later than January 1, 2020, the Uniform Civil Commitment Guide must be provided by the clerk of the chancery court to any party or affiant seeking a civil commitment under this section and also must be made available to the public on the website of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

(5) If any person is alleged to be in need of treatment, any relative of the person, or any interested person, may make affidavit of that fact and shall file the Uniform Civil Commitment Affidavit with the clerk of the chancery court of the county in which the person alleged to be in need of treatment resides, but the chancellor or duly appointed special master may, in his or her discretion, hear the matter in the county in which the person may be found or the circuit judge may hear such matter as provided in Section 41-21-63. The affidavit shall set forth the name and address of the proposed patient's nearest relatives and whether the proposed patient resides or has visitation rights with any minor children, if known, and the reasons for the affidavit. The affidavit must contain factual descriptions of the proposed patient's recent behavior, including a description of the behavior, where it occurred, and over what period of time it occurred, if known. Each factual allegation may be supported by observations of witnesses named in the affidavit. The Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the Mississippi Chancery Clerks' Association, shall develop a simple, one-page affidavit form for the use of affiants as provided in this section. The affidavit also must state whether the affiant has consulted with a Community Mental Health Center or a physician to determine whether the alleged acts by the proposed respondent warrant civil commitment in lieu of other less-restrictive treatment options. No chancery clerk shall require an affiant to retain an attorney for the filing of an affidavit under this section.

(6) The chancery clerk may charge a total filing fee for all services equal to the amount set out in Section 25-7-9(o), and the appropriate state and county assessments as required by law which include, but are not limited to, assessments for the Judicial Operation Fund (Section 25-7-9(3)(b)); the Electronic Court System Fund (Section 25-7-9(3)(a)); the Civil Legal Assistance Fund (Section 25-7-9(1)(k)); the Court Education and Training Fund (Section 37-26-3); State Court Constituent's Fund (Section 37-26-9(4)); and reasonable court reporter's fee. Costs incidental to the court proceedings as set forth in Section 41-21-79 may not be included in the assessments permitted by this subsection. The total of the fees and assessments permitted by this subsection may not exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

(7) The prohibition against charging the affiant other fees, expenses, or costs shall not preclude the imposition of monetary criminal penalties under Section 41-21-107 or any other criminal statute, or the imposition by the chancellor of monetary penalties for contempt if the affiant is found to have filed an intentionally false affidavit or filed the affidavit in bad faith for a malicious purpose.

(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to conflict with Section 41-21-63.

(9) The Department of Mental Health shall provide annual training to chancery and circuit court clerks to inform them about statutory procedures for civil commitments.

SECTION 4. Section 41-21-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-21-67. (1) Whenever the affidavit provided for in Section 41-21-65 is filed with the chancery clerk, the clerk, upon direction of the chancellor of the court, shall

issue a writ directed to the sheriff of the proper county to take into custody the person alleged to be in need of treatment and to take the person for pre-evaluation screening and treatment by the appropriate community mental health center established under Section 41-19-31. Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-21-63, the community mental health center will be designated as the first point of entry for pre-evaluation screening and treatment. If the community mental health center is unavailable, any reputable licensed physician, psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant, as allowed in the discretion of the court, may conduct the pre-evaluation screening and examination as set forth in Section 41-21-69. The order may provide where the person shall be held before being taken for pre-evaluation screening and treatment. However, when the affidavit fails to set forth factual allegations and witnesses sufficient to support the need for treatment, the chancellor shall refuse to direct issuance of the writ. Reapplication may be made to the chancellor. If a pauper's affidavit is filed by an affiant who is a guardian or conservator of a person in need of treatment, the court shall determine if either the affiant or the person in need of treatment is a pauper and if * * * the affiant or the person in need of treatment is determined to be a pauper, the county of the residence of the respondent shall bear the costs of commitment, unless funds for those purposes are made available by the state.

In any county in which a Crisis Intervention Team has been established under the provisions of Sections 41-21-131 through 41-21-143, the clerk, upon the direction of the chancellor, may require that the person be referred to the Crisis Intervention Team for appropriate psychiatric or other medical services before the issuance of the writ.

(2) Upon issuance of the writ, the chancellor shall immediately appoint and summon two (2) reputable, licensed physicians or one (1) reputable, licensed physician and either one (1) psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant to conduct a physical and mental examination of the person at a place to be designated by the clerk or chancellor and to report their findings to the clerk or chancellor. However, any nurse practitioner or physician assistant conducting the examination shall be independent from, and not under the supervision of, the other physician conducting the examination. A nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse practitioner conducting an examination under this chapter must be functioning within a collaborative or consultative relationship with a physician as required under Section 73-15-20(3). In all counties in which there is a county health officer, the county health officer, if available, may be one (1) of the physicians so appointed. If a licensed physician is not available to conduct the physical and mental examination within forty-eight (48) hours of the issuance of the writ, the court, in its discretion and upon good cause shown, may permit the examination to be conducted by the following: (a) two (2) nurse practitioners, one (1) of whom must be a psychiatric nurse practitioner; or (b) one (1) psychiatric nurse practitioner and one (1) psychologist or physician assistant. Neither of the physicians nor the psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant selected shall be related to that person in any way, nor have any direct or indirect interest in the estate of that person nor shall any full-time staff of residential treatment facilities operated directly by the State Department of Mental Health serve as examiner.

(3) The clerk shall ascertain whether the respondent is represented by an attorney, and if it is determined that the respondent does not have an attorney, the clerk shall immediately notify the chancellor of that fact. If the chancellor determines that the respondent for any reason does not have the services of an attorney, the chancellor shall immediately appoint an attorney for the respondent at the time the examiners are appointed.

(4) If the chancellor determines that there is probable cause to believe that the respondent is mentally ill and that there is no reasonable alternative to detention, the chancellor may order that the respondent be retained as an emergency patient at any licensed medical facility for evaluation by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant and that a peace officer transport the respondent to the specified facility. If the community mental health center serving the county has partnered with Crisis Intervention Teams under the provisions of Sections 41-21-131 through 41-21-143, the order may specify that the licensed medical facility be a designated single point of entry within the county or within an adjacent county served by the community mental health center. If the person evaluating the respondent finds that the

respondent is mentally ill and in need of treatment, the chancellor may order that the respondent be retained at the licensed medical facility or any other available suitable location as the court may so designate pending an admission hearing. If necessary, the chancellor may order a peace officer or other person to transport the respondent to that facility or suitable location. Any respondent so retained may be given such treatment as is indicated by standard medical practice. However, the respondent shall not be held in a hospital operated directly by the State Department of Mental Health, and shall not be held in jail unless the court finds that there is no reasonable alternative.

(5) (a) Whenever a licensed psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is certified to complete examinations for the purpose of commitment or a licensed physician has reason to believe that a person poses an immediate substantial likelihood of physical harm to himself or others or is gravely disabled and unable to care for himself by virtue of mental illness, as defined in Section 41-21-61(e), then the physician, psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant may hold the person or may admit the person to and treat the person in a licensed medical facility, without a civil order or warrant for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours. However, if the seventy-two-hour period begins or ends when the chancery clerk's office is closed, or within three (3) hours of closing, and the chancery clerk's office will be continuously closed for a time that exceeds seventy-two (72) hours, then the seventy-two-hour period is extended until the end of the next business day that the chancery clerk's office is open. The person may be held and treated as an emergency patient at any licensed medical facility, available regional mental health facility, or crisis intervention center. The physician or psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who holds the person shall certify in writing the reasons for the need for holding.

If a person is being held and treated in a licensed medical facility, and that person decides to continue treatment by voluntarily signing consent for admission and treatment, the seventy-two-hour hold may be discontinued without filing an affidavit for commitment. Any respondent so held may be given such treatment as indicated by standard medical practice. Persons acting in good faith in connection with the detention and reporting of a person believed to be mentally ill shall incur no liability, civil or criminal, for those acts.

(b) Whenever an individual is held for purposes of receiving treatment as prescribed under paragraph (a) of this subsection, and it is communicated to the mental health professional holding the individual that the individual resides or has visitation rights with a minor child, and if the individual is considered to be a danger to the minor child, the mental health professional shall notify the Department of Child Protection Services prior to discharge if the threat of harm continues to exist, as is required under Section 43-21-353.

This paragraph (b) shall be known and may be cited as the "Andrew Lloyd Law."

SECTION 5. Section 41-21-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-21-71. If, as a result of the examination, the appointed examiners certify that the person is not in need of treatment, the chancellor * * *, clerk or circuit judge as applicable shall dismiss the affidavit without the need for a further hearing. * * * Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-21-63, the chancellor or chancery clerk finds, based upon the appointed examiners' certificates and any other relevant evidence, that the respondent is in need of treatment and the certificates are filed with the chancery clerk within forty-eight (48) hours after the order for examination, or extension of that time as provided in Section 41-21-69, the clerk shall immediately set the matter for a hearing. The hearing shall be set within seven (7) days of the filing of the certificates unless an extension is requested by the respondent's attorney. In no event shall the hearing be more than ten (10) days after the filing of the certificates.

SECTION 6. Section 41-21-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-21-73. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-21-63, the hearing shall be conducted before the chancellor. However, the hearing may be held at the location where the respondent is being held. Within a reasonable period of time before the hearing, notice of same shall be provided the respondent and his attorney, which

shall include: (a) notice of the date, time and place of the hearing; (b) a clear statement of the purpose of the hearing; (c) the possible consequences or outcome of the hearing; (d) the facts that have been alleged in support of the need for commitment; (e) the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the examiner(s); and (f) other witnesses expected to testify.

(2) The respondent must be present at the hearing unless the chancellor determines that the respondent is unable to attend and makes that determination and the reasons therefor part of the record. At the time of the hearing, the respondent shall not be so under the influence or suffering from the effects of drugs, medication or other treatment so as to be hampered in participating in the proceedings. The court, at the time of the hearing, shall be presented a record of all drugs, medication or other treatment that the respondent has received pending the hearing, unless the court determines that such a record would be impractical and documents the reasons for that determination.

(3) The respondent shall have the right to offer evidence, to be confronted with the witnesses against him and to cross-examine them and shall have the privilege against self-incrimination. The rules of evidence applicable in other judicial proceedings in this state shall be followed.

(4) If the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the proposed patient is a person with mental illness or a person with an intellectual disability and, if after careful consideration of reasonable alternative dispositions, including, but not limited to, dismissal of the proceedings, the court finds that there is no suitable alternative to judicial commitment, the court shall commit the patient for treatment in the least restrictive treatment facility that can meet the patient's treatment needs. Treatment before admission to a state-operated facility shall be located as closely as possible to the patient's county of residence and the county of residence shall be responsible for that cost. Admissions to state-operated facilities shall be in compliance with the catchment areas established by the State Department of Mental Health. A nonresident of the state may be committed for treatment or confinement in the county where the person was found.

Alternatives to commitment to inpatient care may include, but shall not be limited to: voluntary or court-ordered outpatient commitment for treatment with specific reference to a treatment regimen, day treatment in a hospital, night treatment in a hospital, placement in the custody of a friend or relative, or the provision of home health services.

For persons committed as having mental illness or having an intellectual disability, the initial commitment shall not exceed three (3) months.

(5) No person shall be committed to a treatment facility whose primary problems are the physical disabilities associated with old age or birth defects of infancy.

(6) The court shall state the findings of fact and conclusions of law that constitute the basis for the order of commitment. The findings shall include a listing of less restrictive alternatives considered by the court and the reasons that each was found not suitable.

(7) A stenographic transcription shall be recorded by a stenographer or electronic recording device and retained by the court.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, neither the State Board of Mental Health or its members, nor the State Department of Mental Health or its related facilities, nor any employee of the State Department of Mental Health or its related facilities, unless related to the respondent by blood or marriage, shall be assigned or adjudicated custody, guardianship, or conservatorship of the respondent.

(9) The county where a person in need of treatment is found is authorized to charge the county of the person's residence for the costs incurred while the person is confined in the county where such person was found.

SECTION 7. Section 41-21-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-21-83. Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-21-63, if a hearing is requested as provided in Section 41-21-74, 41-21-81 or 41-21-99, the court shall not make a determination of the need for continued commitment unless a hearing is held and the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that (a) the person continues to

have mental illness or have an intellectual disability; and (b) involuntary commitment is necessary for the protection of the patient or others; and (c) there is no alternative to involuntary commitment. Hearings held under this section shall be held in the chancery court of the county where the facility is located; however, if the patient is confined at the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, Mississippi, the hearing shall be conducted by the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

The hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) days after receipt by the court of the request for a hearing. The court may continue the hearing for good cause shown. The clerk shall ascertain whether the patient is represented by counsel, and, if the patient is not represented, shall notify the chancellor who shall appoint counsel for him if the chancellor determines that the patient for any reason does not have the services of an attorney; however, the patient may waive the appointment of counsel subject to the approval of the court. Notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be served at least seventy-two (72) hours before the time of the hearing upon the patient, his attorney, the director, and the person requesting the hearing, if other than the patient, and any witnesses requested by the patient or his attorney, or any witnesses the court may deem necessary or desirable.

The patient must be present at the hearing unless the chancellor determines that the patient is unable to attend and makes that determination and the reasons therefor part of the record.

The court shall put its findings and the reasons supporting its findings in writing and shall have copies delivered to the patient, his attorney, and the director of the treatment facility. An appeal from the final commitment order by either party may be had on the terms prescribed for appeals in civil cases; however, such appeal shall be without supersedeas. The record on appeal shall include the transcript of the commitment hearing.

SECTION 8. Section 47-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-47. (1) The judge of any circuit court may place an offender on a program of earned probation, in an intensive supervision program or any intervention court authorized by law after a period of confinement as set out herein and the judge may seek the advice of the commissioner and shall direct that the defendant be under the supervision of the department.

(2) (a) Any circuit court or county court may, upon its own motion, acting upon the advice and consent of the commissioner not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than * * * three (3) years after the defendant has been delivered to the custody of the department, * * * incarcerated by order of the court or otherwise sentenced, modify, alter or suspend the further execution of the sentence and place the defendant on earned probation, in an intensive supervision program or any intervention court authorized by law except when a death sentence or life imprisonment is the maximum penalty which may be imposed or if the defendant has been confined two (2) or more times for the conviction of a felony on a previous occasion in any court or courts of the United States and of any state or territories thereof or has been convicted of a felony involving the use of a deadly weapon.

(b) The authority granted in this subsection shall be exercised by the judge who imposed sentence on the defendant, or his successor.

(c) The time limit imposed by paragraph (a) of this subsection is not applicable to those defendants sentenced to the custody of the department prior to April 14, 1977. Persons who are convicted of crimes that carry mandatory sentences shall not be eligible for earned probation.

(3) When any circuit or county court places an offender on earned probation, the court shall give notice to the Mississippi Department of Corrections within fifteen (15) days of the court's decision to place the offender on earned probation. Notice shall be delivered to the central office of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and to the regional office of the department which will be providing supervision to the offender on earned probation.

(4) If the court places any person on probation or earned probation, the court may order the person, as a condition of probation, to a period of confinement and treatment at a private or public agency or institution, either within or without the state,

which treats emotional, mental or drug-related problems. Any person who, as a condition of probation, is confined for treatment at an out-of-state facility shall be supervised pursuant to Section 47-7-71, and any person confined at a private agency shall not be confined at public expense. Time served in any such agency or institution may be counted as time required to meet the criteria of subsection (2)(a).

(5) If the court places any person on probation or earned probation, the court may order the person to make appropriate restitution to any victim of his crime or to society through the performance of reasonable work for the benefit of the community.

(6) If the court places any person on probation or earned probation, the court may order the person, as a condition of probation, to submit, as provided in Section 47-5-601, to any type of breath, saliva or urine chemical analysis test, the purpose of which is to detect the possible presence of alcohol or a substance prohibited or controlled by any law of the State of Mississippi or the United States.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-63, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE A CIRCUIT COURT TO RETAIN JURISDICTION AND PROCEED WITH CIVIL COMMITMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 99-13-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE CIRCUIT COURT TO PROCEED WITH COMMITMENT PROCEDURES FOR ANY PERSONS WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AND HAVE UNRESOLVED FELONY CHARGES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-21-65, 41-21-67, 41-21-71, 41-21-73 AND 41-21-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE CIRCUIT COURT TO PROCEED WITH COMMITMENT PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 47-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE JURISDICTIONAL TIME PERIOD FOR A COURT'S AUTHORITY TO REVISE A DEFENDANT'S SENTENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Jansen Owen, Elliot Burch

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Jason Barrett, Derrick T. Simmons

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hall, Osborne, Taylor. Total-3.

Present--Gibbs, J, Rosebud. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 776: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise certain provisions regarding authority of municipalities and counties under.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 776: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-9-1 for the transportation and possession of limited amounts of alcoholic beverages for the use of an alcohol processing permittee, and subject to all of the provisions and restrictions contained in this article, the manufacture, sale, distribution, and transportation of alcoholic beverages shall be lawful, subject to the restrictions hereinafter imposed, in those counties and municipalities of this state in which, at a local option election called and held for that purpose under the provisions of this article, a majority of the qualified electors voting in such election shall vote in favor thereof.

Beginning on April 16, 2021, except as otherwise provided in Section 67-1-51 for holders of a caterer's permit, the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages shall not be permissible or lawful in counties except in (a) incorporated municipalities located within such counties, (b) qualified resort areas within such counties approved as such by the department, or (c) clubs within such counties, whether within a municipality or not. However, any permits issued by the department between July 1, 2020, and April 15, 2021, for the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, whether or not issued to permittees in such municipalities, qualified resort areas or clubs, shall be eligible for renewal on or after April 16, 2021.

The manufacture, sale, distribution and possession of native wines or native spirits shall be lawful in any location within any such county except those locations where the manufacture, sale or distribution is prohibited by law other than this section or by regulations of the department. However, notwithstanding this provision, municipalities that have voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law may enforce such proper rules and regulations for fixing zones and territories to promote public health, morals, and safety, as they may by ordinance provide. The board of supervisors of any county that has voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law may make such rules and regulations as to territory outside of municipalities as are herein provided for municipalities.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, municipalities may enforce such proper location of package retailer stores within the municipality by application of a properly adopted zoning ordinance.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, within any state park or any state park facility that has been declared a qualified resort area by the department, and within any qualified resort area as defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii), an on-premises retailer's permit may be issued for the qualified resort area, and the permittee may lawfully sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on his licensed premises regardless of whether or

not the county or municipality in which the qualified resort area is located has voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law, and it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and consume alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises, and to sell, distribute and transport alcoholic beverages to the licensed premises. Moreover, the governing authorities of a municipality in which a qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)5, 7, 21 or 46 is located, the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Board which governs the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.A, the board of supervisors of the county in which the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.B and C is located, and the board of supervisors of the county in which the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)44 is located, may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that package retailer's permits may be issued in the applicable qualified resort area, and that it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and distribute alcoholic beverages in accordance with such package retailer's permits.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1525, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-37. The Department of Revenue, under its duties and powers with respect to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division therein, shall have the following powers, functions and duties:

(a) To issue or refuse to issue any permit provided for by this article, or to extend the permit or remit in whole or any part of the permit monies when the permit cannot be used due to a natural disaster or act of God.

(b) To revoke, suspend or cancel, for violation of or noncompliance with the provisions of this article, or the law governing the production and sale of native wines or native spirits, or any lawful rules and regulations of the department issued hereunder, or for other sufficient cause, any permit issued by it under the provisions of this article. The department shall also be authorized to suspend the permit of any permit holder for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a permit for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for the reissuance or reinstatement of a permit suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a permit suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or Section 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or Section 93-11-163 and any provision of this article, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or Section 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

(c) To prescribe forms of permits and applications for permits and of all reports which it deems necessary in administering this article.

(d) To fix standards, not in conflict with those prescribed by any law of this state or of the United States, to secure the use of proper ingredients and methods of manufacture of alcoholic beverages.

(e) To issue rules regulating the advertising of alcoholic beverages in the state in any class of media and permitting advertising of the retail price of alcoholic beverages.

(f) To issue reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the federal laws or regulations, requiring informative labeling of all alcoholic beverages offered for sale within this state and providing for the standards of fill and shapes of retail containers of alcoholic beverages; however, such containers shall not contain less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure.

(g) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of Section 67-1-51, to issue rules and regulations governing the issuance of retail permits for premises located near or around schools, colleges, universities, churches and other public institutions, and specifying the distances therefrom within which no such permit shall be issued. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall not issue a package retailer's or on-premises retailer's permit for the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages in or on the campus of any public school. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall not issue a package retailer's permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages in or on the campus of any community or junior college, college or university.

(h) To adopt and promulgate, repeal and amend, such rules, regulations, standards, requirements and orders, not inconsistent with this article or any law of this state or of the United States, as it deems necessary to control the manufacture, importation, transportation, distribution, delivery and sale of alcoholic liquor, whether intended for beverage or nonbeverage use in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of this article or any other statute, including the native wine and native spirit laws.

(i) To call upon other administrative departments of the state, county and municipal governments, county and city police departments and upon prosecuting officers for such information and assistance as it may deem necessary in the performance of its duties.

(j) To prepare and submit to the Governor during the month of January of each year a detailed report of its official acts during the preceding fiscal year ending June 30, including such recommendations as it may see fit to make, and to transmit a like report to each member of the Legislature of this state upon the convening thereof at its next regular session.

(k) To inspect, or cause to be inspected, any premises where alcoholic liquors intended for sale are manufactured, stored, distributed or sold, and to examine or cause to be examined all books and records pertaining to the business conducted therein.

(l) To investigate the administration of laws in relation to alcoholic liquors in this and other states and any foreign countries, and to recommend from time to time to the Governor and through him to the Legislature of this state such amendments to this article, if any, as it may think desirable.

(m) To designate hours and days when alcoholic beverages may be sold in different localities in the state which permit such sale.

(n) To assign employees to posts of duty at locations where they will be most beneficial for the control of alcoholic beverages and to take any other action concerning persons employed under this article as authorized by law and taken in accordance with the rules, regulations and procedures of the State Personnel Board.

(o) To enforce the provisions made unlawful by Chapter 3, Title 67 and Section 97-5-49.

(p) To delegate its authority under this article to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division, its director or any other officer or employee of the department that it deems appropriate.

(q) To prescribe and charge a fee to defray the costs of shipping alcoholic beverages, provided that such fee is determined in a manner provided by the department by rules and/or regulations adopted in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law.

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall not issue any permit which would conflict with any zoning ordinance legally adopted by the governing authorities of any municipality or rule or regulation of any board of supervisors of any county as set forth in Section 67-1-7(1).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MUNICIPALITIES THAT HAVE VOTED IN FAVOR OF COMING OUT FROM UNDER THE DRY LAW MAY ENFORCE SUCH PROPER RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FIXING ZONES AND TERRITORIES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH, MORALS, AND SAFETY, AS THEY MAY BY ORDINANCE PROVIDE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY THAT HAS VOTED IN FAVOR OF COMING OUT FROM UNDER THE DRY LAW MAY MAKE SIMILAR RULES AND REGULATIONS AS TO TERRITORY OUTSIDE OF MUNICIPALITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT MUNICIPALITIES MAY ENFORCE SUCH PROPER LOCATION OF PACKAGE RETAILER STORES WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY BY APPLICATION OF A PROPERLY ADOPTED ZONING

ORDINANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL NOT ISSUE ANY PERMIT WHICH WOULD CONFLICT WITH ANY ZONING ORDINANCE LEGALLY ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF ANY MUNICIPALITY OR RULE OR REGULATION OF ANY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ANY COUNTY AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 67-1-7; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Henry Zuber III, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Arnold, Evans, Mangold. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Hall, Ladner, Osborne, Taylor. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Newman. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Lester Carpenter, Karl Gibbs

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Daniel H. Sparks, Derrick T. Simmons

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hall, Osborne, Taylor. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

H. B. No. 1473: Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 63-21-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-21-16. (1) All designated agents appointed by the department * * * under Section 63-21-13 * * * may electronically transmit to the department * * * information entered by them on applications for a certificate of title given in connection with the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home or a loan for which the owner's motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home is pledged to that institution as collateral for the loan. The format and the data required to be transmitted shall be established by the department * * *. Transmission of data shall meet minimum criteria and edits established by the department * * * equal to any edit presently existing in the statewide title registration system, or as may be established, to which the county tax collectors shall also conform. All data transmitted must successfully pass edits established by the department * * *, including lienholder name, mailing address and lienholder account number assigned to a lienholder by the department * * * to identify the lienholder, for the purpose of causing the data to appear in the certificate of title for which the application is made.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the designated agent to verify all data before it is electronically transmitted. It shall also be the responsibility of the designated agent to ensure that the required certification of designated agent and the certification of statement of facts that are contained on the application for certificate of title appear above the signatures of both the owner and the authorized representative of the designated agent. Data which cannot be transmitted because of error shall be corrected by the designated agent when the statewide title registration system indicates that the data is erroneous or is not valid for the purposes of titling the motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home or for transfer of the data.

(3) When an institution has agreed to loan money for the purchase of a motor vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home, the institution shall complete an application for certificate of title or require the borrower to provide to the institution the copy of the application for certificate of title contained in the application packet which is designated "Lienholder's Copy" according to provisions of the Motor Vehicle and Manufactured Housing Title Law, which the owner will receive from the county tax collector or any designated agent upon completion of the application for title and registration process.

(4) An application for certificate of title originating from a designated agent shall be entered on the statewide title registration system by the originating lending institution when the transaction is for the purpose of perfecting the institution's interest in a vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home currently owned or purchased by the applicant, in connection with application for certificate of title or the purchase of a license tag or both.

(5) When an institution in this state adds a second lien on a certificate of title in possession of a first lienholder institution in this state, the second lienholder institution seeking to be shown on the certificate of title shall:

(a) Prepare the application for certificate of title in accordance with the requirements of Sections 63-21-15 and 63-21-45(1)(c);

(b) Obtain all required signatures; and

(c) Forward the completed application for certificate of title to the first lienholder together with any necessary remittance advice, a check for the title fee payable to the department * * * and a cover letter to the first lienholder requesting that the first lienholder attach the certificate of title to the required documents sent by the second lienholder and then forward the application, certificate of title and required documents to the department * * *.

(6) Upon receipt of the application for certificate of title from the second lienholder institution to record the second lien, the first lienholder institution shall compare the data contained in the application for certificate of title to the information contained in the original certificate of title. If the first lienholder institution is satisfied as to the ownership, accuracy and order of priority of liens as shown in the application, it shall enter the data contained on the application for certificate of title prepared by the second lienholder on the statewide title registration system, including the designated agent number of the second lienholder. After entering the data from the application for certificate of title, the first lienholder institution shall immediately forward the application for certificate of title with the certificate of title attached to the application, the remittance

advice and the second lienholder's check for the title fee to the department * * * within three (3) working days.

(7) In an assignment of lien pursuant to Section 63-21-47, the assignee shall receive the notice of assignment along with the current title attached and with the assignors interest open. The assignee lienholder shall prepare an application for certificate of title according to the notice of assignment, showing the assignee institution as the lienholder, and then shall electronically transmit the data to the department * * *. The completed application shall be forwarded to the department * * * within three (3) working days.

(8) The department * * *, upon receipt of applications for certificate of title, shall verify the data by accessing it on the statewide title registration system by the title application control number appearing on the application for title. After receiving verification that is satisfactory to the department * * * that the data necessary for the issuance of a new certificate of title exists, the department * * * shall issue a new certificate of title that records the interests of all the parties named in the application for certificate of title.

(9) Designated agents shall be connected to the statewide title registration system for the purpose of electronic transfer of applications for certificate of title data in the order of priority established by the department * * *.

(10) If a participating designated agent fails to comply with the provisions of this section or the rules adopted by the department * * * to implement this section, the department * * * may impose a penalty of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each instance of noncompliance. Any penalty imposed under this section not paid within thirty (30) days after a notice is given shall be subject to collection from the bond of the designated agent that is required to be provided under the provisions of Section 63-21-13(3). The penalty provided shall also be assessable, due and collectible from any licensed motor vehicle dealer or manufactured home or mobile home dealer for failure to accept an application for certificate of title for each and every vehicle, manufactured home or mobile home he sells to a consumer. These penalties shall be cumulative, supplemental and in addition to the penalties provided by any other law.

(11) This section shall apply to all designated agents appointed by the department * * * under Section 63-21-13, that choose to electronically transmit information on applications for certificates of title to the department * * *. This section shall not apply to other designated agents.

(12) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the department * * * shall not issue a certificate of title to a manufactured home or mobile home with respect to which title has been retired to real property under Section 63-21-30 unless with respect to the same manufactured home or mobile home title has been severed from real property pursuant to Section 63-21-30.

(13) Notwithstanding any requirement in this chapter that a lien on a motor vehicle or manufactured home shall be noted on the face of the certificate of title, if there are one or more liens or encumbrances on the motor vehicle or manufactured home, the department * * * may electronically transmit the lien to the first lienholder and notify the first lienholder of any additional liens. Subsequent lien satisfactions may be electronically transmitted to the department * * * and shall include the name and address of the person satisfying the lien. When electronic transmission of liens and lien satisfactions is used, a certificate of title need not be issued until the last lien is satisfied and a clear certificate of title is issued to the owner of the motor vehicle or manufactured home. When a motor vehicle is subject to an electronic lien, the certificate of title for the motor vehicle shall be considered to be physically held by the lienholder for purposes of compliance with state or federal odometer disclosure requirements. A duly certified copy of the department * * *s electronic record of the lien shall be admissible in any civil, criminal, or administrative proceeding in this state as evidence of the existence of the lien.

(14) Any lienholder with a federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) must electronically transmit the satisfaction and release and discharge of a lien on a motor vehicle to the department not later than fourteen (14) days after the date of satisfaction of the lien. The failure of any such lienholder to comply with the requirements of this subsection shall be a violation of this chapter. Any such lienholder who knowingly and

willfully fails to transmit the satisfaction and release and discharge of a lien on a motor vehicle within fourteen (14) days after the date of the satisfaction of the lien shall be in violation of this section, and subject to a civil penalty of up to Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per violation, which shall be in addition to any other penalty provided in this chapter. In addition, the lienholder shall be liable for any attorney's fees, legal fees and/or other fees and costs incurred by a person in any action necessary to discharge and/or release a lien or otherwise affecting a lien for which the lienholder failed to transmit the required information.

(15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, if a lien on a motor vehicle is older than eight (8) years from the date the lien was placed on the motor vehicle, the lien shall be recorded by the department in the automated statewide motor vehicle registration system as having been satisfied and released and discharged, unless annually recertified by the lienholder by utilizing the format and transmitting the data required by the department.

SECTION 2. Section 63-21-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-21-18. The Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall provide equipment for the operation and maintenance of the automated statewide motor vehicle, manufactured housing and mobile home registration system by the * * * department.

The automated statewide motor vehicle, manufactured housing and mobile home registration system shall provide for computer terminals and printers, as authorized by the * * * Department of Information Technology Services, to be located in the quantity necessary in each county seat tax collector's office and any other office in which more than fifty percent (50%) of the motor vehicle registrations in the county are made.

All county tax collectors shall participate in such system as it applies to Chapter 19, Title 27; Chapter 51, Title 27; Chapter 21, Title 63; Mississippi Code of 1972, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the * * * department. Such rules and regulations shall provide that counties which have an existing computer system designed to produce registration data may elect to use such existing system to communicate title/registration data to the * * * department through the computer furnished by the state as hereinabove provided in this section. If the * * * department finds and determines that a county has failed to successfully establish or update title/registration data into the statewide vehicle, manufactured housing and mobile home title/registration system, either through use of equipment supplied by the * * * department or through the interfacing between the network system and county computer equipment, the * * * department shall thereafter cause to be withheld the county's homestead exemption reimbursement monies, except for school districts and municipalities, until such time as the county has complied with this provision. Such monies as are withheld from a county for failure to comply with this provision shall be placed into a special escrow account to be established in the State Treasury. Once the county achieves compliance by successfully establishing or updating title/registration data into the statewide vehicle, manufactured housing and mobile home title/registration system, then the * * * department shall cause to be released to the county all funds held in escrow on the county's behalf during the period of noncompliance. All interest earned shall accrue to the benefit of the county on any funds placed in an escrow account. Any cost involved in interfacing between existing county computer systems and the state-provided computer shall be paid by the county.

The computer terminals and printers placed in each county tax collector's office may be utilized to provide additional computer functions as authorized by the * * * Department of Information Technology Services.

The State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants to the State Treasurer for the expenditures for the implementation and maintenance of the system upon requisitions signed by the * * * Commissioner of Revenue, as authorized by the Legislature.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the operation of the statewide motor vehicle, manufactured housing and mobile home title registration system shall be the responsibility of the * * * department.

The *** department shall provide for the transfer of motor vehicle, manufactured housing and mobile home title and lien registration information to the *** department by electronic means from banks and other lending institutions as provided in Section 63-21-18. The *** Department of Information Technology Services shall cooperate with the *** department in implementing the provisions of Section 63-21-18, and shall provide the *** department with whatever assistance the *** department needs to carry out the provisions of Section 63-21-18.

A used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor must utilize the department's automated statewide motor vehicle registration system for the purpose of complying with the requirements of Section 63-21-39(1)(a).

SECTION 3. Section 63-21-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-21-39. (1) (a) An owner who scraps, dismantles or destroys a vehicle and a person who purchases a vehicle as scrap or to be dismantled or destroyed shall indicate same on the back of the certificate of title and shall immediately cause the certificate of title and any other documents required by the department *** to be mailed or delivered to the department *** for cancellation. A certificate of title of the vehicle shall not again be issued except upon application containing the information the department *** requires, accompanied by a certificate of inspection in the form and content specified in Section 63-21-15(5) and proof of payment of a fee as provided in subsection (2) of this section. Before a used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor may purchase or receive a motor vehicle from the owner or authorized agent of the owner of the motor vehicle for the purpose of scrapping, dismantling or destroying the motor vehicle, the used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor must verify under Section 63-21-18 the absence of any lien on the motor vehicle. If a lien exists on the motor vehicle, the used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor may not purchase or receive the motor vehicle for the purpose of scrapping, dismantling or destroying the vehicle, and may not purchase or receive the motor vehicle for such purposes during any time for which a lien exists on the motor vehicle.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, if the owner or authorized agent of the owner has not obtained a title in his or her name for the vehicle to be transferred, has lost the title for the vehicle to be transferred, or has returned the title to the department *** in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection, he or she may sign a statement swearing that, in addition to the foregoing conditions, the vehicle is at least ten (10) model years old. The statement described in this paragraph may be used only to transfer such a vehicle to a licensed used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor. The department shall promulgate a form for the statement which shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) A statement that the vehicle shall never be titled again; it must be dismantled or scrapped;

(ii) A description of the vehicle including the year, make, model and vehicle identification number;

(iii) The name, address, and driver's license number, nondriver identification card number or tribal identification card number of the owner;

(iv) A certification that the owner:

1. Never obtained a title to the vehicle in his or her name; or

2. Was issued a title for the vehicle, but the title was lost or stolen;

(v) A certification that the vehicle:

1. Is at least ten (10) model years old; and

2. Is not subject to any security interest or lien;

(vi) An acknowledgment that the owner and buyer of the vehicle realizes this form will be filed with the department and that:

1. It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, for conviction of a first offense of knowingly falsifying any information on this statement; and

2. It is a felony, punishable by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or both, for conviction of a second or subsequent offense of knowingly falsifying any information on this statement;

(vii) The owner's signature and the date of the transaction;

(viii) The name and address of the business acquiring the vehicle;

(ix) The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System identification number; and

(x) The business agent's signature and date along with a printed name and title if the agent is signing on behalf of a corporation.

(c) Until such time as the department makes available an Internet-based system, the used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor shall mail or otherwise deliver the statement required under paragraph (b) of this subsection (1) to the department * * * within three (3) business days of the completion of the transaction, requesting that the department cancel the Mississippi certificate of title and registration. Once the department develops an Internet-based system, the used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor shall utilize such system and within two (2) business days electronically submit the information contained in the statement using that system.

(d) Within two (2) business days of each day's close of business, the used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor who purchases or receives motor vehicles for scrap or for parts shall deliver in a format approved by the department, by electronic means once developed and made available by the department, a list of all such vehicles purchased that day for scrap or for parts. That list shall contain the following information:

(i) The name, address and contact information for the reporting entity;

(ii) The vehicle identification numbers of such vehicles;

(iii) The dates such vehicles were obtained;

(iv) The names of the individuals or entities from whom the vehicles were obtained, for use by law enforcement personnel and appropriate governmental agencies only;

(v) A statement of whether the vehicles were, or will be, crushed or disposed of, or offered for sale or other purposes;

(vi) A statement of whether the vehicle is intended for export out of the United States; and

(vii) The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System identification number of the business acquiring the vehicle.

In addition, the used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor must certify compliance with the requirements of Section 63-21-39(1)(a).

(e) (i) For purposes of this subsection, the term "motor vehicle" shall not include a vehicle which has been crushed or flattened by mechanical means such that it is no longer the motor vehicle as described by the certificate of title, or such that the vehicle identification number is no longer visible or accessible.

(ii) In cases in which crushed or flattened vehicles are purchased or received, the purchasing or receiving used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor shall verify that the seller has reported the vehicles in accordance with this subsection. Such verification may be in the form of a certification from the seller or a contract between the seller and the purchasing or receiving used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor attesting to the seller's compliance with the reporting requirements of this subsection. Such verification must clearly identify the seller by a government issued photograph identification card or employer identification number, and the verification and copy of the identification card or number shall be maintained by the purchasing or receiving used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor for a period of not less than two (2) years.

(f) The information obtained by the department in accordance with paragraph (d) of this subsection (1) shall be reported to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System, in a format that will satisfy the requirement for reporting this information, in accordance with rules adopted by the United States Department of Justice in 28 CFR 25.56.

(g) Until such time as the department develops and makes available the internet-based system described in paragraph (d) of this subsection, the used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor who purchases or receives motor vehicles for scrap or for parts shall deliver the information required by paragraph (d) to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System through any data consolidator approved by such system, within forty-eight (48) hours of the day the vehicle was purchased or acquired by such used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor which shall satisfy the requirements of paragraph (d).

(h) The information obtained by the department in accordance with paragraph (d) of this subsection (1) shall be made available only to law enforcement agencies and for purposes of canceling certificates of title. The information shall otherwise be considered to be confidential business information of the respective reporting entities.

(i) All records required under the provisions of this subsection shall be maintained for a period of two (2) years by the reporting entity and shall include a scanned or photocopied copy of the seller's or seller's representative's driver's license or state-issued identification card or other valid form of identification.

(j) A person who knowingly and willfully violates this subsection (1), or any person who knowingly and willfully falsifies or assists another person in falsifying the statement or information required under paragraph (b) or (d) of this subsection, or any person who knowingly and willfully sells a vehicle upon which there is an unsatisfied lien or security interest, or who purchases a vehicle without complying with either paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection and who knowingly and willfully destroys or dismantles a vehicle upon which he knows that there is an unsatisfied lien or security interest shall:

(i) Be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both, for conviction of a first offense; or

(ii) Upon conviction of a second or subsequent offense, a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years or a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

In addition, the court may order each person convicted to pay restitution to any party suffering monetary loss in the amount of such loss. No part of any sentence imposed by the court shall be suspended unless such restitution has been paid in full.

(k) A person who knowingly and willfully fails to deliver the title as required under paragraph (a) of this subsection, or the statement required under paragraph (b) of this subsection to the department * * * within seventy-two (72) hours of the completion of the transaction, or who, until such time as the department develops and makes available the Internet-based system described in paragraph (d), fails to deliver the information required by paragraph (d) to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System through any data consolidator approved by such system, within two (2) business days of the day the vehicle was purchased or acquired by such used motor vehicle parts dealer or scrap metal processor shall be in violation of this section, and subject to a civil penalty of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation. Actions to impose this penalty may be brought by any local or state law enforcement agency, district attorney, or by the Attorney General, in any court of competent jurisdiction. One-half (1/2) of the monies generated from such civil penalties shall be deposited in a special fund created in the State Treasury for use by the * * * department's Title Bureau, and one-half (1/2) of the monies generated from such civil penalties shall be deposited in the general fund of the municipality if the suit was brought in a municipal court, or in the general fund of the county if the suit was brought in the court of a county.

(2) For the purpose of requesting a branded title on a vehicle with a salvage certificate of title, every owner of a vehicle that has been issued a salvage certificate of title in this state or any other state which has been restored in this state to its operating condition which existed prior to the event which caused the salvage certificate of title to be issued shall make application to the department * * *, accompanied by a certificate of inspection issued by the Department of Public Safety in the form and content specified in Section 63-21-15(5) and the payment of a fee of Seventy-five Dollars (\$75.00) for each motor vehicle for which a certificate of inspection is issued. In addition, the Department of Public Safety may charge such a person a fee in the amount of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for performing any vehicle identification number verification required by federal law or regulation for the vehicle for which the person is applying for a title. All such monies shall be collected by the Department of Public Safety and paid to the State Treasurer for deposit in a special fund that is hereby created in the State Treasury to be known as the "Salvage Certificate of Title Fund." Monies in the special fund may be expended by the Department of Public Safety, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The department * * * shall establish by regulation the minimum requirements by which a vehicle which has been issued a salvage certificate of title may be issued a branded title.

(3) Before a branded title may be issued for a vehicle for which a salvage certificate of title has been issued, the applicant shall submit, by hand delivery or mail, such documents and information to the Department of Public Safety as the department may require for the purpose of determining if the vehicle complies with the requirements of this section and all applicable regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the department * * *. The Department of Public Safety also may require that an applicant bring a vehicle for which application for a branded title is being made to a Highway Patrol facility for a visual inspection whenever the department deems that a visual inspection is necessary or advisable. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit inspectors of the Mississippi Highway Patrol from conducting on-site inspections and investigations of motor vehicle rebuilders or motor vehicle repair businesses to determine if such businesses are in compliance with all applicable laws relating to the motor vehicle title laws of this state and regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the department * * *.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2025.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-21-16, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY LIENHOLDER WITH A FEDERAL EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) MUST ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMIT THE SATISFACTION AND RELEASE AND DISCHARGE OF A LIEN ON A MOTOR VEHICLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE NOT LATER THAN 14 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SATISFACTION OF THE LIEN; TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-21-18 AND 63-21-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT, BEFORE A USED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR MAY PURCHASE OR RECEIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE FROM THE OWNER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCRAPPING, DISMANTLING OR DESTROYING THE MOTOR VEHICLE, THE USED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR MUST VERIFY THE ABSENCE OF ANY LIEN ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A LIEN EXISTS ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE, THE USED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR MAY NOT PURCHASE OR RECEIVE THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCRAPPING, DISMANTLING OR DESTROYING THE VEHICLE, AND IS PROHIBITED FROM PURCHASING OR RECEIVING THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR SUCH PURPOSES DURING ANY TIME FOR WHICH A LIEN EXISTS ON THE MOTOR VEHICLE; TO PROVIDE THAT A USED MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR MUST UTILIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S AUTOMATED STATEWIDE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH SUCH REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Donnie Bell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, John Horhn, Dean Kirby

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hall, Osborne, Rosebud, Taylor. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-65-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-17. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon every person engaging or continuing within this state in the business of selling any tangible personal property whatsoever there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross proceeds of the retail sales of the business.

(b) Retail sales of farm tractors and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such tractors shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when made to farmers for agricultural purposes.

(c) (i) Retail sales of farm implements sold to farmers and used directly in the production of poultry, ratite, domesticated fish as defined in Section 69-7-501, livestock, livestock products, agricultural crops or ornamental plant crops or used for other agricultural purposes, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such implements, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) when used on the farm.

(ii) The one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) rate shall also apply to all equipment used in logging, pulpwood operations or tree farming, and parts and labor used to maintain and/or repair such equipment, which is either:

1. Self-propelled, or
2. Mounted so that it is permanently attached

to other equipment which is self-propelled or attached to other equipment drawn by a vehicle which is self-propelled.

In order to be eligible for the rate of tax provided for in this subparagraph (ii), such sales must be made to a professional logger. For the purposes of this subparagraph (ii), a "professional logger" is a person, corporation, limited liability company or other entity, or an agent thereof, who possesses a professional logger's permit issued by the Department of Revenue and who presents the permit to the seller at the time of purchase. The department shall establish an application process for a professional logger's permit to be issued, which shall include a requirement that the applicant submit a copy of documentation verifying that the applicant is certified according to Sustainable Forestry Initiative guidelines. Upon a determination that an applicant is a professional logger, the department shall issue the applicant a numbered professional logger's permit.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, retail sales of aircraft, automobiles, trucks, truck-tractors, semitrailers and manufactured or mobile homes shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(e) Sales of manufacturing machinery or manufacturing machine parts when made to a manufacturer or custom processor for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state in manufacturing a commodity for sale, rental or in processing for a fee shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%).

(f) Sales of machinery and machine parts when made to a technology intensive enterprise for plant use only when the machinery and machine parts will be used exclusively and directly within this state for industrial purposes, including, but not limited to, manufacturing or research and development activities, shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%). In order to be considered a technology intensive enterprise for purposes of this paragraph:

(i) The enterprise shall meet minimum criteria established by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(ii) The enterprise shall employ at least ten (10) persons in full-time jobs;

(iii) At least ten percent (10%) of the workforce in the facility operated by the enterprise shall be scientists, engineers or computer specialists;

(iv) The enterprise shall manufacture plastics, chemicals, automobiles, aircraft, computers or electronics; or shall be a research and development facility, a computer design or related facility, or a software publishing facility or other technology intensive facility or enterprise as determined by the Mississippi Development Authority;

(v) The average wage of all workers employed by the enterprise at the facility shall be at least one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the state average annual wage; and

(vi) The enterprise must provide a basic health care plan to all employees at the facility.

A medical cannabis establishment, as defined in the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, shall not be considered to be a technology intensive enterprise for the purposes of this paragraph (f).

(g) Sales of materials for use in track and track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(h) Sales of tangible personal property to electric power associations for use in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of one percent (1%).

(i) Wholesale sales of food and drink for human consumption to full-service vending machine operators to be sold through vending machines located apart from and not connected with other taxable businesses shall be taxed at the rate of eight percent (8%).

(j) Sales of equipment used or designed for the purpose of assisting disabled persons, such as wheelchair equipment and lifts, that is mounted or attached to or installed on a private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, at the time when the private carrier of passengers or light carrier of property is sold shall be taxed at the same rate as the sale of such vehicles under this section.

(k) Sales of the factory-built components of modular homes, panelized homes and precut homes, and panel constructed homes consisting of structural insulated panels, shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

(l) Sales of materials used in the repair, renovation, addition to, expansion and/or improvement of buildings and related facilities used by a dairy producer shall be taxed at the rate of three and one-half percent (3-1/2%). For the purposes of this paragraph (l), "dairy producer" means any person engaged in the production of milk for commercial use.

(m) Sales of equipment and materials used in connection with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, redrilling, completing, working over, producing, distributing, or testing of oil, gas and other mineral resources shall be taxed at the rate of four and one-half percent (4-1/2%). Operators that rebill sales of equipment and materials to nonoperating working interest owners on behalf of a joint account through the joint interest billing (JIB), where the sales tax has been paid or accrued by the operator shall not be charged a sales tax on the JIB as services income.

(2) From and after January 1, 1995, retail sales of private carriers of passengers and light carriers of property, as defined in Section 27-51-101, shall be taxed an additional two percent (2%).

(3) A manufacturer selling at retail in this state shall be required to make returns of the gross proceeds of such sales and pay the tax imposed in this section.

SECTION 2. Section 27-65-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-21. (1) (a) (i) Upon every person engaging or continuing in this state in the business of contracting or performing a contract or engaging in any of the activities, or similar activities, listed below for a price, commission, fee or wage, there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to three and one-half percent (3-1/2%) of the total contract price or compensation received, including all charges related to the contract such as finance charges and late charges, from constructing, building, erecting, repairing, grading, excavating, drilling, exploring, testing or adding to any building, highway, street, sidewalk, bridge, culvert, sewer, irrigation or water system, drainage or dredging system, levee or levee system or any part thereof, railway, reservoir, dam, power plant, electrical system, air-conditioning system, heating system, transmission line, pipeline, tower, dock, storage tank, wharf, excavation, grading, water well, any other improvement or structure or any part thereof when the compensation received exceeds Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). Such activities shall not include constructing, repairing or adding to property which retains its identity as personal property. The tax imposed in this section is levied upon the prime contractor and shall be paid by him.

(ii) Amounts included in the contract price or compensation received representing the sale of manufacturing or processing machinery

for a manufacturer or custom processor shall be taxed at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) in lieu of the three and one-half percent (3-1/2%).

(b) The following shall be excluded from the tax levied by this section:

(i) The contract price or compensation received for constructing, building, erecting, repairing or adding to any building, electrical system, air-conditioning system, heating system or any other improvement or structure which is used for or primarily in connection with a residence or dwelling place for human beings. Such residences shall include homes, mobile homes, summer cottages, fishing and hunting camp buildings and similar buildings, but shall not include apartment buildings, condominiums, hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing or retirement homes, tourist cottages or other commercial establishments.

(ii) The portion of the total contract price attributable to design or engineering services if:

1. The total contract price for the project exceeds the sum of One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000.00); or

2. The engineering services are performed by a professional engineer as defined in Section 73-13-3, who is the general or prime contractor.

(iii) The contract price or compensation received to restore, repair or replace a utility distribution or transmission system that has been damaged due to ice storm, hurricane, flood, tornado, wind, earthquake or other natural disaster if such restoration, repair or replacement is performed by the entity providing the service at its cost.

(iv) The contract price or compensation received for constructing, building, erecting, repairing or adding to any building, facility or structure located at any refinery as defined in Section 27-65-24.

(c) Sales of materials and services for use in the activities hereby excluded from taxes imposed by this section, except services used in activities excluded pursuant to paragraph (b)(iii) of this subsection, shall be subject to taxes imposed by other sections in this chapter.

(2) *** [Deleted]

(3) When the work to be performed under any contract is sublet by the prime contractor to different persons, or in separate contracts to the same persons, each such subcontractor performing any part of said work shall be liable for the amount of the tax which accrues on account of the work performed by such person when the tax heretofore imposed has not been paid upon the whole contract by the prime contractor.

When a person engaged in any business on which a tax is levied in Section 27-65-23, also qualifies as a contractor, and contracts with the owner of any project to perform any services in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) herein taxed, such person shall pay the tax imposed by this section in lieu of the tax imposed by Section 27-65-23.

Any person entering into any contract over Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) as defined in this section shall, before beginning the performance of such contract or contracts, either pay the contractors' tax in advance, together with any use taxes due under Section 27-67-5, or execute and file with the commissioner a good and valid bond in a surety company authorized to do business in this state, or with sufficient sureties to be approved by the commissioner conditioned that all taxes which may accrue to the State of Mississippi under this chapter, or under Section 27-67-5 and Section 27-7-5, will be paid when due. Such bonds shall be either (a) "job bonds" which guarantee payment when due of the aforesaid taxes resulting from performance of a specified job or activity regardless of date of completion; or (b) "blanket bonds" which guarantee payment when due of the aforesaid taxes resulting from performance of all jobs or activities taxable under this section begun during the period specified therein, regardless of date of completion. The payments of the taxes due or the execution and filing of a surety bond shall be a condition precedent to the commencing work on any contract taxed hereunder. Provided, that when any bond is filed in lieu of the prepayment of the tax under this section, that the tax shall be payable monthly on the amount received during the previous month, and any use taxes due shall be payable

on or before the twentieth day of the month following the month in which the property is brought into Mississippi.

Any person failing either to execute any bond herein provided, or to pay the taxes in advance, before beginning the performance of any contract shall be denied the right to perform such contract until he complies with such requirements, and the commissioner is hereby authorized to proceed either under Section 27-65-59, under Section 27-65-61 or by injunction to prevent any activity in the performance of such contract until either a satisfactory bond is executed and filed, or all taxes are paid in advance, and a temporary injunction enjoining the execution of such contract shall be granted without notice by any judge or chancellor now authorized by law to grant injunctions.

Any person liable for a tax under this section may apply for and obtain a material purchase certificate from the commissioner which may entitle the holder to purchase materials and services that are to become a component part of the structure to be erected or repaired with no tax due. Provided, that the contractor applying for the contractor's material purchase certificate shall furnish the Department of Revenue a list of all work sublet to others, indicating the amount of work to be performed, and the names and addresses of each subcontractor.

SECTION 3. Section 27-65-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-65-23. Upon every person engaging or continuing in any of the following businesses or activities there is hereby levied, assessed and shall be collected a tax equal to seven percent (7%) of the gross income of the business, except as otherwise provided:

servicing; Air-conditioning installation or repairs;
Automobile, motorcycle, boat or any other vehicle repairing or
servicing;
Billiards, pool or domino parlors;
Bowling or tenpin alleys;
Burglar and fire alarm systems or services;
Car washing — automatic, self-service, or manual;
Computer software services actually performed within this state;
Cotton compresses or cotton warehouses;
Custom creosoting or treating, custom planning, custom sawing;
Custom meat processing;
Electricians, electrical work, wiring, all repairs or installation of
electrical equipment;
Elevator or escalator installing, repairing or servicing;
Film developing or photo finishing;
Foundries, machine or general repairing;
Furniture repairing or upholstering;
Grading, excavating, ditching, dredging or landscaping;
Hotels (as defined in Section 41-49-3), motels, tourist courts or
camps, trailer parks;
Insulating services or repairs;
Jewelry or watch repairing;
Laundering, cleaning, pressing or dyeing;
Marina services;
Mattress renovating;
Office and business machine repairing;
Parking garages and lots;
Plumbing or pipe fitting;
Public storage warehouses (There shall be no tax levied on gross
income of a public storage warehouse derived from the temporary storage of tangible
personal property in this state pending shipping or mailing of the property to another
state.);
Refrigerating equipment repairs;
Radio or television installing, repairing, or servicing;
Renting or leasing personal property used within this state;

Services performed in connection with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, producing, distributing, or testing of *** water *** resources not related to development of oil, gas and other mineral resources;

Shoe repairing;

Storage lockers;

Telephone answering or paging services;

Termite or pest control services;

Tin and sheet metal shops;

TV cable systems, subscription TV services, and other similar

activities;

Vulcanizing, repairing or recapping of tires or tubes;

Welding; and

Woodworking or wood-turning shops.

Income from services taxed herein performed for electric power associations in the ordinary and necessary operation of their generating or distribution systems shall be taxed at the rate of one percent (1%).

Income from services taxed herein performed on materials for use in track or track structures to a railroad whose rates are fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Mississippi Public Service Commission shall be taxed at the rate of three percent (3%).

Income from services performed in connection with geophysical surveying, exploring, developing, drilling, redrilling, completing, working over, producing, distributing, or testing of oil, gas and other mineral resources, including overhead services shall be taxed at the rate of four and one-half percent (4-1/2%). Operators that rebill services to nonoperating working interest owners on behalf of the joint account through the joint interest billing (JIB), where the sales tax has been paid or accrued by the operator shall not be charged a sales tax on the JIB as services income.

Income from renting or leasing tangible personal property used within this state shall be taxed at the same rates as sales of the same property.

Persons doing business in this state who rent transportation equipment with a situs within or without the state to common, contract or private commercial carriers are taxed on that part of the income derived from use within this state. If specific accounting is impracticable, a formula may be used with approval of the commissioner.

A lessor may deduct from the tax computed on the rental income from tangible personal property a credit for sales or use tax paid to this state at the time of purchase of the specific personal property being leased or rented until such credit has been exhausted.

Charges for custom processing and repairing services may be excluded from gross taxable income when the property on which the service was performed is delivered to the customer in another state either by common carrier or in the seller's equipment.

When a taxpayer performs services covered by this section, which are performed both in intrastate and interstate commerce, the taxpayer may utilize any reasonable formulae of apportionment which will apportion to this state, for taxation, that portion of the services which are performed within the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall affect or defeat any claim, assessment, appeal, suit, right or cause of action for taxes due or accrued under the sales tax laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, whether such claims, assessments, appeals, suits or actions have been begun before the date on which this act becomes effective or are begun thereafter; and the provisions of the sales tax laws are expressly continued in full force, effect and operation for the purpose of the assessment, collection and enrollment of liens for any taxes due or accrued and the execution of any warrant under such laws before the date on which this act becomes effective, and for the imposition of any penalties, forfeitures or claims for failure to comply with such laws.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SALES OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS USED IN CONNECTION WITH GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYING, EXPLORING, DEVELOPING, DRILLING, REDRILLING, COMPLETING, WORKING OVER, PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING, OR TESTING OF OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES SHALL BE TAXED AT THE RATE OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT, AND THAT OPERATORS THAT REBILL SALES OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS TO NONOPERATING WORKING INTEREST OWNERS ON BEHALF OF A JOINT ACCOUNT THROUGH THE JOINT INTEREST BILLING (JIB), WHERE THE SALES TAX HAS BEEN PAID OR ACCRUED BY THE OPERATOR SHALL NOT BE CHARGED A SALES TAX ON THE JIB AS SERVICES INCOME; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE FROM THE CONTRACTOR'S TAX CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$10,000.00 FOR THE REDRILLING, OR WORKING OVER, OR OF DRILLING OR COMPLETING AN OIL WELL OR A GAS WELL; TO AMEND SECTION 27-65-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE SALES TAX IMPOSED ON VARIOUS SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX RATE OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT ON INCOME FROM SERVICES PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYING, EXPLORING, DEVELOPING, DRILLING, REDRILLING, COMPLETING, WORKING OVER, PRODUCING, DISTRIBUTING, OR TESTING OF OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES, INCLUDING OVERHEAD SERVICES, AND THAT OPERATORS THAT REBILL SALES OF EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS TO NONOPERATING WORKING INTEREST OWNERS ON BEHALF OF A JOINT ACCOUNT THROUGH THE JOINT INTEREST BILLING (JIB), WHERE THE SALES TAX HAS BEEN PAID OR ACCRUED BY THE OPERATOR SHALL NOT BE CHARGED A SALES TAX ON THE JIB AS SERVICES INCOME; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Brent Powell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Joel R. Carter, Jr., Gary Brumfield

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Osborne, Taylor. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

H. B. No. 1988: Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law.

S. B. No. 2493: Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds.

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Creekmore called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

AMEND by striking Section 8 in its entirety and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 2161 by striking "July 1, 2024" and inserting "its passage" in lieu thereof.

FURTHER, AMEND the title to conform by striking "AND 43-18-1" and inserting "AND" after "41-7-191" on line 2.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam Creekmore IV, Lee Yancey, Andrew Stepp

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, David Parker, Rita Potts Parks

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Taylor. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; revise bidding procedure.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; bring forward code sections related to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law

for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects

in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board

of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high-speed internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high-speed internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices.

In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d),

Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any

of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be

based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any

private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products or services. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (l)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however, state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand

Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinstituted. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or

permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

(x) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act. (i) *** The Department of Finance and Administration shall develop and implement a process that creates a preferred vendor list for both disaster debris removal and monitoring.

(ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

SECTION 2. Section 31-7-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-7-67. (1) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "sUAS" means a small unmanned aircraft system, also called a drone, including the unmanned aircraft itself and any additional support equipment, control stations, data links, telemetry, communications and navigation equipment or any other equipment necessary to operate the unmanned aircraft.

(b) "Domestic manufacturer" means a manufacturing company incorporated and headquartered in the United States of America and whose majority ownership is comprised of American citizens and which manufactures drones at a facility in the United States of America. If such company is owned by another entity, that entity must also be an American company.

(c) "Domestic sUAS company" means a company which provides maintenance, repair, and other technical services for small unmanned aircraft systems, including drones, which is incorporated, headquartered and primarily provides such services in the United States of America.

(d) "Collision avoidance system" means a system of hardware or software designed to mitigate collision risk for drones.

(2) Beginning January 1, 2025, all small unmanned aircraft systems and drones purchased by the State of Mississippi or any agency or political subdivision thereof shall be purchased exclusively from a domestic manufacturer and shall possess collision avoidance systems. All maintenance, repair and other technical services on drones owned by the State of Mississippi or any agency or political subdivision thereof shall be performed by a domestic sUAS company. All infrastructure inspection services requiring the use of sUAS and contracted for on behalf of the State shall be performed using domestically manufactured sUAS.

(3) In public procurement under Title 31, Chapter 7, domestic manufacturers operating within the State of Mississippi shall be granted a ten percent (10%) bid preference over non-Mississippi manufacturers and domestic sUAS companies shall be granted a ten percent (10%) bid preference over non-Mississippi companies. Additionally, all agencies and public entities may solicit a minimum of one (1) bid from a Mississippi-based small unmanned aircraft system manufacturer.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (6), an agency may not purchase or operate a small unmanned aircraft system manufactured in the People's Republic of China. For purposes of this section, the term "manufactured" includes a small unmanned aircraft system that is assembled in a country other than the People's Republic of China but which is comprised of more than a negligible amount of parts, software, components or raw materials originating in the People's Republic of China.

(5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a state institution of higher learning with a federally designated research center when such institution is conducting research regarding sUAS and related matters.

(6) The provisions of this section shall not apply to small unmanned aircraft systems manufactured in the People's Republic of China and purchased prior to January 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROCESS THAT CREATES A PREFERRED VENDOR LIST FOR DISASTER DEBRIS REMOVAL AND MONITORING; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO STIPULATE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS MANUFACTURED IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND PURCHASED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Fred Shanks, Jill Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Bart Williams, Scott DeLano, David Parker

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans,

Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Scott. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Osborne, Taylor. Total-3.

Present--Butler-Washington, Hobgood-Wilkes, James-Jones, Rosebud. Total--

4.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

Rep. Zuber moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 29-5-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:
[Through June 30, 2025, this section shall read as follows:]

29-5-203. There is created the Capitol Complex Improvement District to be composed of the following described area in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that surrounds the State Capitol Building:

CAPITOL COMPLEX PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

- Beginning at a point on the west bank of the Pearl River determined by extending the south curb line of High Street east until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then north along the west bank of the Pearl River until it reaches a point on such bank determined by extending the north curb line of Northside Drive until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then west along the north curb line of Northside Drive until it reaches the west track of the Illinois Central Railroad line;
- Then south along the west track of the Illinois Central Railroad line

to the north curb line of Mitchell Avenue which becomes Stonewall Street;

- Then west along the north curb line of Mitchell Street and then Stonewall Street until it reaches the west curb line of Livingston Road;
- Then south along the west curb line of Livingston Road until it reaches the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive;
- Then east along the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive to the west curb line of Bailey Avenue (which becomes Gallatin Street);
- Then south along the west curb line of Bailey Avenue and then Gallatin Street until it reaches the north curb line of West Monument Street;
- Then west along the north curb line of West Monument Street until it intersects with West Capitol Street and becomes Rose Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Rose Street until it intersects with the north curb line of Robinson Road;
- Then west on the north curb line of Robinson Road until it intersects with the west curb line of Prentiss Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Prentiss Street until it intersects with the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street on the west side of Jackson State University;
- Then west on the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street until it reaches the west curb line of Ellis Avenue;
- Then south along the west curb line of Ellis Avenue until it reaches the south curb line of Raymond Road;
- Then east along the south curb line of Raymond Road until it reaches the north edge of Interstate 20 westbound;
- Then east along the north edge of Interstate 20 until it overlaps with Interstate 55 and continues along such edge of Interstate 55/20 to the western edge of where it becomes Interstate 55;
- Then north along the western edge of I-55 until it reaches the south curb line of High Street;
- Then east along the south curb line of High Street and extending such line to the Pearl River and the point of the beginning.

* * *

[From and after July 1, 2025, this section shall read as follows:]
29-5-203. There is created the Capitol Complex Improvement District to be composed of the following described area in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that surrounds the State Capitol Building:

CAPITOL COMPLEX * * * BOUNDARIES

- Beginning at a point on the west bank of the Pearl River determined by extending the south curb line of High Street east until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then north along the west bank of the Pearl River until it reaches a point on such bank determined by extending the north curb line of * * * Westbrook Road until it meets the bank of the Pearl River;
- Then west along the north curb line of Westbrook Road until it reaches the west curb line of Old Canton Road;
- Then south along the west curb line of Old Canton Road, and continuing west along the north curb line of Old Canton Road, and continuing west along the north curb line of Canton Mart Road until it reaches the west curb line of Interstate 55 South Frontage Road;
- Then south along the west curb line of Interstate 55 South Frontage Road until it intersects with the north curb line of Northside Drive;
- Then west along the north curb line of Northside Drive until it reaches the west track of the Illinois Central Railroad line;
- Then south along the west track of the Illinois Central Railroad line to the north curb line of Mitchell Avenue which becomes Stonewall Street;

- Then west along the north curb line of Mitchell Street and then Stonewall Street until it reaches the west curb line of Livingston Road;
- Then south along the west curb line of Livingston Road until it reaches the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive;
- Then east along the south curb line of Woodrow Wilson Drive to the west curb line of Bailey Avenue (which becomes Gallatin Street);
- Then south along the west curb line of Bailey Avenue and then Gallatin Street until it reaches the north curb line of West Monument Street;
- Then west along the north curb line of West Monument Street until it intersects with West Capitol Street and becomes Rose Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Rose Street until it intersects with the north curb line of Robinson Road;
- Then west on the north curb line of Robinson Road until it intersects with the west curb line of Prentiss Street;
- Then south along the west curb line of Prentiss Street until it intersects with the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street on the west side of Jackson State University;
- Then west on the north curb line of John R. Lynch Street until it reaches the west curb line of Ellis Avenue;
- Then south along the west curb line of Ellis Avenue until it reaches the south curb line of Raymond Road;
- Then east along the south curb line of Raymond Road until it reaches the north edge of Interstate 20 westbound;
- Then east along the north edge of Interstate 20 until it overlaps with Interstate 55 and continues along such edge of Interstate 55/20 to the western edge of where it becomes Interstate 55;
- Then north along the western edge of I-55 until it reaches the south curb line of High Street;
- Then east along the south curb line of High Street and extending such line to the Pearl River and the point of the beginning.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 29-5-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CAPITOL COMPLEX IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Shanda Yates, Jonathan Ray Lancaster
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: David Parker, Bart Williams, J. Walter Michel

Rep. Summers moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference , which motion failed.

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell,

Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--84.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--28.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, McCray, Osborne, Taylor. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Blackmon, Brown, Holloway, K, Jackson, L, Rosebud. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--57

At 11:30 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:35 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Office of Workforce Development, with the Department of Employment Security serving as the fiscal agent, as authorized in House Bill No. 1517, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3113, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 61,692,892.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Environmental Quality, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3056, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1716, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of administering the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program

established in Section 49-2-131, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 440,194,638.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in House Bill No. 1518, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1719, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of providing funds to destination marketing organizations to assist in paying costs of certain marketing activities and providing funds to Mississippi Main Street Association, as provided in Section 57-123-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,007,857.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Mississippi Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (MAICU) Grant Program Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3064, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the MAICU Grant Program established in Section 37-185-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 8,322,496.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3062, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3118, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of completing capital projects at state-owned buildings or grounds that are allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 245,903,075.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 271, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program established in Section 41-9-371, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 30,126,947.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1614, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of operational expenditures needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity

therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,455,593.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the COVID-19 Hospital Expanded Capacity Program established in Section 41-14-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 8,724,417.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3060, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the COVID-19 Mississippi Local Provider Innovation Grant Program established in Section 41-139-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 20,494,394.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Health, as authorized in House Bill No. 1538, 2022 Regular Session, House Bill No. 1715, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established under Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 352,719,368.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Child Protection Services, as authorized in House Bill No. 1611, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying eligible operational expenses as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 48,538,956.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3010, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of constructing a new nursing school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 51,184,151.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as authorized in House Bill No. 1722, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of repair and renovation at and acquisition of equipment for the facility used for the adolescent psychiatric program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,691,235.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Mental Health, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2865, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of assisting with behavioral and mental health needs exacerbated by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, responding to other public health impacts, and other operational expenses as allowed under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 51,159,452.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi National Guard as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3019, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 12,227,209.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Public Safety, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3014, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of completing capital projects at state-owned buildings or grounds, crime prevention due to the increase in crime, and operational expenditures, including the additional purpose of backlogs at the Forensic Laboratory, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 13,364,487.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the District Attorney's and staff, as authorized in House Bill No. 1625, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses of temporary legal assistants and support personnel as authorized by Section 25-31-5(2)(g), Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 659,800.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 18. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Office of the State Public Defender, as authorized in House Bill No. 1627, 2022 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2961, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding additional salaries and office expenses for public defenders assigned to special temporary courts that supplement those authorized under Section 9-7-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, necessary to respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic as allowable under Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) or any guidance or regulation issued by the United States Department of the Treasury in conformity therewith, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 442,059.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 19. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, as authorized in House Bill No. 1521, 2022 Regular Session, as amended by Senate Bill 2373, 2023 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of providing funding for the Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3064, 2022 Regular Session, for the purpose of funding the Independent Schools Infrastructure Grant Program established in Senate Bill No. 2780, 2022 Regular Session, and Senate Bill 3052, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 10,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 21. None of the funds reappropriated in this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 22. (1) As used in this section, the term "agency" shall mean the entities in which funds were reappropriated in Sections 1 through 21 of this act.

(2) The agency shall not disburse any funds provided under this section to any recipient without first: (a) making an individualized determination that the reimbursement sought is, in the agency's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In addition, the agency shall ensure that all funds provided under this section are disbursed in compliance with the

Single Audit Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit requirements.

(3) As a condition of receiving and expending the funds provided to the agency under this section, the agency shall certify to the Department of Finance and Administration that each expenditure of the funds provided to the agency under this section complies with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

(4) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA (a) determines that the agency or recipient has expended or otherwise used any of the funds provided to the agency under this section for any purpose that is not in compliance with the guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by the ARPA, and (b) the State of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined were expended or otherwise used improperly by the agency or recipient, then the agency or recipient that expended or otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to the federal government.

SECTION 23. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING A REAPPROPRIATION TO CERTAIN AGENCIES TO REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Shanks, Taylor. Total-2.

Present--Blackwell. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Read unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

Representative Sanford called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2144:** (Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Sanford moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 9-21-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-21-9. (1) The Administrative Director of Courts shall have the following duties and authority with respect to all courts in addition to any other duties and responsibilities as may be properly assigned by the Supreme Court and/or by law:

(a) To require the filing of reports, the collection and compilation of statistical data and other information on the judicial and financial operation of the courts and on the operation of other offices directly related to and serving the courts;

(b) To determine the state of the dockets and evaluate the practices and procedures of the courts and make recommendations concerning the number of judges and other personnel required for the efficient administration of justice;

(c) To prescribe uniform administrative and business methods, systems, forms and records to be used in the offices of the clerks of courts;

(d) To devise, promulgate and require the use of a uniform youth court case tracking system, including a youth court case filing form for filing with each individual youth court matter, to be utilized by the Administrative Office of Courts and

the youth courts in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice systems; in support of the uniform case docketing system, the director shall require that all youth courts utilize the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS);

(e) To develop, promulgate and require the use of a statewide docket numbering system to be utilized by the youth courts, which youth court docket numbers shall standardize and unify the numbering system by which youth court docket numbers are assigned, such that each docket number would, among other things, identify the county and year in which a particular youth court action was commenced;

(f) To develop, promulgate and require the use of uniform youth court orders and forms in all youth courts and youth court proceedings;

(g) To prepare and submit budget recommendations for state appropriations necessary for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system and to authorize expenditures from funds appropriated for these purposes as permitted or authorized by law;

(h) To develop and implement personnel policies for nonjudicial personnel employed by the courts;

(i) To investigate, make recommendations concerning and assist in the securing of adequate physical accommodations for the judicial system;

(j) To procure, distribute, exchange, transfer and assign such equipment, books, forms and supplies as are acquired with state funds or grant funds or otherwise for the judicial system;

(k) To make recommendations for the improvement of the operations of the judicial system;

(l) To prepare and submit an annual report on the work of the judicial system to the Supreme Court;

(m) To take necessary steps in the collection of unpaid court costs, fines and forfeitures;

(n) To perform such additional administrative duties relating to the improvement of the administration of justice as may be assigned by the Supreme Court; and

(o) To promulgate standards, rules and regulations for computer and/or electronic filing and storage of all court records and court-related records maintained throughout the state in courts and in offices of circuit and chancery clerks.

(p) To utilize the provisions of law that regulate public purchasing in Sections 31-7-1 et seq., to contract with a provider to effectuate the requirements of paragraph (d) for the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS).

(2) (a) The Administrative Director of Courts shall conduct an audit of the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS), by July 1, 2024, to review: the services provided by the system, any contractors or employees used to administer the system, the process used to design or administer the system, guidelines used to create the system and the primary functions of the system and whether the system can be accessed by users of the Mississippi Electronic Court System or merged with the Mississippi Electronic Court System.

(b) The Administrative Director of Courts shall provide a report to the Judiciary A Committees of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Senate by September 1, 2024, that includes:

(i) A copy of the audit;

(ii) Recommendations that resolve any deficiencies in the system or improve the system;

(iii) Recommendations that outline the creation of a new system which is to be in operation by July 1, 2026.

(iv) A list of the companies or agencies that have submitted bids to resolve deficiencies, make improvements or create a new system.

SECTION 2. Section 9-17-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-17-1. (1) *** If a circuit or chancery district contains more than one (1) judge or chancellor, the judges or chancellors may *** establish jointly the office of court administrator *** for that judicial district with an order entered on the minutes of each *** court in *** that judicial district.

The establishment of the office of court administrator shall be accomplished by vote of a majority of the participating judges *** or chancellors in the *** district, and such court administrator shall be appointed by vote of a majority of the judges or chancellors and may be removed by a majority vote of the judges or chancellors. In case of a tie vote, the senior judge or senior chancellor shall cast two (2) votes.

(2) As an alternative to subsection (1), in a circuit or chancery district containing more than one (1) judge or chancellor, a judge or chancellor independently may establish the office of court administrator for that judge's or chancellor's office with an order entered on the minutes of each court in that judicial district appointing the court administrator to serve at the will and pleasure of the hiring judge or chancellor.

(3) In a county court where there is more than one (1) county judge, the county judges may establish jointly the office of court administrator for that county court with an order entered on the minutes of that court.

The establishment of the office of court administrator shall be accomplished by vote of a majority of the county judges in the county, and the court administrator shall be appointed by a vote of a majority of the county judges and may be removed by a majority vote of the county judges. In the case of a tie vote, the senior county judge shall cast two (2) votes.

(4) In a county court with one (1) county judge, the office of court administrator shall be established with an order entered on the minutes of that court. The appointment of the court administrator shall be accomplished with an order entered on the minutes of the court stating that the court administrator serves at the will and pleasure of the county judge.

(5) Before a court administrator appointed under this section may be hired, the Administrative Office of Courts will evaluate the chosen applicant to determine if the applicant meets the minimum requirements of the position of court administrator.

(6) The court administrators shall be provided office space in the same manner as such is afforded the circuit judges *** , chancellors and county judges.

(***7) The annual salary of *** the court administrator appointed pursuant to *** subsection (1) shall be set by vote of the circuit judges *** or chancellors of *** the district and shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for approval pursuant to Section 9-1-36. The salary shall be paid in twelve (12) installments on the last working day of the month by the Administrative Office of Courts after it has been authorized by the participating judges and chancellors and an order has been duly placed on the minutes of each participating court.

Any county within a judicial district having a court administrator shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth (1/12) of its pro rata cost of authorized compensation, as defined in Section 9-1-36, for the court administrator by the twentieth day of each month for the compensation that is to be paid on the last day of that month. The board of supervisors may transfer the pro rata cost of the county from the funds of that county pursuant to Section 9-17-5(2)(b).

(***8) The annual salary of each court administrator appointed pursuant to subsection (2) shall be set by the appointing circuit judge or chancellor and shall be submitted to the Administrative Office of Courts for approval pursuant to Section 9-1-36. The salary shall be paid in twelve (12) installments on the last working day of the month by the Administrative Office of Courts after it has been authorized by the appointing judge or chancellor and an order has been duly placed on the minutes of the participating court. Any county within a judicial district that has a court administrator shall transfer to the Administrative Office of Courts one-twelfth (1/12) of its pro rata cost of authorized compensation, as defined in Section 9-1-36, for the court administrator by the twentieth day of each month for the compensation that is to be paid on the last day of that month. The board of supervisors may transfer the pro rata cost of the county from the funds of that county pursuant to Section 9-17-5(2)(b).

(9) The annual salary of the court administrator appointed to subsection (3) shall be set by a vote of the county judges of the county and shall be paid by the county's board of supervisors.

(10) The annual salary of the court administrator appointed pursuant to subsection (4) shall be set by the county judge of the county and shall be paid by that county's board of supervisors.

(11) For all travel required in the performance of official duties, the court administrator shall be paid mileage by the county in which the duties were performed at the same rate as provided for state employees in Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972. The court administrator shall file a certificate of mileage expense incurred during that term with the board of supervisors of each participating county and payment of such expense shall be paid proportionately out of the court administration fund established pursuant to Section 9-17-5.

SECTION 3. Section 9-1-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-1-36. (1) Each circuit judge and chancellor shall receive an office operating allowance for the expenses of operating the office of the judge, including retaining a law clerk, legal research, stenographic help, stationery, stamps, furniture, office equipment, telephone, office rent and other items and expenditures necessary and incident to maintaining the office of judge which may include expenses to travel out of state once per state fiscal year for continuing legal education classes and or seminars if approved by the Chief Justice. The allowance shall be paid only to the extent of actual expenses incurred by the judge as itemized and certified by the judge to the Supreme Court in the amounts set forth in this subsection; however, the judge may expend sums in excess thereof from the compensation otherwise provided for his office.

From and after July 1, 2023, the office operating allowance under this subsection shall be Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per annum.

(2) In addition to the amounts provided for in subsection (1), there is created a separate office allowance fund for the purpose of providing support staff to judges. This fund shall be managed by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(3) Each judge who desires to employ support staff * * * must have each candidate approved by the Administrative Office of Courts * * * before the positions may be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any * * * hire which does not first require the expenditure of the funds in the support staff fund for compensation of any of the support staff before expenditure is authorized of county funds for that purpose. Upon approval by the Administrative Office of Courts, the judge or judges may appoint the employees to the position or positions, and each employee so appointed will work at the will and pleasure of the judge or judges who appointed him but will be employees of the Administrative Office of Courts. Upon approval by the Administrative Office of Courts, the appointment of any support staff shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. When support staff is appointed jointly by two (2) or more judges, the order setting forth any appointment shall be entered on the minutes of each participating court.

(4) * * * Support staff shall receive compensation pursuant to personnel policies established by the Administrative Office of Courts * * *. Each judge shall be allotted the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars * * * (\$130,000.00) per fiscal year * * * for * * * all support staff * * * approved * * * by the Administrative Office of Courts.

The Administrative Office of Courts may approve expenditures from the fund for additional equipment for support staff appointed pursuant to this section in any year in which the allocation per judge is sufficient to meet the equipment expense after provision for the compensation of the support staff.

(* * *5) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meaning ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Judges" means circuit judges and chancellors, or any combination thereof.

(b) "Support staff" means court administrators, law clerks, legal research assistants or secretaries, or any combination thereof, but shall not mean school attendance officers.

(c) "Compensation" means the gross salary plus all amounts paid for benefits or otherwise as a result of employment or as required by employment; however, only salary earned for services rendered shall be reported and credited for Public Employees' Retirement System purposes. Amounts paid for benefits or otherwise, including reimbursement for travel expenses, shall not be reported or credited for retirement purposes.

(d) "Law clerk" means a clerk hired to assist a judge or judges who has a law degree or who is a full-time law student who is making satisfactory progress at an accredited law school.

(** *6) Title to all tangible property, excepting stamps, stationery and minor expendable office supplies, procured with funds authorized by this section, shall be and forever remain in the State of Mississippi to be used by the circuit judge or chancellor during the term of his office and thereafter by his successors.

(** *7) Any circuit judge or chancellor who did not have a primary office provided by the county on March 1, 1988, shall be allowed an additional Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) per annum to defray the actual expenses incurred by the judge or chancellor in maintaining an office; however, any circuit judge or chancellor who had a primary office provided by the county on March 1, 1988, and who vacated the office space after that date for a legitimate reason, as determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, shall be allowed the additional office expense allowance provided under this subsection. The county in which a circuit judge or chancellor sits is authorized to provide funds from any available source to assist in defraying the actual expenses to maintain an office.

(** *8) The Supreme Court, through the Administrative Office of Courts, shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration the itemized and certified expenses for office operating allowances that are directed to the court pursuant to this section.

(** *9) The Supreme Court, through the Administrative Office of Courts, shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations regarding the administration of the office operating allowance authorized pursuant to this section.

SECTION 4. Section 43-21-261, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-261. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, records involving children shall not be disclosed, other than to necessary staff or officials of the youth court, a guardian ad litem appointed to a child by the court, or a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer who may be assigned in an abuse and neglect case, except pursuant to an order of the youth court specifying the person or persons to whom the records may be disclosed, the extent of the records which may be disclosed and the purpose of the disclosure. Such court orders for disclosure shall be limited to those instances in which the youth court concludes, in its discretion, that disclosure is required for the best interests of the child, the public safety, the functioning of the youth court, or to identify a person who knowingly made a false allegation of child abuse or neglect, and then only to the following persons:

(a) The judge of another youth court or member of another youth court staff;

(b) The court of the parties in a child custody or adoption cause in another court;

(c) A judge of any other court or members of another court staff, including the chancery court that ordered a forensic interview;

(d) Representatives of a public or private agency providing supervision or having custody of the child under order of the youth court;

(e) Any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose, provided that no information identifying the subject of the records shall be made available to the researcher unless it is absolutely essential to the research purpose and the judge gives prior written approval, and the child, through his or her representative, gives permission to release the information;

(f) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or its duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of a child's enrollment into the Job Corps Training Program as authorized by Title IV of the Comprehensive Employment Training

Act of 1973 (29 USCS Section 923 et seq.). However, no records, reports, investigations or information derived therefrom pertaining to child abuse or neglect shall be disclosed;

(g) Any person pursuant to a finding by a judge of the youth court of compelling circumstances affecting the health, safety or well-being of a child and that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child or an adult who was formerly the subject of a youth court delinquency proceeding;

(h) A person who was the subject of a knowingly made false allegation of child abuse or neglect which has resulted in a conviction of a perpetrator in accordance with Section 97-35-47 or which allegation was referred by the Department of Child Protection Services to a prosecutor or law enforcement official in accordance with the provisions of Section 43-21-353(4).

Law enforcement agencies may disclose information to the public concerning the taking of a child into custody for the commission of a delinquent act without the necessity of an order from the youth court. The information released shall not identify the child or his address unless the information involves a child convicted as an adult.

(2) Any records involving children which are disclosed under an order of the youth court or pursuant to the terms of this section and the contents thereof shall be kept confidential by the person or agency to whom the record is disclosed unless otherwise provided in the order. Any further disclosure of any records involving children shall be made only under an order of the youth court as provided in this section.

(3) Upon request, the parent, guardian or custodian of the child who is the subject of a youth court cause or any attorney for such parent, guardian or custodian, shall have the right to inspect any record, report or investigation relevant to a matter to be heard by a youth court, except that the identity of the reporter shall not be released, nor the name of any other person where the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of such person. The attorney for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child, upon request, shall be provided a copy of any record, report or investigation relevant to a matter to be heard by a youth court, but the identity of the reporter must be redacted and the name of any other person must also be redacted if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life, safety or well-being of the person. A record provided to the attorney under this section must remain in the attorney's control and the attorney may not provide copies or access to another person or entity without prior consent of a court with appropriate jurisdiction.

(4) Upon request, the child who is the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to have his counsel inspect and copy any record, report or investigation which is filed with the youth court or which is to be considered by the youth court at a hearing.

(5) (a) The youth court prosecutor or prosecutors, the county attorney, the district attorney, the youth court defender or defenders, or any attorney representing a child shall have the right to inspect and copy any law enforcement record involving children.

(b) The Department of Child Protection Services shall disclose to a county prosecuting attorney or district attorney any and all records resulting from an investigation into suspected child abuse or neglect when the case has been referred by the Department of Child Protection Services to the county prosecuting attorney or district attorney for criminal prosecution.

(c) Agency records made confidential under the provisions of this section may be disclosed to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) Records involving children shall be disclosed to the Division of Victim Compensation of the Office of the Attorney General upon the division's request without order of the youth court for purposes of determination of eligibility for victim compensation benefits.

(6) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed by the Department of Child Protection Services without order of the youth court to any attorney, physician, dentist, intern, resident, nurse, psychologist, social worker, family protection worker, family protection specialist, child

caregiver, minister, law enforcement officer, or a public or private school employee making that report pursuant to Section 43-21-353(1) if the reporter has a continuing professional relationship with the child and a need for such information in order to protect or treat the child.

(7) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further order of the youth court to any interagency child abuse task force established in any county or municipality by order of the youth court of that county or municipality.

(8) Names and addresses of juveniles twice adjudicated as delinquent for an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult or for the unlawful possession of a firearm shall not be held confidential and shall be made available to the public.

(9) Names and addresses of juveniles adjudicated as delinquent for murder, manslaughter, burglary, arson, armed robbery, aggravated assault, any sex offense as defined in Section 45-33-23, for any violation of Section 41-29-139(a)(1) or for any violation of Section 63-11-30, shall not be held confidential and shall be made available to the public.

(10) The judges of the circuit and county courts, and presentence investigators for the circuit courts, as provided in Section 47-7-9, shall have the right to inspect any youth court records of a person convicted of a crime for sentencing purposes only.

(11) The victim of an offense committed by a child who is the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to be informed of the child's disposition by the youth court.

(12) A classification hearing officer of the State Department of Corrections, as provided in Section 47-5-103, shall have the right to inspect any youth court records, excluding abuse and neglect records, of any offender in the custody of the department who as a child or minor was a juvenile offender or was the subject of a youth court cause of action, and the State Parole Board, as provided in Section 47-7-17, shall have the right to inspect such records when the offender becomes eligible for parole.

(13) The youth court shall notify the Department of Public Safety of the name, and any other identifying information such department may require, of any child who is adjudicated delinquent as a result of a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

(14) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have the right to inspect any youth court records in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking forms for such purpose.

(15) Upon a request by a youth court, the Administrative Office of Courts shall disclose all information at its disposal concerning any previous youth court intakes alleging that a child was a delinquent child, child in need of supervision, child in need of special care, truant child, abused child or neglected child, as well as any previous youth court adjudications for the same and all dispositional information concerning a child who at the time of such request comes under the jurisdiction of the youth court making such request.

(16) The Administrative Office of Courts may, in its discretion, disclose to the Department of Public Safety any or all of the information involving children contained in the office's youth court data management system known as Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System or "MYCIDS."

(17) The youth courts of the state shall disclose to the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) any youth court records in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking forms for such purpose. The disclosure prescribed in this subsection shall not require a court order and shall be made in sortable, electronic format where possible. The PEER Committee may seek the assistance of the Administrative Office of Courts in seeking this information. The PEER Committee shall not disclose the identities of any youth who have been adjudicated in the youth courts

of the state and shall only use the disclosed information for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of programs established to assist adjudicated youth, and to ascertain the incidence of adjudicated youth who become adult offenders.

(18) In every case where an abuse or neglect allegation has been made, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall not apply to prohibit access to a child's records by any state regulatory agency, any state or local prosecutorial agency or law enforcement agency; however, no identifying information concerning the child in question may be released to the public by such agency except as otherwise provided herein.

(19) In every case of child abuse or neglect, if a child's physical condition is medically labeled as medically "serious" or "critical" or a child dies, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall not apply. In such cases, the following information may be released by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services: the cause of the circumstances regarding the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition; the age and gender of the child; information describing any previous reports of child abuse or neglect investigations that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition; the result of any such investigations; and the services provided by and actions of the state on behalf of the child that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition.

(20) Any member of a foster care review board designated by the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the right to inspect youth court records relating to the abuse, neglect or child in need of supervision cases assigned to such member for review.

(21) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further order of the youth court in any administrative or due process hearing held, pursuant to Section 43-21-257, by the Department of Child Protection Services for individuals whose names will be placed on the central registry as substantiated perpetrators.

(22) The Department of Child Protection Services may disclose records involving children to the following:

(a) A foster home, residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency to the extent necessary to provide such care and services to a child;

(b) An individual, agency or organization that provides services to a child or the child's family in furtherance of the child's permanency plan to the extent necessary in providing those services;

(c) Health and mental health care providers of a child to the extent necessary for the provider to properly treat and care for the child;

(d) An educational institution or educational services provider where the child is enrolled or where enrollment is anticipated to the extent necessary for the school to provide appropriate services to the child;

(e) Any state agency or board that administers student financial assistance programs. However, any records request under this paragraph shall be initiated by the agency or board for the purpose determining the child's eligibility for student financial assistance, and any disclosure shall be limited to the verification of the child's age during the period of time in which the child was in the department's legal custody; and

(f) Any other state agency if the disclosure is necessary to the department in fulfilling its statutory responsibilities in protecting the best interests of the child.

(23) Nothing in this section or chapter shall require youth court approval for disclosure of records involving children as defined in Section 43-21-105(u), if the disclosure is made in a criminal matter by a municipal or county prosecutor, a district attorney or statewide prosecutor, pursuant to the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure and the records are disclosed under a protective order issued by the Circuit Court presiding over the criminal matter which incorporates the penalties stated in Section 43-21-267.

(24) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 5. Section 43-21-351, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-351. (1) Any person or agency having knowledge that a child residing or being within the county is within the jurisdiction of the youth court may make a written report to the intake unit alleging facts sufficient to establish the jurisdiction of the youth court. The report shall bear a permanent number that will be assigned by the court in accordance with the standards established by the Administrative Office of Courts pursuant to Section 9-21-9(d), and shall be preserved until destroyed on order of the court.

(2) There shall be in each youth court of the state an intake officer who shall be responsible for the accurate and timely entering of all intake and case information into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services. It shall be the responsibility of the youth court judge or referee of each county to ensure that the intake officer is carrying out the responsibility of this section.

(3) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 6. Section 43-21-801, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-801. (1) There is established the Youth Court Support Program. The purpose of the program shall be to ensure that all youth courts have sufficient support funds to carry on the business of the youth court. The Administrative Office of Courts shall establish a formula consistent with this section for providing state support payable from the Youth Court Support Fund for the support of the youth courts.

(a) (i) Each regular youth court referee is eligible for youth court support funds so long as the senior chancellor does not elect to employ a youth court administrator as set forth in paragraph (b); a municipal youth court judge is also eligible. The Administrative Office of Courts shall direct any funds to the appropriate county or municipality. The funds shall be utilized to compensate an intake officer who shall be responsible for ensuring that all intake and case information for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services is entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) in an accurate and timely manner. If the court already has an intake officer responsible for entering all cases of the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services into MYCIDS, the regular youth court referee or municipal court judge may certify to the Administrative Office of Courts that such a person is already on staff. In such a case, each regular youth court referee or municipal youth court judge shall have the sole individual discretion to appropriate those funds as expense monies to assist in hiring secretarial staff and acquiring materials and equipment incidental to carrying on the business of the court within the private practice of law of the referee or judge, or may direct the use of those funds through the county or municipal budget for court support supplies or services. The regular youth court referee and municipal youth court judge shall be accountable for assuring through private, county or municipal employees the proper preparation and filing of all necessary tracking and other documentation attendant to the administration of the youth court.

(ii) Title to all tangible property, excepting stamps, stationery and minor expendable office supplies, procured with funds authorized by this section, shall be and forever remain in the county or municipality to be used by the judge or referee during the term of his office and thereafter by his successors.

(b) (i) When permitted by the Administrative Office of Courts and as funds are available, the senior chancellor for Chancery Districts One, Two, Three, Four, Six, Seven, Nine, Ten, Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen and Eighteen may appoint a youth court administrator for the district whose responsibility will be to perform all reporting, tracking and other duties of a court administrator for all youth courts in the district that are under the chancery court system. Any chancery district listed in this paragraph in which a chancellor appoints a referee or special master to hear any youth court matter is ineligible for funding under this paragraph (b). The Administrative Office of Courts may allocate to an eligible chancery district a sum not to exceed Thirty

Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per year for the salary, fringe benefits and equipment of the youth court administrator, and an additional sum not to exceed One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00) for the administrator's travel expenses.

(ii) The appointment of a youth court administrator shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. The person appointed shall serve at the will and pleasure of the senior chancellor but shall be an employee of the Administrative Office of Courts.

(iii) The Administrative Office of Courts must approve the position, job description and salary before the position can be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan that does not first require the expenditure of the funds from the Youth Court Support Fund before expenditure of county funds is authorized for that purpose.

(iv) Title to any tangible property procured with funds authorized under this paragraph shall be and forever remain in the State of Mississippi.

(c) (i) Each county court is eligible for youth court support funds. The funds shall be utilized to provide compensation to an intake officer who shall be responsible for ensuring that all intake and case information for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services is entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) in an accurate and timely manner. If the county court already has an intake officer or other staff person responsible for entering all cases of the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters and the Department of Child Protection Services into MYCIDS, the senior county court judge may certify that such a person is already on staff. In such a case, the senior county court judge shall have discretion to direct the expenditure of those funds in hiring other support staff to carry on the business of the court.

(ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "support staff" means court administrators, law clerks, legal research assistants, secretaries, resource administrators or case managers appointed by a youth court judge, or any combination thereof, but shall not mean school attendance officers.

(iii) The appointment of support staff shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. The support staff so appointed shall serve at the will and pleasure of the senior county court judge but shall be an employee of the county.

(iv) The Administrative Office of Courts must approve the positions, job descriptions and salaries before the positions may be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan that does not first require the expenditure of funds from the Youth Court Support Fund before expenditure of county funds is authorized for that purpose.

(v) The Administrative Office of Courts may approve expenditure from the fund for additional equipment for support staff appointed pursuant to this paragraph if the additional expenditure falls within the formula. Title to any tangible property procured with funds authorized under this paragraph shall be and forever remain in the county to be used by the youth court and support staff.

(2) (a) (i) The formula developed by the Administrative Office of Courts for providing youth court support funds shall be devised so as to distribute appropriated funds proportional to caseload and other appropriate factors as set forth in regulations promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts. The formula will determine a reasonable maximum amount per judge or referee per annum that will not be exceeded in allocating funds under this section.

(ii) The formula shall be reviewed by the Administrative Office of Courts every two (2) years to ensure that the youth court support funds provided herein are proportional to each youth court's caseload and other specified factors.

(iii) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have wide latitude in the first two-year cycle to implement a formula designed to maximize caseload data collection.

(b) Application to receive funds under this section shall be submitted in accordance with procedures established by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(c) Approval of the use of any of the youth court support funds distributed under this section shall be made by the Administrative Office of Courts in accordance with procedures established by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(3) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Youth Court Support Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be distributed to the youth courts by the Administrative Office of Courts for the purposes described in this section.

(b) (i) During the regular legislative session held in calendar year 2007, the Legislature may appropriate an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to the Youth Court Support Fund.

(ii) During each regular legislative session subsequent to the 2007 Regular Session, the Legislature shall appropriate Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to the Youth Court Support Fund.

(c) No youth court judge or youth court referee shall be eligible to receive funding from the Youth Court Support Fund who has not received annual continuing education in the field of juvenile justice in an amount to conform with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education promulgated by the Supreme Court. The Administrative Office of Courts shall maintain records of all referees and youth court judges regarding such training and shall not disburse funds to any county or municipality for the budget of a youth court judge or referee who is not in compliance with the judicial training requirements.

(4) Any recipient of funds from the Youth Court Support Fund shall not be eligible for continuing disbursement of funds if the recipient is not in compliance with the terms, conditions and reporting requirements set forth in the procedures promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(5) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 7. Section 45-33-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-33-61. (1) A person convicted of a sex offense shall not access the Administrative Office of Courts' youth court data management system known as the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System or "MYCIDS."

(2) This section applies to all registered sex offenders without regard to the date of conviction for a registrable offense.

(3) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 8. Section 93-31-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-31-3. (1) (a) A parent or legal custodian of a child, by means of a properly executed power of attorney as provided in Section 93-31-5, may delegate to another willing person or persons as attorney-in-fact any of the powers regarding the care and custody of the child other than the following:

(i) The power to consent to marriage or adoption of the child;

(ii) The performance or inducement of an abortion on or for the child; or

(iii) The termination of parental rights to the child.

(b) A delegation of powers under this section does not:

(i) Change or modify any parental or legal rights, obligations, or authority established by an existing court order;

(ii) Deprive any custodial or noncustodial parent or legal guardian of any parental or legal rights, obligations, or authority regarding the custody, visitation, or support of the child; or

(iii) Affect a court's ability to determine the best interests of a child.

(c) If both parents are living and neither parent's parental rights have been terminated, both parents must execute the power of attorney. If a noncustodial parent is absent or unknown, the custodial parent must complete the affidavit contemplated under Section 93-31-5 and attach it to the power of attorney.

(d) A power of attorney under this chapter must be facilitated by either a child welfare agency that is licensed to place children for adoption and that is operating under the Safe Families for Children model or another charitable organization that is operating under the Safe Families for Children model. A full criminal history and child abuse and neglect background check must be conducted on any person who is not a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or sibling of the child if the person is:

(i) Designated or proposed to be designated as the attorney-in-fact; or

(ii) Is a person over the age of fifteen (15) who resides in the home of the designated attorney-in-fact.

(2) A power of attorney executed under this chapter shall not be used for the sole purposes of enrolling a child in a school to participate in the academic or interscholastic athletic programs provided by that school or for any other unlawful purposes, except as may be permitted by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114-95).

(3) The parent or legal custodian of the child has the authority to revoke or withdraw the power of attorney authorized by this section at any time. Upon the termination, expiration, or revocation of the power of attorney, the child must be returned to the custody of the parent or legal custodian.

(4) Until the authority expires or is revoked or withdrawn by the parent or legal custodian, the attorney-in-fact shall exercise parental or legal authority on a continuous basis without compensation for the duration of the power of attorney.

(5) The execution of a power of attorney by a parent or legal custodian does not, in the absence of other evidence, constitute abandonment, desertion, abuse, neglect, or any evidence of unfitness as a parent unless the parent or legal custodian fails to take custody of the child or execute a new power of attorney after the one-year time limit, or after a longer time period as allowed for a serving parent, has elapsed. Nothing in this subsection prevents the Department of Child Protection Services or law enforcement from investigating allegations of abuse, abandonment, desertion, neglect or other mistreatment of a child.

(6) When the custody of a child is transferred by a power of attorney under this chapter, the child is not considered to have been placed in foster care and the attorney-in-fact will not be subject to any of the requirements or licensing regulations for foster care or other regulations relating to out-of-home care for children and will not be subject to any statutes or regulations dealing with the licensing or regulation of foster care homes.

(7) (a) "Serving parent" means a parent who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, including any reserve component thereof, or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps or the Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services detailed by proper authority for duty with the Armed Forces of the United States, or who is required to enter or serve in the active military service of the United States under a call or order of the President of the United States or to serve on state active duty.

(b) A serving parent may delegate the powers designated in subsection (1) of this section for longer than one (1) year if on active-duty service or if scheduled to be on active-duty service. The term of delegation, however, may not exceed the term of active-duty service plus thirty (30) days.

(8) (a) A power of attorney under this chapter must be filed in the youth court of the county where the minor child or children reside at the time the form is completed, and the clerk of the youth court will not impose or collect a filing fee. The filing is informational only, and no judicial intervention shall result at the time of filing.

(b) The power of attorney must be entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) under Section 43-21-351, and must

be administratively reviewed by the youth court judge or referee, or a person designated by the youth court judge or referee, to ensure the safety of the child or children who are the subjects of the power of attorney one (1) year after the date of execution.

(9) The provisions of this section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-21-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF COURTS TO AUDIT THE MISSISSIPPI YOUTH COURT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MYCIDS); TO AMEND SECTION 9-17-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CIRCUIT JUDGES, CHANCELLORS AND COUNTY COURT JUDGES MAY ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR; TO REQUIRE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS TO DETERMINE IF A PROSPECTIVE COURT ADMINISTRATOR MEETS THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE PERSON IS HIRED; TO AMEND SECTION 9-1-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CIRCUIT JUDGES AND CHANCELLORS DESIRING TO EMPLOY SUPPORT STAFF TO HAVE CANDIDATES APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS BEFORE FILLING POSITIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-21-261, 43-21-351, 43-21-801, 45-33-61 AND 93-31-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH SECTIONS SHALL STAND REPEALED ON JULY 1, 2026; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Andrew Stepp

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Rod Hickman, Jeremy England

On request of Rep. Hood, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1315**:

TO: Clerk of the House of Representatives
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Filed 2024 Conference Report - Unanimous Consent Request

DATE: April 29, 2024

It is requested that unanimous consent be granted to make the following clerical corrections:

HB 1315: Judiciary A

Amend Line 89 by deleting "July" and inserting "August" in lieu thereof.

Joey Hood, Chairman
House Judiciary A
Committee

Brice Wiggins, Chairman
Senate Judiciary A
Committee

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Taylor. Total-1.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 149: Joe Trotter Dockins; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

At 1:50 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 2:30 PM.

At 2:30 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 2:30 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:36 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 150: Madison Central High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning Class 7A State Championship.

The foregoing resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Shanks unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 150: Madison Central High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning Class 7A State Championship.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 64: Legislature; extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Taylor. Total-1.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--80

On motion of Rep. Shanks unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 64: Legislature; extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1720: City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 3231: PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representatives Calvert and Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Miles Herrington, and Ina Herrington, which motion prevailed.

Representative Smith moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Glenda Ann Reynolds Bennett, Anthony Clyde Johnson, Patti Layne Reed Avera, Bennett Gale Mitchell, Elizabeth Parker Ivy, Terry Alan Lucas, Miss Glenda Ann Graham, Sandra Raye Moore, Joyce Mathis Seale, Miss Carolyn Beckman Waltman, Sylvia Ann Rowell, and Teresa L. Day, which motion prevailed.

Representative Creekmore moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Edward J. Fandel, Hardy Brumfield, Kennatha "Kennie" Foley, Richard Erwin "Ren" Nelson, Martha Addy Robbins, Chris Lucius, Warren "Butch" Gray, and Jack Herrington, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mattox moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Harold P. Smith, Barton "Bart" Cregeen, Luke Doehner, Margaret Dunn, Paul B. Rolison, Jason Daniel Roach, Brandy Mathis, Jerry Lamberth, Sandy Sanford Henson, Keith Wilkins, Angie Beavers Roberts, Hester Black Cope, Pabi Bumpass Ford, and Jimmy Ray Hathcock, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Carpenter and Mattox moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sidney Ray Rencher, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Newman and Varner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Erma Jean Passons, which motion prevailed.

Representative Newman moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Ellie Faye Bounds, which motion prevailed.

At 2:45 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Bubba Carpenter.

Rep. Carpenter led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.

Adopted: 04/26/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the President has named the conferees on the following:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries.

S. B. No. 2468: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2825: Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers.

S. B. No. 2846: Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects.

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise and bring forward related provisions and provide for determination of unobligated funds by Nov. 1.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court.

H. B. No. 1618: PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition.

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

H. B. No. 1705: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

H. B. No. 1706: Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from.

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age.

S. B. No. 2823: Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 776: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development fund; bring forward code section on.

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.

Adopted: 04/29/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2180: Department of Public Safety; remove prior written approval for certain events and authorize enforcement of municipal code.

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County, as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway."

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for.

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership.

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals.

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

Adopted: 04/29/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 153: (Representative Hood) Rockford (Rocky) Vaughn; commend for designing the new Mississippi State Flag. Rules.

Representative Ford J introduced the St. Andrews Boys Soccer Team, HR 140.

Representative Ford J introduced the Madison Central High School Tennis Team, HR 150.

Representative Ford J introduced Miss Gracie Bassett, HR 130.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Dean Kirby, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Eubanks, Osborne, Taylor. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Lamar called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

H. B. No. 1660: Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2298: State Bond Attorney; revise minimum and maximum fee paid to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2298: Bonds; raise maximum fee paid to state's bond attorney from \$500.00 to \$750.00 for validation and issuance of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 31-13-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-13-11. The court costs in all such cases shall be paid by the county, municipality, or district proposing to issue said bonds or other written obligations, and in addition to such costs it shall also pay to the bond attorney a fee of not more than one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%), provided said fee shall not be less than * * * Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than * * * One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), of the amount of the bonds or other obligations issued or proposed to be issued. The payment of this fee shall be full compensation for all legal services rendered in connection with the issuance of said bonds, except that when the state's bond attorney attends a hearing of objection to the validation of said bonds, his actual and necessary expenses and a reasonable rate of compensation for attending the said hearing, as required by this chapter, shall be taxed as a part of the costs of the validation proceedings, upon approval by the clerk or chancellor of an itemized account of such expenses and time expended. If objection is filed to the validation of said bonds, then in that event the taxation of court costs, including expenses and a reasonable rate of compensation for the bond attorney, shall be discretionary with the chancellor, as in other cases in the chancery court, against the issuing board or district, or the objector or objectors, or apportioned as the chancellor may deem proper.

SECTION 2. Section 31-13-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

31-13-1. (1) The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a qualified and practicing attorney at law, to be known as the State Bond Attorney, who shall possess the same qualifications for office as the Attorney General, who shall serve a term of office concurrent with that of the Governor or until his successor is appointed and qualified, and whose duties shall be those hereinafter specified.

(2) When the State Bond Attorney has a conflict of interest under the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct that is not consentable due to his or her participation in a validation of a bond, the State Bond Attorney shall immediately notify the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Attorney General of the conflict of interest in writing. Upon receipt of such notification, the Governor shall appoint a qualified and practicing attorney-at-law as the State Bond Attorney Pro Tempore, who shall possess the same qualifications for office as the Attorney General, who shall serve a term of office, the duration of which shall be for the sole and limited purpose of reviewing the proposed bond issue validation that is the subject of the conflict of interest and acting upon the same. Upon issuance of the Opinion of the State Bond Attorney Pro Tempore and the conclusion of participation in any validation proceeding or contest, the powers vested in the State Bond Attorney Pro Tempore shall be vacated.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 31-13-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM FEE PAID TO THE STATE'S BOND ATTORNEY FOR THE VALIDATION AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS ISSUED OR PROPOSED TO BE ISSUED BY A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER DISTRICT OR SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 31-13-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOND ATTORNEY, WHEN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST ARISES, TO NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST; TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT A STATE BOND ATTORNEY PRO TEMPORE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Benjamin Suber

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Kevin Horan

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Horne. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Taylor. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and design as the department, with the advice of American Family Association, Inc., may prescribe. The words "In God We Trust" shall be used in the design of the license tag. The department shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the

additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to American Family Association, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 2. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department, with the advice of the Tunnel to Towers Biloxi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the

additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Tunnel to Towers Biloxi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 3. Section 27-19-56.549, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.549. (1) Any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (4) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of any one (1) of the following:

- (a) Mississippi Association of Nurse Practitioners;
- (b) * * * Navy Seabee Foundation;
- (c) Saint Stanislaus College in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi;
- (d) Vancleave Live Oak Choctaw;
- (e) Morton High School;
- (f) Forest Municipal School District;

- (g) Lake High School;
- (h) Scott Central Attendance Center;
- (i) Sebastopol Attendance Center;
- (j) East Rankin Academy;
- (k) Houston High School;
- (l) Magnolia Heights School;
- (m) Regents School of Oxford;
- (n) The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.;
- (o) Baptist Health Foundation, Inc.;
- (p) Greene County Wildcats;
- (q) Mississippi Disc Golf;
- (r) Mississippi Road Builders Association;
- (s) Clinton Public School District;
- (t) Magnolia Speech School;
- (u) Coahoma County Jr./Sr. High School;
- (v) Clinton Community Nature Center;
- (w) Most Worshipful King Hiram Grand Lodge * * *, A.F. & A.M.,

State of Mississippi;

- (x) Electra Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, A.F. & A.M.,

State of Mississippi;

- (* * *y) City of Olive Branch, Mississippi;
- (* * *z) Methodist Cursillo of Mississippi * * *;
- (aa) Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County, Mississippi;
- (ab) Columbia Academy Cougars;
- (ac) Mississippi Hunting Dog Association;
- (ad) O'Keefe Educational Media DBA Disability Connection;
- (ae) New Orleans Pelicans;
- (af) Mississippi Economic Council;
- (ag) Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia.

(2) The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of the respective beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of this section, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(3) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (4) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(4) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(5) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the appropriate beneficiary organization listed in subsection (1) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

SECTION 4. Section 27-19-56.369, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.369. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Pass Christian School District. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of the Pass Christian School District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Pass Christian School District.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, *** 2027.

SECTION 5. Section 27-19-56.387, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.387. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state and a member of the Grand Chapter of *** Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star or the spouse *** or child of a deceased member, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be entitled to be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in their name. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department ***, with the advice of the Grand Chapter of *** Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department ***. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department *** on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) *** Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the

distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he or she must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Grand Chapter of * * * Mississippi Order of the Eastern Star.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 6. Section 27-19-56.411, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.411. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the former Rosa A. Temple High School in Vicksburg, Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of Central Mississippi Prevention Services, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive

license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Central Mississippi Prevention Services, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 7. Section 27-19-56.485, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.485. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of the Moss Point School District. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of the Superintendent of the Moss Point School District, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the

department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Gulf Coast Community Foundation for deposit into a special fund created by the Moss Point Educational Enhancement Foundation and used for the purpose authorized by the Board of Directors of the Moss Point Educational Enhancement Foundation.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 8. Section 27-19-56.498, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.498. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of EV Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as

the department * * *, with the advice of EV Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to EV Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag, and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 9. Section 27-19-56.532, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.532. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees

as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Forty-four Dollars (\$44.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 10. Section 27-19-56.535, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.535. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, * * * 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Wildlife Mississippi. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of Wildlife Mississippi, may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to Wildlife Mississippi.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive

license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 11. Section 27-19-56.554, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.554. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2024, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for any motor vehicle registered in his name identifying such person as a supporter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. The distinctive license tags so issued shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of the Jackson, Mississippi, Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., may prescribe and shall consist of such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) thereof to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) * * * Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify to the State Treasurer the total fees collected under this section from the issuance of the distinctive license tags issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be distributed to the Jackson, Mississippi, Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive

license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the regular license tag.

(6) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(7) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2027.

SECTION 12. Section 27-19-44, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-44. (1) For any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2002, or authorized by Sections 27-19-56.37 and 27-19-56.55, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the department * * * that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (1) within two (2) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) of this section, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2007, the requirements of this subsection must be met before the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the department * * * that at least two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (2) within three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, Section 27-19-56.7, Section 27-19-56.56, Section 27-19-56.59, Section 27-19-56.85 or Section 27-19-56.94, for any distinctive license tag or plate authorized or reauthorized by the Legislature from and after July 1, 2007, the following requirements must be met before the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate:

(a) The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the department * * * that at least three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase three hundred (300) of such license tags or plates.

(b) The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection (3) within three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. This paragraph (b) shall not apply to distinctive tags or plates issued under Section 27-19-56.154.

(4) Any distinctive license tag authorized under * * * Section 27-19-56.186, 27-19-56.203 and 27-19-56.315 must meet the requirements of this subsection before the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license

tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the department * * * that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued.

(5) The distinctive license tags authorized under Section 27-19-56.108 must meet the requirements of this subsection before the department * * * may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the department * * * that at least two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase two hundred (200) of such license tags or plates.

(6) Any distinctive license tag authorized under Section 27-19-56.549(1)(l), (n) or (z) must meet the requirements of this subsection before the department may prepare or issue any such license tag or plate. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must submit proof satisfactory to the department that at least one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates will be purchased and must deposit with the department an amount necessary to purchase one hundred (100) of such license tags or plates. The organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate must satisfy the requirements of this subsection (4) within three (3) years after the effective date of the law authorizing the license tag or plate in order to permit the license tag or plate to be prepared and issued. Until a total of three hundred (300) such tags are sold, the department shall deposit the proceeds of the additional fee into the License Tag Acquisition Fund created in Section 27-19-179. After three hundred (300) tags are sold, the proceeds of the additional fee shall be distributed as provided in the section authorizing the issuance of the applicable special tag. The department may promulgate rules and regulations to administer this subsection.

(* * *7) If the organization or other entity for which the Legislature authorized the distinctive license tag or plate meets the requirements of subsection (1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this section, the department * * * shall prepare and issue the distinctive license tag or plate.

(* * *8) The department * * * shall review the number of distinctive or special license tags or plates issued pursuant to this chapter during the period for the license tag or plate series. If the number of any distinctive or special license tag or plate issued pursuant to this chapter falls below one hundred (100) in the last year of the license tag or plate series, the distinctive or special license tag or plate shall be discontinued at the end of the period for the license tag or plate series.

(* * *9) If a distinctive or special license tag or plate is discontinued under subsection (7) of this section, the organization or other entity for which the license tag or plate was discontinued may prepare a distinctive or special license tag or plate decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate decal shall be of such size, color and design as may be agreed upon by the organization or other entity and the department * * *. However, the department * * * shall have final approval of the size, color and design of the decal. The distinctive or special license tag or plate decals shall be prepared and sold by the organization or other entity, and the proceeds derived from the sale of such decals shall be retained by the organization or other entity for any use deemed appropriate by the organization or other entity.

(* * *10) The provisions of this section shall not apply to distinctive or special license tags or plates:

(a) Which are issued under Section 27-19-45, 27-19-46, 27-19-47.1, 27-19-47.2, 27-19-48, 27-19-49, 27-19-53, 27-19-55, 27-19-56, 27-19-56.1, 27-19-56.2, 27-19-56.3, 27-19-56.5, 27-19-56.6, 27-19-56.9, 27-19-56.11, 27-19-56.12, 27-19-56.13, 27-19-56.40, 27-19-56.62, 27-19-56.69, 27-19-56.79, 27-19-56.90, 27-19-56.125, 27-19-56.127, 27-19-56.137, 27-19-56.140, 27-19-56.162, 27-19-56.187, 27-19-56.199, 27-19-56.205, 27-19-56.239, 27-19-56.292,

27-19-56.318, 27-19-56.379, 27-19-56.425, 27-19-56.466, 27-19-56.489, 27-19-56.522(1)(a), 27-19-56.524 or 27-19-56.557; or

(b) For which no additional fee is required to be paid.

SECTION 13. Section 27-19-56.412, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-19-56.412. (1) Beginning with any registration year commencing on or after July 1, 2023, any owner of a motor vehicle who is a resident of this state, upon payment of the road and bridge privilege taxes, ad valorem taxes and registration fees as prescribed by law for private carriers of passengers, pickup trucks and other noncommercial motor vehicles, and upon payment of an additional fee in the amount provided in subsection (3) of this section, shall be issued a distinctive license tag for each motor vehicle registered in his name, which shall be of such color and design as the department * * *, with the advice of Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity, may prescribe. The word "Adoption" shall be used in the design of the license tag. The department * * * shall prescribe such letters or numbers, or both, as may be necessary to distinguish each license tag.

(2) Application for the distinctive license tags authorized by this section shall be made to the county tax collector on forms prescribed by the department * * *. The application and the additional fee imposed under subsection (3) of this section, less Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be retained by the tax collector, shall be remitted to the department * * * on a monthly basis as prescribed by the department. The portion of the additional fee retained by the tax collector shall be deposited into the county general fund.

(3) Any person applying for a distinctive license tag under this section shall pay an additional fee in the amount of * * * Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for each distinctive license tag applied for under this section, which shall be in addition to all other taxes and fees. The additional fee paid shall be for a period of time to run concurrently with the vehicle's established license tag year. The additional fee is due and payable at the time the original application is made for a distinctive license tag under this section and thereafter annually at the time of renewal registration as long as the owner retains the distinctive license tag. If the owner does not wish to retain the distinctive license tag, he must surrender it to the local county tax collector.

(4) The department * * * shall deposit all fees into the State Treasury on the day collected. At the end of each month, the department * * * shall certify the total fees collected under this section to the State Treasurer who shall distribute such collections as follows:

(a) * * * Twenty-four Dollars (\$24.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be disbursed to Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity to be used as provided for in subsection (5) of this section.

(b) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Burn Care Fund created pursuant to Section 7-9-70.

(c) Two Dollars (\$2.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to be expended solely for the repair, maintenance, construction or reconstruction of highways.

(d) One Dollar (\$1.00) of each additional fee collected on distinctive license tags issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund created in Section 27-19-44.2.

(5) Funds disbursed to Choose Life Mississippi or any successor entity under this section may be used for any purpose other than for administrative expenses, legal expenses, capital expenditures, attempting to influence any legislation or any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

(6) A regular license tag must be properly displayed as required by law until replaced by a distinctive license tag under this section. The regular license tag must be surrendered to the tax collector upon issuance of the distinctive license tag under this section. The tax collector shall issue up to two (2) license decals for each distinctive

license tag issued under this section, which will expire the same month and year as the license tag.

(7) In the case of loss or theft of a distinctive license tag issued under this section, the owner may make application and affidavit for a replacement distinctive license tag as provided by Section 27-19-37. The fee for a replacement distinctive license tag shall be Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The tax collector receiving such application and affidavit shall be entitled to retain and deposit into the county general fund five percent (5%) of the fee for such replacement license tag and the remainder shall be distributed in the same manner as funds from the sale of regular distinctive license tags issued under this section.

(8) In order for a distinctive license tag to be issued under this section, the provisions of Section 27-19-44(3) must be satisfied for the distinctive license tag before July 1, 2026.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORDS "IN GOD WE TRUST" USED IN THE DESIGN OF THE LICENSE TAGS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE TUNNEL TO TOWERS FOUNDATION; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.549, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NAVY SEABEE FOUNDATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF SEPARATE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL KING HIRAM GRAND LODGE, A.F. & A.M., STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND TO SUPPORTERS OF ELECTRA GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, A.F. & A.M., STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF CLARKDALE HIGH SCHOOL IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE COLUMBIA ACADEMY COUGARS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF O'KEEFE EDUCATIONAL MEDIA DBA DISABILITY CONNECTION; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW ORLEANS PELICANS; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI ECONOMIC COUNCIL; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE ACADEMY FOR DYSLEXIA; TO PRESCRIBE AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE COLLECTED FROM THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.369, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE PASS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.387, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF MISSISSIPPI ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.411, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE FORMER ROSA A. TEMPLE HIGH SCHOOL IN VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.485, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF

DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF THE MOSS POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.498, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF EV MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.532, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF DESERT OF MISSISSIPPI SHRINERS AND DAUGHTERS AEAONMS, PHA; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.535, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF WILDLIFE MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.554, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REAUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS TO SUPPORTERS OF JACK AND JILL OF AMERICA, INC.; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-44, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO SUPPORTERS OF THE GARDEN CLUBS OF MISSISSIPPI, INC., MAGNOLIA HEIGHTS SCHOOL AND METHODIST CURSILLO OF MISSISSIPPI MAY BE ISSUED AFTER PROOF HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THAT 100 OF SUCH TAGS WILL BE PURCHASED; TO PROVIDE THAT, UNTIL 300 SUCH TAGS ARE SOLD, THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE INTO THE LICENSE TAG ACQUISITION FUND, AND AFTER 300 TAGS ARE SOLD, THE PROCEEDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AS PROVIDED IN THE SECTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE APPLICABLE SPECIAL TAG; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE RELEVANT RULES AND REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 27-19-56.412, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINCTIVE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS WITH THE WORD "ADOPTION" USED IN THE DESIGN OF THE LICENSE TAGS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, Gary Brumfield

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Osborne, Taylor. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2457, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-5. For the purposes of this article and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this article, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this article unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a

proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department, at the time of its application for a license under this article, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this article, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest federal decennial census;

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,

c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and

d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:

a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen-hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. Used for the purpose of providing meals and hosting events, and

c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

12. Any facility and related property that:

a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events,
c. Is used for the purpose of
culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or
outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

13. The clubhouse and associated golf course
where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf
course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres
and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that
has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close
proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after
January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;

14. The clubhouse and associated
eighteen-hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55
and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;

15. a. Land that is planned for mixed-use
development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or
more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two
hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that
consists of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is
located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:

A. In a county that has
voted to come out from under the dry law,

B. Outside the corporate
limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf
course located in a municipality in such county, and

C. Within one (1) mile of
a state institution of higher learning;

b. The board of supervisors of such
county may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of
operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the
percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive
from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages,
and

C. Designate the areas in
which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred
(500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the
Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where
U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out
from under the dry law;

17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres,
more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson,
Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or
objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial
development in Mississippi;

18. Land that is owned by a state institution of
higher learning, land that is owned by an entity that is bound by an affiliation agreement
with a state institution of higher learning, or land that is owned by one or more other
entities so long as such other entities are solely owned, either directly or through
additional entities, by an institution of higher learning and/or one or more entities bound
by affiliation agreements with such institution, and:

a. Located entirely within a county
that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale,
distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section
67-3-7 * * *; and

b. A. Located adjacent to but
outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to

permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9 * * *, or

B. Located in an area bounded on the north by College View Drive, on the east by Mississippi Highway 12 East, on the south by Mississippi Highway 12 East, on the west by Mill Street, on the north by Russell Street, then on the west by Colonel Muldrow Avenue, on the north by University Drive, on the west by Adkerson Way within a municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 25, Mississippi Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 82.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River;

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated north of Bailey Howell Drive, Lee Boulevard and Old Mayhew Road, east of George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect;

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20;

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect;

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect;

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1;

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect;

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9;

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55;

32. Any facility and related property that:

a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi;

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect;

35. A municipality in which Interstate 20 passes over Mississippi Highway 15;

36. Any municipality that is bordered in its northwestern boundary by the Pearl River, traversed by U.S. Highway 49 and Interstate 20, and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law;

37. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 28 and Mississippi Highway 29 North intersect;

38. An area bounded as follows within a municipality through which run Interstate 22 and Mississippi Highway 15: Beginning at a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails; then running to a point at the intersection of Tallahatchie Trails and Interstate 22; then running to a point

at the intersection of Interstate 22 and Carter Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Carter Avenue and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and King Street; then running to a point at the intersection of King Street and E. Main Street; then running to a point at the intersection of E. Main Street and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and Highland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Highland Street and Adams Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Adams Street and Cleveland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Cleveland Street and N. Railroad Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of N. Railroad Avenue and McGill Street; then running to a point at the intersection of McGill Street and Snyder Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Snyder Street and Bankhead Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails and the point of the beginning;

39. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 43 and U.S. Highway 80;

40. The coliseum in a municipality in which U.S. Highway 72 passes over U.S. Highway 45;

41. A piece of property on the northeast corner of the T-intersection where Builders Square Drive meets Mississippi Highway 471;

42. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on Oaks Country Club Road less than one-half (1/2) mile to the east of Mississippi Highway 15;

43. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

The East Half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East; a 4 acre parcel in the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, running 210 feet east and west and 840 feet running north and south; the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, all in Rankin County, Mississippi;

44. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 1915 feet west and 2171 feet north of southeast corner, Section 11, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, Second Judicial District, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, which point is the southwest corner of J.C. Section Lot mentioned in deed recorded in Book 50, page 34, in the records of the Chancery Clerk's Office at Sumner, in said District of said County; thence South 80° West, 19 feet to the east boundary of United States Highway 49-E, thence East along the east boundary of said Highway 270 feet to point of beginning of Lot to be conveyed; thence southeast along the east boundary of said Highway 204 feet to a concrete post at the intersection of the east boundary of said Highway with the west boundary of gravel road from Sumner to Webb, known as Oil Mill Road, thence Northwest along west boundary of said Oil Mill Road 194 feet to center of driveway running southwest from said Oil Mill Road to U.S. Highway 49-E; thence South 66° West along center of said driveway 128 feet to point of beginning, being situated in Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 11, together with all improvements situated thereon;

45. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least five thousand six hundred (5,600) square feet being heated and cooled along with a lakeside patio that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet, regardless of whether such patio is part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility;

b. Includes a caterer's kitchen and green room for entertainment preparation;

c. For a fee is used to host events;

and

d. Is located adjacent to or in close proximity to an approximately nine (9) acre lake on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty (120) acres in a county traversed by Mississippi Highway 15 and U.S. Highway 278;

46. Any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand (1,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census and which is located in a county that is traversed by U.S. Highways 84 and 98 and has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

47. The clubhouse and associated nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on or near U.S. Highway 82 between Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 9;

48. The downtown square area bound by East Service Drive, Commerce Street, Second Street and Court Street and adjacent properties in a municipality through which run Interstate 55, U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 306;

49. All parcels zoned for mixed-use development located west of Mississippi Highway 589, more than four hundred (400) feet north of Old Highway 24, east of Parkers Creek and Black Creek, and south of J M Burge Road;

50. Any facility used by a soccer club and located on Old Highway 11 between one-tenth (0.1) and two-tenths (0.2) of a mile from its intersection with Oak Grove Road, in a county in which U.S. Highway 98 and Mississippi Highway 589 intersect;

51. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and Mississippi Highway 469 intersect;

52. Any facility that is:

a. Owned by a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization that is a nonprofit corporation and registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State;

b. Used by such organization for its headquarters and other organization related purposes; and

c. Located outside of a municipality in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

53. The following within a municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and U.S. 61 Highway intersect and through which flows the Sunflower River:

a. An area bounded as follows: Starting at the southern point of the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and 1st Street and going south along said avenue on its eastern side to 8th Street, then going east along said street on its northern side to West Tallahatchie Street, then going north along said street on its western side to 4th Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard, then going east along said street/boulevard on its northern side to Desoto Avenue, then going north along said avenue on its western side to 1st Street, then going west along said street on its southern side to the point of beginning along the southern side of Court Street;

b. Lots located at or near the intersection of Madison Avenue, Walnut Street, and Riverside Avenue that are in a commercial zone; and

c. Any facility located on the west side of Sunflower Avenue to the Sunflower River between the southern side of 6th Street and the northern side of 8th Street and which is operated as and/or was operated as a hotel or lodging facility, in consideration of payment, regardless of whether the facility meets the criteria for the definition of the term "hotel" in paragraph (l) of this section; and

d. Any facility located on the west side of Sunflower Avenue to the Sunflower River between the southern side of 3rd Street and the northern side of 4th Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard and which is operated as and/or was operated as a musical venue, in consideration of payment;

54. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 340 meets Mississippi Highway 15;

55. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 540 and Mississippi Highway 149 intersect;

56. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 345/Main Street intersect;

57. The property and structures thereon at the following locations within a municipality through which run U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 145 and in which Mississippi Highway 370 and Mississippi Highway 145 intersect: 104 West Main Street, 106 West Main Street, 108 West Main Street, 110 West Main Street and 112 West Main Street;

58. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 11 and Main Street intersect and which is located in a county having two (2) judicial districts;

59. Any municipality in which Interstate 22 passes over Mississippi Highway 9;

60. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land being situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E, Rankin County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing 1/2" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E and run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for a distance of 33.18 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 2.08 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 561.90 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 76.42 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East along an existing fence for a distance of 493.27 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 03 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 170.22 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin on the North line of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; run thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East along said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 1,305.51 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin marking Northeast corner thereof; leaving said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, run thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 35 seconds West along the East line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 663.19 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, run thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 1,315.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 20.00 acres, more or less.

And Also: An easement for the purpose of ingress and egress being situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E, Rankin County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing 1/2" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E and run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for a distance of 33.18 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 2.08 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 561.90 feet to an

existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 76.42 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 25.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds West for a distance of 76.66 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds West for a distance of 619.81 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 26.81 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the West line of the aforesaid Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 25.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 17,525.4 square feet, more or less.

61. Any municipality bordered on the east by the Pascagoula River and on the south by the Mississippi Sound;

62. The property and structures thereon located at parcel numbers 4969 198 000; 4969 200 000; 4969 201 000; 4969 206 000; 4969 207 000; 4969 208 000; 4969 218 000; 4969 199; 4969 204 000 and 4969 204 001, all in Block 4 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and
b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

63. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 12 meets Mississippi Highway 17;

64. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and Mississippi Highway 469 intersect;

65. The clubhouse and associated nine-hole golf course and related facilities located on or near the eastern corner of the point at which Golf Course Road meets Athens Road, in a county in which Mississippi Highway 13 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.900370078041004, -89.7928067652611;

66. Any facility located at the south-to-southwest corner of the intersection of Madison Street and Bolton Brownsville Road, in a municipality in which Bolton Brownsville Road passes over Interstate 20, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.349067271758955, -90.4596221146197;

67. Any facility located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Depot Street and Madison Street, in a municipality in which Bolton Brownsville Road passes over Interstate 20, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.34903152971068, -90.46047660172901;

68. Any facility located on Hinds Boulevard approximately three-tenths (0.3) of a mile south of the point at which Hinds Boulevard diverges from Clinton Road, in a municipality whose northern boundary partially consists of Snake Creek Road, and whose southern boundary partially consists of Mississippi Highway 18, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.26384517526713, -90.41586570183475;

69. Any facility located on Pleasant Grove Drive approximately one and three-tenths (1.3) miles southeast of its intersection with Harmony Drive, in a county through which run Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.512043770371907, -90.2506094382595;

70. Any facility located immediately north of the intersection of two roads, both named Mason Clark Drive, located between two-tenths (0.2) and three-tenths (0.3) of a mile southwest of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.135950529733048, -88.53068674585575;

71. Any facility located on Raj Road approximately three-tenths (0.3) of a mile south of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.139553708288418, -88.53411203512971; * * *

72. Any facility located on Raj Road approximately one-tenth (0.1) of a mile south of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.14184097577295, -88.53287700849411;

73. Any municipality through which run U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 145 and in which Mississippi Highway 370 and Mississippi Highway 145 intersect; however, this designation as a qualified resort area shall only apply to the portion of such municipality which is located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

74. A municipality through which runs a portion of the Tanglefoot Trail and in which Mississippi Highway 32 and East Front Street intersect;

75. Lot Three (3) in Block One Hundred Seventy-eight (178) of the D. H. McInnis First Survey, sometimes referred to as D. H. McInnis Railroad Addition, to the City of Hattiesburg, the said lot having a frontage of thirty (30) feet on the Eastern side of Front Street and extending back between parallel lines ninety (90) feet to an alley, and being located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Forrest County, Mississippi;

76. An area of land in George County of approximately eight and five hundredths (8.05) acres, bordered on the east and northeast by Brushy Creek, on the northwest by Brushy Creek Road, on the west by Beaver Creek Road, and on the south by a property boundary running east and west;

77. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 15 intersects with Webster Street, and in which Webster Street splits into Mill Street and Maben Starkville Road;

78. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 492 meets Mississippi Highway 35;

79. A facility operating as an event venue and located on Mississippi Highway 589, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.36730, -89.50548;

80. An area situated in the SW 1/4 of Section 12, T7N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi, and commencing at the point on the Ross Barnett Reservoir directly east of the intersection of North Natchez Street and Louisiana Street, then go west on Louisiana Street to the intersection of Louisiana Street and Andrew Jackson Street, then west on Andrew Jackson Street to the intersection of Andrew Jackson Street and Choctaw Street, then north on Choctaw Street to the intersection of Choctaw Street and Republic Street, then west on Republic Street to the intersection of Republic Street and Port Street, then north on Port Street to the Natchez Trace right-of-way, then east on the Natchez Trace right-of-way to the Ross Barnett Reservoir, then following the Ross Barnett Reservoir south back to the point of beginning;

81. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a fence corner at the Northeast corner of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Union County, Mississippi, for the point of beginning; thence run South 00 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East, along the Section line, a distance of 161.83 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds West, along a fence, a distance of 1221.09 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence South 09 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds West, along a fence, a distance of 61.49 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence North 84 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds West, along a fence, (passing through a one-half inch iron pin at 196.83 feet) a distance of 234.62 feet to a mag-nail on the centerline of Union County Road No. 137, thence North 11 degrees 00 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 187.87 feet to a one-half inch iron pin on the West edge of said road, thence North 29 degrees 41 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 59.28 feet to a point on the centerline of said road, thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds East (passing through a one-half inch iron pin at 30.0 feet) along the South line of the Bernard Whiteside property as recorded in Deed Book 117, Pages 517-518 and Deed Book 214, page 109, a distance of 646.07 feet to a concrete monument, thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 751.31 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 39

seconds East, along the aforesaid Section line, a distance of 52.93 feet to the point of beginning, said tract lying in the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, and the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East and containing 6.99 acres.

Subject to a perpetual all purpose non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and public utilities together the right to enter upon the above described property and do any and all work necessary to build, repair and maintain a roadway or well or install public utilities all over upon and across the following described property:

A 25.0 foot easement for ingress and egress, being 12.5 feet to the right and 12.5 feet to the left of the following described centerline: Commencing at a fence corner at the Northeast corner of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Union County, Mississippi, thence run South 00 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East, along the Section line, a distance of 149.33 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 1231.46 feet to a point, thence South 09 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds West a distance of 61.49 feet to a point, thence North 84 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 221.82 feet to a point on the centerline of Union County Road #137, said tract lying in the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East.

82. The clubhouse at a country club located:

a. In a county in which Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect and which county has not voted to come out from under the dry law, and

b. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and within one mile of the corporate limits of a municipality that is the county seat of such county;

83. Any facility located on North Jackson Street in a municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 8 and Mississippi Highway 15, with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.913692, -89.005219;

84. Any facility located on North Jackson Street in a municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 8 and Mississippi Highway 15, with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.905581, -89.00200;

85. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 18 West, Pearl River County, Mississippi; thence West 1310.00 feet to a T-bar; thence North 745.84 feet; thence East 132.00 feet to a 1" iron pipe; thence North 83.61 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence South 79 degrees 02 minutes 61 seconds West 248.28 feet; thence West 76.35 feet; thence North 20 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 185.54 feet; thence North 52 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds East 365.98 feet to a 1" iron pipe on the West margin of Henry Smith Road, a gravel/paved, public road; thence along said margin South 17 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds East 299.09 feet; thence South 64.39 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel containing 2.19 acres and being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 18 West, Pearl River County, Mississippi.

INDEXING: BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 WEST, PEARL RIVER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;

86. Any facility located on land in a county through which run Mississippi Highway 25 and U.S. Highway 82 and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.331869,

-88.715054; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.336207, -88.713453; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.335369, -88.709835; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.330870, -88.711496; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.331869, -88.715054 and the point of the beginning;

87. Any facility located on land that is owned by a community college that is located in a county through which run U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 4;

88. Any municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 13 and U.S. Highway 80;

89. Any facility located on Mississippi Highway 23/178 in a municipality in which Mississippi Highway 23/178 and Stone Drive intersect, with GPS coordinates of approximately 34.235269, -88.262409;

90. Any facility located on U.S. Highway 51 in a municipality through which run Interstate 55, U.S. Highway 51 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.42042°N, 90.13473°W;

91. Any facility located on Mullican Road in a county through which run U.S. Highway 84 and Interstate 59, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.73395N, 89.18186W;

92. Any facility located on land in a county through which run Mississippi Highway 25 and U.S. Highway 82 and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.37391, -88.80645; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.37391, -88.79972; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.36672, -88.80644; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.36674, -88.79971; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.37391, -88.80645 and the point of the beginning;

93. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the South half (S 1/2) of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, lying and being West of State Highway No. 589, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Begin at the point of intersection of the North line of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West with the present Southwesterly right-of-way line of Mississippi Highway No. 589, said point is also the Northeast corner of grantor property; said point is 50.6 feet West of Station 7 + 59.27 on the centerline of survey of Mississippi Highway No. 589 as shown on the plans for State Project No. SP-0014-2(10); from said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence South 08°57' East along said present Southwesterly right-of-way line, a distance of 37.1 feet to a point that is perpendicular to and 50 feet Southwesterly of Station 7 + 30 on the centerline of survey of Mississippi Highway 589 as shown on the plans for said project; run thence South 81°03' West, a distance of 35.7 feet to the West line of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 14 and the West line of grantors property; run thence North along said West property line, a distance of 42.2 feet to the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 14 and the Northwest corner of grantors property; run thence East along grantors North property line, a distance of 29.5 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 0.03 acres, more or less, and all being situated in and a part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A part of the South one half of the Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, Northerly of a certain fence and West of Mississippi State Highway 589, in Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi and more particularly described as commencing at a pine (lighter) stake being used as the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of the above said Section 14, thence North and along the West line of the East 1/4 of the above said Section 14 1638.8 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence continue North and along the West line of the East 1/4 of the above said Section 14, 278.5 feet to the Southerly line of the property Bobby G. Aultman and Marilyn

S. Aultman previously sold to the Mississippi State Highway Department; thence North 81°03' East and along the above said Southerly property line for 35.7 feet more or less to the Westerly right-of-way line of Mississippi State Highway 589; thence Southeasterly and along the above said Westerly right-of-way line 232.7 feet to a concrete right-of-way marker; thence South 51°39' West and along the Northerly line of a wooden fence 88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND ALSO:

A parcel of land in a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 and a part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as beginning at a point where the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 98 intersects the West line of the above said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4; thence North 67° 34' East and along the Southerly right-of-way line of said highway 208.75 feet; thence South 208.75 feet; thence South 67° 34' West 208.75 feet; thence South 141.3 feet; thence North 89° 07' 30" West 388.9 feet to the centerline of Parkers Creek; thence Northerly and along the centerline of said creek for the next three (3) calls: North 35° 53' East 115.6 feet; North 25° 05' East 68.5 feet; North 09° 51' 30" West 64.3 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 98; thence North 67° 34' East and along the Southerly right-of-way line of said highway 327.85 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The above described area contains 3.02 acres.

AND ALSO:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi, run South 88°05'27" East 310.00 feet, thence South 0°53'16" West 60.50 feet to a point on a fence line, thence run along fence line South 88°05'27" East 718.93 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence North 08°48'10" West 714.67 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of Highway No. 98, thence along said right-of-way along a curve to the right with a delta angle of 02°04'26" having a radius of 5603.58 feet and an arc length of 202.84 feet, with a chord bearing a distance of North 71°53'47" East 202.83 feet to a Concrete Highway right-of-way marker, thence South 20°09'13" East 328.13 feet, thence South 69°00'47" East 117.68 feet, thence South 0°58'19" West 429.12 feet to a Point on Possession Line fence, thence along said fence North 88°05'27" West 299.23 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 5.0885 acres, more or less and being situated in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 14, together with all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

AND ALSO:

PARCEL NUMBER ONE: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4) of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, of Lamar County, Mississippi, being located and situated East of the center thread of Mill Creek as the same presently runs through and bisects said 40-acre tract, and comprising 10.9 acres, more or less, and all being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4) of said Section, Township and Range, Lamar County, Mississippi.

AND ALSO:

PARCEL NUMBER TWO: A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4) and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest (Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4) all in Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point where the South margin of State Highway 98 intersects the West margin of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, and run Easterly along the South margin of said highway right-of-way 208.75 feet; thence South 208.75 feet; thence Westerly parallel with the South margin of said highway right-of-way 208.75

feet to the West forty line; thence North 208.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1 acre, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Begin at the point of intersection of an Easterly line of grantors property with the present Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 98 as shown on the plans for State Project No. 97-0014-02-044-10; from said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence South 02°56' West along said Easterly property line, a distance of 127.6 feet; thence run South 69°11' West, a distance of 52.9 feet; thence run South 67°13' West, a distance of 492.7 feet to the Westerly line of grantors property and the center of a creek; thence run Northerly along said Westerly property line and said center of creek, a distance of 122.8 feet to said present Southerly right-of-way line; thence run North 67°13' East along said present Southerly right-of-way line, a distance of 553.4 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.43 acres, more or less, and being situated in and a part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, PROCEED EAST 2136.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2508.67 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED.

FROM THE DESCRIBED POINT OF BEGINNING, PROCEED NORTH 11°19'49" EAST 217.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 40°11'01" EAST 118.28 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 22°24'39" WEST 179.15 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID HIGHWAY AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 67°35'21" WEST 699.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 69°16'57" WEST 67.67 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKER; THENCE SOUTH 67°35'21" WEST 310.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH 01°25'53" WEST 667.21 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 67°35'21" EAST 491.91 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 22°24'39" WEST 193.77 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 67°35'21" EAST 629.48 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 12.39 ACRES AND IS LOCATED PART IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, PART IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, AND PART IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, ALL IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in this paragraph (o)(iii) as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

The governing authorities of a municipality described, in whole or in part, in item 6, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67 * * *, 68, 73, 74, 83 or 84 of this paragraph (o)(iii) may by ordinance, with respect to the qualified resort area described in the same item: specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale; specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and

regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this article unless on the date of the initial application for a license under this article more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this article, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

(z) "Warehouse operator" shall have the meaning ascribed in Section 67-1-201.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-9-1 for the transportation and possession of limited amounts of alcoholic beverages for the use of an alcohol processing permittee, and subject to all of the provisions and restrictions contained in this article, the manufacture, sale, distribution, and transportation of alcoholic beverages shall be lawful, subject to the restrictions hereinafter imposed, in those counties and municipalities of this state in which, at a local option election called and held for that purpose under the provisions of this article, a majority of the qualified electors voting in such election shall vote in favor thereof.

Beginning on April 16, 2021, except as otherwise provided in Section 67-1-51 for holders of a caterer's permit, the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages shall not be permissible or lawful in counties except in (a) incorporated municipalities located within such counties, (b) qualified resort areas within such counties approved as such by the department, or (c) clubs within such counties, whether within a municipality or not. However, any permits issued by the department between July 1, 2020, and April 15, 2021, for the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, whether or not issued to permittees in such municipalities, qualified resort areas or clubs, shall be eligible for renewal on or after April 16, 2021.

The manufacture, sale, distribution and possession of native wines or native spirits shall be lawful in any location within any such county except those locations where the manufacture, sale or distribution is prohibited by law other than this section or by regulations of the department.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, within any state park or any state park facility that has been declared a qualified resort area by the department, and within any qualified resort area as defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii), an on-premises retailer's permit may be issued for the qualified resort area, and the permittee may lawfully sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on his licensed premises regardless of whether or not the county or municipality in which the qualified resort area is located has voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law, and it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and consume alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises, and to sell, distribute and transport alcoholic beverages to the licensed premises. Moreover, the governing authorities of a municipality in which a qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)5, 7, 21, 39 or 46 is located, the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Board which governs the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.A, the board of supervisors of the county in which qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.B and C is located, and the board of supervisors of *** a county in which *** a qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)44 or 80 is located, may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that package retailer's permits may be issued in the applicable qualified resort area, and that it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and distribute alcoholic beverages in accordance with such package retailer's permits.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2457, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "QUALIFIED RESORT AREA" UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE DESIGNATED AS QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW TO SPECIFY THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF FACILITIES OFFERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SALE, TO SPECIFY THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE THAT FACILITIES OFFERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SALE MUST DERIVE FROM THE PREPARATION, COOKING AND SERVING OF MEALS AND NOT FROM THE SALE OF BEVERAGES, AND TO DESIGNATE THE AREAS IN WHICH FACILITIES OFFERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SALE MAY BE LOCATED; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS TO PROVIDE, BY ORDINANCE, THAT PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED IN THE APPLICABLE QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS AND THAT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE RECEIVED, STORED, SOLD, POSSESSED AND DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH PERMITS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Neil S. Whaley, John Horhn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Micks, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--107.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Evans, Horne, Newman, Sanford, Varner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Ladner, Oliver, Osborne, Scott, Taylor. Total-5.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Tubb. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

On request of Rep. Shanks, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. C. R. No. 64**:

AMEND on line 33 by striking "12:00 midnight" and inserting in lieu thereof "11:59 p.m."

Rep. Anderson (122nd) called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-17. (1) (a) All monies received or obtained by the department under the provisions of this chapter shall be paid over by the department to the State Treasurer and shall be deposited into the fund known as the "Seafood Fund." All revenues collected through the department, to include, but not limited to, commercial saltwater licenses and taxes, permits, fines and penalties, and confiscated catches, shall be

deposited into the department operating account (Seafood Fund) and expended for the operation of the department, as authorized by the Legislature.

(b) There is established a special account to be known as the "Artificial Reef Program Account" within the Seafood Fund. Any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of promoting, constructing, monitoring or maintaining artificial reefs in the marine waters of the state or in federal waters adjacent to the marine waters of the state shall be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to accomplish the purpose of the account.

(c) There is established a special account to be known as the "Coastal Preserve Account" within the Seafood Fund. Any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves in the state and money required to be deposited pursuant to Sections 27-19-56.10 and 27-19-56.27, shall be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, for the management, improvement and acquisition of coastal preserves.

(d) There is established a special account to be known as the "Mississippi Seafood Marketing Program Account" within the Seafood Fund. Monies required to be deposited into the account under Section 27-19-56.27 and any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of promoting the Mississippi seafood industry must be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year do not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to accomplish the purposes of this account, including, but not limited to, providing funds for cobia stock enhancement programs.

(e) There is established a special account to be known as the "Oyster Production Preserve Account" within the Seafood Fund. Monies required to be deposited from oyster leasing and licensing payments under Section * * * 49-15-27, sack fees, * * * and any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of oyster production and propagation in this state, which includes plantings of oysters and cultch materials, shall be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to specific appropriation by the Legislature, for the management, improvement and acquisition of permissible property for oyster production and propagation in the state, which includes plantings of oysters and cultch materials. The Department of Marine Resources shall develop an annual report to the Legislature which describes the annual expenditures from this fund for the purpose of furthering oyster production and propagation in this state to be included in the department's annual budget request to the Legislative Budget Office and to be transmitted to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Ports and Marine Resources.

(2) The fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the fund.

(3) The department shall keep accurate reports of monies handled as a part of the permanent records of the department, and the State Treasurer shall furnish the department such forms as may be needed, and the department shall account for such forms in reports to the Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Section 49-15-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-27. The department is hereby granted full and complete authority to lease the bottoms within its jurisdiction upon the following terms and conditions:

(1) All areas within the department's jurisdiction, not designated state-owned reefs by this chapter, including natural reefs and all areas not within the boundaries of riparian property owners may be leased by the department.

(2) All individual lessees shall be residents of the State of Mississippi, or if a firm or corporation, such firm or corporation shall be organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi and owned by a resident of the State of Mississippi.

(3) No individual, corporation, partnership or association may lease less than one (1) acre nor more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) acres total; however, in the case of an individual there shall be counted towards such limitation any lands leased by a corporation, partnership or association in which such individual owns ten percent (10%) or less interest and, in the case of a corporation, partnership or association, there shall be counted toward such limitation any lands leased by an individual stockholder, partner or associate thereof who owns ten percent (10%) or less interest in such corporation, partnership or association.

(4) Individuals, firms or corporations desiring to lease bottoms shall make application to the department in writing, describing the area to be leased. Applications must include a plat showing the proposed lease area and description of cultch material type and amount to be deployed on the leased area.

(5) (a) Any person who qualifies and who desires to lease a part of the bottom or bed of any of the waters of this state as provided in this section shall present to the department a written application, and pay an application fee in the amount of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). This application shall contain the name and address of the applicant and a reasonably definite description of the location and amount of land covered by water desired by the applicant. * * * The department shall * * * establish a system to determine qualifications of applicants. The department shall prioritize applications based on the following criteria, each of which shall be weighted equally:

- (i) Experience in oyster reef development;
- (ii) Experience in oyster cultivation and harvesting;
- (iii) Whether lease applicant is registered with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration Interstate Certified Shellfish Shippers List for Mississippi, and the length of time the applicant has been registered;
- (iv) Amount of acreage to be leased; and
- (v) Evidence of applicant's financial ability to perform

cultivation and propagation requirements.

The department shall then order an examination to determine whether the water bottoms applied for are leasable * * *.

(b) If the applicant is found to be qualified and the area is found to be leasable, the department shall * * * determine the acreage upon which the rent shall be fixed and enter into a lease with the applicant * * *, who shall pay the prorated annual rent in advance for the remainder of the calendar year. If the applicant is not eligible for a lease, the department shall issue a written notice declining the application with specific reasons for same * * *.

(c) The department has the authority to lease an area to an applicant who has no experience in oyster cultivation as long as the applicant can demonstrate their financial stability and the area applied for has not been requested by another applicant with demonstrated experience.

(d) The department has the authority to reconfigure the lease areas from that requested by the applicant in the manner that promotes maximum utilization of the state's resources. In the event the area requested by the applicant has to be reconfigured, the applicant has the right to refuse the reconfigured area and withdraw their application and receive a refund of their application fee.

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(* * *e) The department shall require that the bottoms of water areas to be leased be as definable as possible, taking into consideration such factors as the shape of the body of water, permitted areas, and the condition of the bottom as to hardness or softness which would render it desirable or undesirable for the purpose of oyster cultivation.

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(* * *f) A lease applicant may withdraw a lease application and receive a full refund from the department of all application fees, by submitting a written request for withdrawal to the department within ninety (90) days after the department * * * received the application.

(6) Such leases shall be for an initial term of fifteen (15) years, with the lessee having the right of first renewal of the lease for an additional fifteen (15) years, and continue to renew at fifteen-year intervals, at the same ground rental rate so long as lessee actively cultivates and gathers oysters, and complies with the provisions of this chapter. No lease may be transferred without approval by the department of the transfer.

(7) The terms of every lease issued hereunder shall ensure the maximum cultivation and propagation of oysters. Throughout the term of every lease issued hereunder, each lessee shall add cultch and make other necessary efforts to ensure the maximum cultivation and propagation of oysters. The department shall promulgate regulations to set forth guidelines for lessees to follow to ensure the maximum cultivation and propagation of oysters under the lease. The lessee shall submit a written report with supporting documentation to the department of efforts to cultivate and propagate oysters for the previous year. If the department finds a lessee is not making efforts to cultivate and propagate oysters, and the lessee fails to take remedial steps to address same, such lease shall be subject to termination as provided for hereunder.

(8) The department shall fix a ground rental rate at Three Dollars (\$3.00) per acre per year. The annual rental payments shall be due by December 31 for the next calendar year.

(9) Any lessee who pays the rent on or after the first day of January shall pay the rent due plus an additional ten percent (10%) penalty. The failure of the lessee to pay the rent punctually on or before the first of each March, ipso facto and without demand or putting in default, terminates and cancels the lease and forfeits to the department all the works, improvements, betterments, and oysters on the leased water bottom. The department may at once enter on the water bottom and take possession thereof. Such water bottom shall then be open for lease in accordance with subsections (5) through (8) of this section. Ten (10) days thereafter the department shall enter the termination, cancellation, and forfeiture on its books and give public notice thereof by publication in one (1) local paper in the county where the formerly leased water bottoms are located. On or before the first day of each February, the department shall issue a written notice of delinquency by certified mail to each lessee who has not yet paid the rent. The department shall also publish notice of such delinquency on its website.

(10) The department shall keep an accurate chart of the areas within its jurisdiction and shall mark on such chart those areas which are under lease. All leases shall be marked by appropriate poles, stakes or buoys of such material as will not injure watercraft, at the expense of the leaseholder. The department shall keep an accurate book, designated "Mississippi Oyster Farms" which shall contain copies of all leases. The department shall maintain a map of designated state-owned, leased areas, and areas available for lease on the department's website. If any lease be cancelled or expire, such fact shall be noted on the face of such lease. Lessees shall be "oyster farmers" for the purposes of any grants, aid, subsidies or other assistance from the federal government or other governmental or private agencies.

(11) All funds derived from leasing shall be paid into the Seafood Fund under Section 49-15-17, for use by the department to further oyster production in this state, which includes plantings of oysters and cultch materials.

(12) All leases made by the department under the authority of this section shall be subject to the paramount right of the state and any of its political subdivisions authorized by law, to promote and develop ports, harbors, channels, industrial or recreational projects, and all such leases shall contain a provision that in the event such authorized public body shall require the area so leased or any part thereof for such public purposes, that the lease shall be terminated on reasonable notice fixed by the department in such lease. On the termination of any lease, the lessees shall have the right to remove any oysters within the leased area within such time as may be fixed by the department and in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as the department may adopt.

Any person convicted of taking oysters from leased land or from waters that are not of a safe sanitary quality without a permit as provided in Section 49-15-37 shall, on the first offense, forfeit all equipment used, exclusive of any boat or boats; and be fined not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or sentenced not to exceed one

(1) year in the county jail, or both. Subsequent convictions shall be punishable by forfeiture of all equipment, including any boat or boats; and a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or not to exceed two (2) years in prison, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The department is enjoined to cooperate with the Jackson County Port Authority, the Harrison County Development Commission, the municipal port commission and other port and harbor agencies, so that oyster beds shall not be planted in close proximity to navigable channels. The department or lessee shall have no right of action as against any such public body for damages accruing to any natural reef or leased reef by any necessary improvement of such channel in the interest of shipping, commerce, navigation or other purpose authorized by law.

(13) A lessee has the exclusive use of the water bottoms leased and all oysters and cultch grown or placed thereon. However, this exclusive right is subordinate to the rights and responsibilities of the state, any political subdivision of the state, the United States, or any agency or agent thereof, to take action in furtherance of coastal protection, conservation or restoration.

(14) In order to protect the health and safety of the residents of the State of Mississippi, the terms and conditions relating to the leasing of bottoms provided in this section shall be fully applicable to any lease executed by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources prior to April 17, 2023, and the department shall revise any lease issued prior to April 17, 2023, as necessary in order to comply with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. Section 49-15-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-37. The department may employ boats, crews and laborers to cultivate the state-owned reefs of the state, and dredge the oysters in the Mississippi Sound from places where they are too thick, and spread them on reefs where they are too thin, and carry shells from the factories and spread them in places where the oyster beds can be improved and enlarged. The department may open state-owned reefs to the public for harvest. The department may purchase other materials as may be equally suitable for the propagation of oysters. The department in cultivating the reefs, transplanting and spreading oysters and shells and other suitable materials, may expend any funds available for that purpose, as provided by Section 49-15-17(1)(e). In taking seed oysters, care shall be used to not injure or destroy the merchantable oysters on the reefs from which they are taken. The seed oysters shall be tonged from the "conner" or seed reefs, unless it is practicable and safe to dredge those oysters. The department may establish new bedding grounds at those places within the boundaries of the state as it may determine, on advice of the director, or on advice of technical governmental experts, or competent aquatic biologists. On existing state-owned reefs in which oysters exist and in waters not of a safe sanitary quality as determined by the department, the department shall prohibit any person, firm or corporation from taking oysters from those areas. The department shall from time to time remove the oysters from the areas and relay or replant them in an approved area for a period of time under Section 49-15-36 before they may be harvested. Any funds received from the sale of the oysters shall be used in a like manner as those funds received under Section * * * 49-15-17(1)(e).

The department may issue permits to persons to remove oysters by dredging or otherwise from water bottoms which are not of a safe sanitary quality for oysters for human consumption. These areas may be designated as seed grounds, and permits to persons shall be issued only for the purpose of transplanting oysters to privately leased Mississippi territorial waters. The department may permit the transplanting of these seed oysters by a duly authorized public agency.

The department may, upon determining the water bottom from which oysters are to be removed is not of a safe, sanitary quality for oyster production for human consumption and has been unsafe for a period of at least one (1) year immediately preceding certification, and upon complying with the following requirements, permit the dredging of oysters from restricted public areas and relaying the oysters to private leased grounds in the State of Mississippi:

(a) Permittee must hold valid lease of oyster bedding grounds in the State of Mississippi;

(b) Permittee must be bonded in compliance with the permit system established by the department;

(c) Permittee must fulfill all permit requirements as established by the department;

(d) Permittee shall not move oysters from one restricted area to another restricted area;

(e) Permittee shall move oysters only to an area leased by the department; and

(f) Permittee shall not move oysters from the restricted area without the presence of an employee of the department at all times, from the dredging of the oysters from the restricted areas to their deposit on private leased grounds or to an onshore, molluscan depuration facility.

Harvesting of oysters shall be permitted only during daylight hours and with the most efficient gear possible consistent with conservation requirements of not damaging the reefs. This shall include permission to use two (2) dredges per boat on restricted areas and on private leased grounds.

Any person obtaining a permit to remove oysters from seed grounds shall post a penal bond of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per leased acre with the department to be forfeited upon any violation of this section. The bond may be approved by the director of the department if the director finds the bond to be secured by sufficient property or sureties.

The department shall regulate the amount and time of taking of oysters from seed areas and shall supervise the removal, planting and harvesting of oysters from the areas. The time set for the taking of oysters from restricted seed areas for relaying or replanting and the time set for the taking of oysters from private leased grounds shall be separated by not less than a period of time determined under Section 49-15-36 during which neither activity may be allowed.

SECTION 4. Section 49-15-38, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-38. (1) (a) Unless otherwise permitted by the department, no oysters shall be taken from state-owned reefs unless culled, and all oysters less than three (3) inches from end to end, and all dead shells, shall be replaced, scattered and broadcast immediately on the reefs from which they are taken. It is unlawful for any captain or person in charge of any vessel, or any canner, packer, commission man, dealer or other person to purchase, sell or to have in that person's possession or under that person's control any oysters off the state-owned reefs or private bedding grounds not culled according to this section, or any oysters under the legal size. A ten percent (10%) tolerance shall be allowed in relation to any culling.

(b) The department may authorize the culling of oysters of a lesser measure. That authorization shall be in response to special circumstances or extreme natural conditions affecting the habitat, including, but not limited to, flooding. The department may establish checkpoints in any area within its jurisdiction to conduct inspections, collect fees and issue tags in the enforcement of this chapter and regulations adopted by the commission.

(2) The department shall acquire and replant shells, seed oysters and other materials, when funding is available, for the purpose of growing oysters.

(3) Any person, firm or corporation failing or refusing to pay the shell retention fee required under Section 49-15-46 to the department when called for by the department, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each * * * sack of shells for which they fail or refuse to tender the shell retention fee. In addition to the fine, the violator shall pay the reasonable value of the oyster shells and shall be ineligible to be licensed for any activity set forth in this chapter for a period of two (2) years from the date of conviction.

(4) The planting of oyster shells as provided under this chapter shall be under the direction and supervision of the executive director of the department.

SECTION 5. Section 49-15-46, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-46. (1) Each vessel used to catch, take, carry or transport oysters from the reefs of the State of Mississippi, or engaged in transporting any oysters in any

of the waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi, for commercial use, shall annually, before beginning operations, be licensed by the department and pay the following license fee:

(a) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on each in-state vessel or boat used for tonging oysters or gathering oysters by hand;

(b) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on each in-state vessel or boat used for dredging oysters;

(c) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on each out-of-state vessel or boat used for tonging oysters or gathering oysters by hand, or the license fee charged by the out-of-state licensing entity to Mississippi vessels or boats for tonging or gathering oysters, whichever is greater; or

(d) Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) on each out-of-state vessel or boat used for dredging oysters, or the license fee charged by the out-of-state licensing entity to Mississippi vessels or boats for dredging oysters, whichever is greater.

(2) Each molluscan shellfish aquaculture operation shall annually, before beginning operations, be licensed by the department and pay the following license fee:

(a) Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on each resident molluscan shellfish aquaculture operation; or

(b) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on each nonresident molluscan shellfish aquaculture operation.

(3) The department may authorize the transfer of a vessel license to a different vessel provided that the owner of both vessels is the same titled owner.

(4) All oysters harvested in the State of Mississippi shall be tagged. Tags shall be issued by the department and shall bear the catcher's name, the date and origin of the catch, the shell stock dealer's name and permit number. The department shall number all tags issued and shall maintain a record of those tags. The department, in its discretion, may adopt any regulations regarding the tagging of oysters and other shellfish.

(5) Each person catching or taking oysters from the waters of the State of Mississippi for personal use shall obtain a permit from the department and pay an annual recreational oyster permit fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Oysters caught under a recreational permit shall not be offered for sale. The limits on the allowable catch of oysters for recreational purposes shall be three (3) sacks per week. The department shall issue tags of a distinguishing color to designate recreationally harvested oysters, which shall be tagged on the same day of harvest in the manner prescribed in subsection (4) of this section for commercially harvested oysters or by regulation of the department.

(6) The department shall assess and collect a shell retention fee for the shells taken from waters within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi as follows:

(a) Commercial and recreational harvesters - Fifteen Cents (15¢) per sack paid to the department on the day of harvest;

(b) Initial oyster processor, dealer or factory first purchasing the oysters - Fifteen Cents (15¢) per sack paid to the department no later than the tenth day of the month following the purchase, on forms submitted by the department;

(c) Commercial harvesters transporting their catch out of the state - Fifty Cents (50¢) per sack paid to the department on the day of harvest, in addition to the fees paid in paragraph (a) of this subsection; and

(d) Commercial harvesters not selling their oysters to a Mississippi dealer - Fifteen Cents (15¢) per sack paid to the department on the day of harvest, in addition to fees paid in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

Funds received from the shell retention fee shall be paid into * * * the Oyster Production Preserve Account within the Seafood Fund pursuant to Section 49-15-17(1)(e) for use by the department to further oyster production in this state, which includes plantings of oysters and/or cultch materials.

(7) During open seasons, oysters may be taken only by hands, tongs and dredges.

(8) Vessels licensed under Section 49-15-46 may keep in whole, for personal consumption up to thirty-six (36) blue crabs (portunidae family), per day. This

exemption for personal consumption does not apply to fish or crabs that are otherwise illegal to possess or catch.

SECTION 6. Section 49-15-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-15-47. (1) It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to discharge solid or human waste from any vessel while the vessel is used to harvest or transport oysters in the marine waters of the state.

(2) Each vessel used to harvest or transport oysters is required to have an approved functional marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle designed to contain human sewage. The approved marine sanitation device (MSD), portable toilet or other sewage disposal receptacle shall:

- (a) Be used only for the purpose intended.
- (b) Be secured while on board and located to prevent contamination of shell stock by spillage or leakage.
- (c) Be emptied only into an approved sewage disposal system.
- (d) Be cleaned before being returned to the vessel.
- (e) Not be cleaned with equipment used for washing or processing food.

(3) The use of other receptacles for sewage disposal may be approved by the department if the receptacles are:

- (a) Constructed of impervious, cleanable materials and have tight-fitting lids; and
- (b) Meet the requirements listed in subsection (2).

(4) *** Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this chapter, shall, on conviction, be fined not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and the license of the convicted party shall be revoked for one (1) year. For conviction of a second offense, the fine shall be not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and the license of the convicted party shall be revoked for two (2) years. For a conviction of a third offense, the fine shall be not less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), and the license of the convicted party shall be permanently revoked.

(5) Upon issuance of a citation for a violation of this section, the vessel shall be removed from the oyster reef and any oysters on board the vessel shall be confiscated and disposed of by the department. The vessel shall not be permitted to harvest from any state-owned or private reefs until the vessel is properly equipped as determined by an inspection by the department.

SECTION 7. Section 51-11-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

51-11-105. The following provisions related to the Lower Pearl River Restoration Project ("project") are contingent upon the development of an agreement, or an amendment to the existing agreement, between *** the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ"), the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks ("DWFP") and the district, removing the district from the agreement, and possibly adding a new cooperating partner or partners and possibly removing the MDEQ and/or the DWFP from the agreement.

From and after July 1, 2018, the project, currently being managed as a joint effort of *** the MDEQ, the DWFP, and the district, shall continue as per existing agreements, which may be amended to reflect the dissolution of the district and its removal from those agreements. The obligations of the district under the current agreements for the project may be assumed by the MDEQ, or other entity, as the designated state entity for the continuing obligation of maintenance of the water control structures as set forth in the original agreements. The parties to the agreement may identify necessary maintenance activities needed to preserve the integrity of project structures and other ordinary maintenance activities as the parties may agree need to be performed. Funding to perform those maintenance activities shall come from the Lower Pearl trust account currently on deposit with a depository or depositories in the name of the Pearl River Basin Development District, which funds are a special fund set aside solely for the operation and maintenance of the project. From and after July 1, 2018, the parties to the agreement, may assume ownership, in trust, of those funds,

and the funds shall be known as the "Lower Pearl River Restoration Trust Fund." Monies from this fund shall be a special fund set aside for the purpose(s) set forth in the amended or reformed agreement between the parties and shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and may not be expended for any purpose other than operation and maintenance activities under the purview of the project.

SECTION 8. Section 27-19-56.27, Mississippi Code of 1972, which provides for a special license tag for supporters of the Mississippi seafood industry, is repealed.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 49-15-17, 49-15-27, 49-15-37, 49-15-38, 49-15-46 AND 49-15-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES RELATING TO OYSTER CULTIVATION LEASES, THE SEAFOOD FUND, THE OYSTER PRODUCTION PRESERVE ACCOUNT AND THE COASTAL PRESERVE ACCOUNT; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES TO RECONFIGURE OYSTER LEASE AREAS AND TO REVISE PERMITTED AREAS AND TO PROVIDE PROTEST PROCEDURES BY OYSTER LEASE APPLICANTS; TO PRESCRIBE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE OYSTER BOTTOM LEASE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 51-11-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FROM THE EXISTING LOWER PEARL RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT AGREEMENT; TO REPEAL SECTION 27-19-56.27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH AUTHORIZES A SPECIAL LICENSE TAG FOR SUPPORTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI SEAFOOD INDUSTRY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Mike Thompson, Jeremy England, Gary Brumfield
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Brent Anderson, Jay McKnight, Jimmy Fondren

On motion of Rep. Anderson (122nd) the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Osborne, Summers, Taylor. Total--4.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--71

On request of Rep. Anderson (122nd), unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2648**:

Unanimous Consent of the House is requested to make the following changes to the conference report for S.B. 2648:

On Line 560, delete "July 1, 2024" and insert "passage".

On Line 401, after "Mississippi Code of 1972," insert "as amended by House Bill No. 1007, 2024 Regular Session".

On Line 433, delete the first "shall" and insert "may".

On line 433, delete "and" and insert "or printed by the catcher in compliance with procedures and regulations adopted by the department. Such tags".

These changes change the effective date from July 1, 2024, to passage, and add language to Section 49-15-46 to conform that code section with language from House Bill No. 1007 that has already been approved by the Governor.

Rep. Currie called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from.

Rep. Currie moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. McGee called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2823: Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility.

Rep. McGee moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report # 3 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

On request of Rep. Massengill, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1681**:

AMEND on lines 91 and 92, the spelling of "Euphora" to accurately reflect "Eupora".

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 513 South located in Stonewall, Clarke County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Church Street, and running northwesterly for a distance of approximately one (1) mile, more or less, to the Chickasawhay River in Enterprise, Clarke County, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, USMC, Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of the highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 2. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 15 South located in Walnut, Tippah County, Mississippi, beginning at the entrance of the Walnut Fire Department, and running southerly for a distance of one (1) mile, more or less, to the bridge located thereon which crosses Hurricane Creek, due north of Souls Harbor Apostolic Church, is designated and shall be known as the "Maj. Gen. Alben "Al" Norris Hopkins, Sr., Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of the highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 72 South located in Slayden, Marshall County, Mississippi, extending for a total distance of approximately one (1) mile, consisting of a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the easterly direction of U.S. Highway 72 and a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the westerly direction of U.S. Highway 72, with the central point of beginning in both the easterly and westerly directions being the entrance of the H.W. Byers School, is designated and shall be known as the "Eddie Dixon Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of the highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 4. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 311 South located in Holly Springs, Marshall County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with MS Highway 7, and running northerly for a distance of one (1) mile, more or less, to its intersection with Landfill Road, is designated and shall be known as the "Charles W. and Juanita Thomas Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of the highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 5. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 30 located in Prentiss County, Mississippi, extending for a total distance of approximately one (1) mile, consisting of a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the easterly direction of Mississippi Highway 30 and a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the westerly direction of Mississippi Highway 30 from Prentiss County, Mississippi, with the central point of beginning in both the easterly and westerly directions being the location of the home of Mr. J.P. Davis, shall be known as the "J.P. Davis Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 6. (1) The segment of Mississippi Highway 9 located in Webster County, Mississippi, extending from North Lake Circle in Eupora, Mississippi, in a northern direction for approximately one (1) mile to Dump Road in Eupora, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "CW2 William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr. Memorial Highway" in memory of the late CW2 William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr., who was the recipient of four (4) military medals and who valiantly sacrificed his life in the Vietnam War.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 7. (1) The segment of Highway 39 that starts at North Hill Street located in the City of Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and extends in a southward direction for one (1) mile is designated and shall be known as the "Cheri M. Barry Memorial Highway" in memory of the late former Meridian Mayor, Cheryl "Cheri" M. Barry, who was a diligent public servant, humanitarian and trailblazer.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 8. (1) The section of Mississippi Highway 15 located in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, beginning at the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 278 in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and extending approximately one (1) mile south, is designated and shall be known as the "Judge Fred Wicker Memorial Highway" in memory of the late former World War II Army Veteran, Mississippi State Senator and Circuit Court Judge, Thomas Frederick Wicker.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 9. (1) The section of Mississippi Highway 7 located in Lafayette County, Mississippi, beginning at the intersection of Mississippi Highway 7 North and County Road 299 in Oxford, Mississippi, and extending north for approximately one (1) mile to County Road 1018 in Oxford, Mississippi, shall be known as the "Johnny Morgan Memorial Highway" in memory of the late State Senator and President of the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, Johnny Morgan.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 10. (1) The section of Mississippi Highway 57 located in Greene County, Mississippi, that begins at Canaan Land United Pentecostal Church in Leakesville, Mississippi, and extends approximately one (1) mile east to the Big Creek Bridge in Hillman, Mississippi, shall be known as the "Purple Heart Highway" in honor of Rawleigh X.L. Bradley, who was injured during the Korean Conflict and was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart.

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 11. (1) The segment of U.S. Highway 98 South located in George County, Mississippi, beginning at its intersection with Brushy Creek Road, and running westerly for a distance of approximately one (1) mile, more or less, towards its intersection with Rocky Creek Road in George County, Mississippi, is designated and shall be known as the "Deputy Jeremy Malone Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of the highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 12. (1) The segment of U.S. Interstate 269 located in DeSoto County, Mississippi, extending for a total distance of approximately one (1) mile, consisting of a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the easterly direction of U.S. Interstate 269 and a distance of one-half (1/2) mile in the westerly direction of U.S. Interstate 269, with Exit 1 at McIngvale Road being designated as the central point of beginning in both the easterly and westerly directions, shall be known as the "Mason Wilbanks Memorial Highway."

(2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment of highway described in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 513 SOUTH IN STONEWALL, CLARKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "LANCE CORPORAL MAC HAMBURG, USMC, MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH LOCATED IN WALNUT, TIPPAAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "MAJ. GEN. ALBEN "AL" NORRIS HOPKINS, SR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 72 SOUTH LOCATED IN SLAYDEN, MARSHALL COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "EDDIE DIXON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 311 SOUTH LOCATED IN HOLLY SPRINGS, MARSHALL COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "CHARLES W. AND JUANITA THOMAS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 30 LOCATED IN PRENTISS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "J.P. DAVIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 9 IN WEBSTER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "CW2 WILLIAM H. "BILL" SEABORN, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CW2 WILLIAM H. SEABORN, JR., WHO VALIANTLY SACRIFICED HIS LIFE IN THE VIETNAM WAR; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY 39 IN MERIDIAN, LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "CHERI M. BARRY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE MAYOR OF MERIDIAN, CHERYL "CHERI" M. BARRY; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 15 IN PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "JUDGE FRED WICKER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE FORMER WORLD WAR II ARMY VETERAN, MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATOR AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THOMAS FREDERICK WICKER; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 7 IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "JOHNNY MORGAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN MEMORY OF THE LATE STATE SENATOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE LAFAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, JOHNNY MORGAN; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 57 IN GREENE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH LOCATED IN GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "DEPUTY JEREMY MALONE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; TO DESIGNATE A SEGMENT OF U.S. INTERSTATE 269 LOCATED IN DESOTO COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "MASON WILBANKS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Steve Massengill, Joseph Tubb, William Tracy Arnold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jenifer B. Branning, Rita Potts Parks, Chuck Younger

On motion of Rep. Massengill the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Taylor. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Bell (21st) entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3215: Lafayette County; authorize to provide funding to Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3215**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Ladner, Taylor. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--79

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3216: Town of Walnut; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels and to issue bonds for parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3216**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Eubanks. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Horne, Owen. Total-3.

Present--Aguirre, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3221: City of Ridgeland; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3221**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--Eubanks. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Clark, Horne, Ladner. Total-4.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.
Necessary for passage--68

Rep. Barnett called up:

S. B. No. 3230: Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo Counties; extend authority to contribute to NE MS Comm. Servs.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3230**. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Newman.
Total-5.

Necessary for passage--78

Rep. Shanks called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

S. C. R. No. 539: Designate March 2024 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 540: Recognize legacy of Rosie S. Simmons as the first African American since Reconstruction to serve as Bolivar County Circuit Clerk.

S. C. R. No. 545: Recognize Jessica Banahan McNeel as MDE "2024 Mississippi Parent of the Year."

S. C. R. No. 546: Designate April 11, 2024, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 547: Extend the condolences of the Legislature on the passing of the first female Mayor of Meridian Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Horne, Massengill. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Shanks called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 148: Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc.; commend in honor of Women's History Month.

H. R. No. 151: Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship.

H. R. No. 152: Lisa McGhee Davis; commend esteemed career with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon the occasion of her retirement.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

At 10:32 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:34 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

Rep. Bounds moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

Rep. Oliver moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

Rep. Mims moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1705: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds in the treasury.

Rep. Cockerham moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Read called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 1706: Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of.

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale.

S. B. No. 2468: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2825: Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers.

S. B. No. 2846: Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects.

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise related programs, provide procedure of unobligated funds, and transfer certain funds.

Rep. Read moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from cancelling or denying coverage solely due to roof's age.

Rep. Hood moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

Rep. Roberson moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Creekmore called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. As used in this act, the term "seizure action plan" means a written, individualized health plan designed to acknowledge and prepare for the health care needs of a student or employee diagnosed with a seizure disorder.

SECTION 2. (1) (a) Beginning on July 1, 2025, the local school board of each public school district shall have at least one (1) school employee at each school who has met the training requirements necessary to administer or assist with the self-administration of a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms as approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor agency.

(b) A local school district shall be permitted to use any adequate and appropriate training program or guidelines for training of school personnel in the seizure disorder care tasks covered under this section.

(2) (a) Before administering a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms, the student's parent, guardian or responsible adult shall:

(i) Provide the school with a written authorization to administer the medication at school;

(ii) Provide a written statement from the person's health care practitioner, which shall contain the following information:

1. Full name;
2. The name and purpose of the medication;
3. The prescribed dosage;
4. The route of administration;
5. The frequency that the medication may be

administered; and

6. The circumstances under which the medication may be administered;

(iii) Provide the prescribed medication to the school in its unopened, sealed package with the label affixed by the dispensing pharmacy intact.

(b) In addition to the statements required in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the parent or guardian, or adult shall collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action plan.

(3) The statements and seizure action plan required in subsection (2) of this section shall be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or school administrator.

(4) The permission for the administration of any of the medications authorized under subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be effective for the school year in which it is granted and shall be renewed each following school year upon fulfilling the requirements of subsections (2) through (3) of this section.

(5) The requirements of this section shall apply only to schools that have an adult employee or enrolled student who has a seizure disorder, a seizure rescue medication or medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and any successor agency prescribed by the student's health care provider.

SECTION 3. A school district, school district employee or agent acting in good faith and in substantial compliance with the student's individual health plan and the instructions of the student's licensed health care professional, that provides assistance or services under this act shall be immune from criminal prosecution and shall not be liable in any criminal action for civil damages in his or her individual, marital, governmental, corporate or other capacities as a result of the services provided under this act to students with epilepsy or seizure disorders.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD SHALL HAVE AT LEAST ONE EMPLOYEE OR VENDOR AT EACH SCHOOL WHO HAS MET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER SEIZURE RESCUE MEDICATION FOR PERSONS EXPERIENCING SEIZURE DISORDER SYMPTOMS; TO REQUIRE TRAINING FOR SUCH PERSON TO BE CONSISTENT WITH GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND ANY SUCCESSOR AGENCY; TO REQUIRE THE PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULT OF CHILDREN WHO EXPERIENCE SEIZURE DISORDER SYMPTOMS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF NECESSARY MEDICATION, ALONG WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT FROM THE CHILD'S MEDICAL PROVIDER; TO REQUIRE THE WRITTEN STATEMENT AND THE CHILD'S SEIZURE ACTION PLAN TO BE KEPT

ON FILE BY THE SCHOOL NURSE OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR; TO EXEMPT SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE WITH A STUDENT'S INDIVIDUAL HEALTH PLAN TO RENDER ASSISTANCE TO A CHILD EXPERIENCING A SEIZURE EPISODE FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam Creekmore IV, Kevin Felsher, Jill Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Nicole Boyd, Sarita Simmons

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-3-1.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

41-3-1.1. (1) The State Board of Health * * * shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the Governor for a term of six (6) years, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as follows:

(a) Five (5) members of the board shall be currently licensed physicians of good professional standing who have had at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of medicine in this state. * * *

(b) Six (6) members of the board shall be individuals who have a background in public health or an interest in public health who are not currently or formerly licensed physicians. * * *

(c) The Governor * * * shall give due regard to geographic distribution, race and gender in making their appointments to the board. It is the intent of the Legislature that the membership of the board reflect the population of the State of Mississippi. * * * The terms of three (3) of the eleven (11) members of the board expired on June 30, 2023, and their successors have been named and await Senate confirmation. The terms of four (4) members will expire on June 30, 2025, and the terms of the other four (4) members will expire on June 30, 2027. For all appointments made from and after June 1, 2024, the Governor shall ensure that the board will always have two (2) members from each of the state's congressional districts, as they exist at the time of the appointment. In submitting the appointments for confirmation, the Governor shall include a statement that he or she has ascertained the current domicile of each of the board members, and that the appointments comply with the geographical requirements of this section. No member shall be required to resign from the board because he or she changed his or her domicile.

(2) * * * Vacancies in office shall be filled by * * * the Governor, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate at the next regular session of the Legislature. An appointment to fill a vacancy other than by expiration of a term of office shall be for the balance of the unexpired term and thereafter until his or her successor is duly appointed.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor may designate one (1) Senator and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may designate one (1) Representative to attend any meeting of the State Board of Health. The appointing authorities may designate alternate members from their respective houses to serve when the regular designees are unable to attend the meetings of the board. Those legislative designees shall have no jurisdiction or vote on any matter within the jurisdiction of the board. For attending meetings of the board, the legislators shall receive per diem and expenses, which shall be paid from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings of the board will be paid while the Legislature is in session. No per diem and expenses will be paid except for attending meetings of the board without prior approval of the proper committee in their respective houses.

(4) (a) All members of the State Board of Health shall file with the Mississippi Ethics Commission, before the first day of May each year, the statement of economic interest as required by Sections 25-4-25 through 25-4-29.

(b) No member of the board shall participate in any action by the board or department if that action could have any monetary effect on any business with which that member is associated, as defined in Section 25-4-103.

(c) When any matter in which a member may not participate comes before the board or department, that member must fully recuse himself or herself from the entire matter. The member shall avoid debating, discussing or taking action on the subject matter during official meetings or deliberations by leaving the meeting room before the matter comes before the board and by returning only after the discussion, vote or other action is completed. The member shall not discuss the matter with other members, department staff or any other person. Any minutes or other record of the meeting shall accurately reflect the recusal. If a member is uncertain whether recusal is required, the member shall follow the determination of the Mississippi Ethics Commission. The commission may delegate that determination to its executive director.

(d) Upon a determination by the board or by any court of competent jurisdiction that a member of the board has violated the provisions of this subsection (4) regarding recusal, the member shall be removed from office. Any member of the board who violates the provisions of this section regarding recusal also shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Sections 25-4-109 through 25-4-117. After removal from office, the member shall not be eligible for appointment to any agency, board or commission

of the state for a period of two (2) years. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the restrictions codified in Section 25-4-105.

SECTION 2. Section 41-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-3. Each person appointed as a member of the State Board of Health shall immediately take the oath prescribed by Section 268 of the Constitution and file a certificate thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State. Thereupon a commission shall be issued to him under the terms as specified in Section 41-3-1.

SECTION 3. Section 41-3-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-4. (1) There shall be a Chairman and Vice Chairman of the State Board of Health elected by and from its membership at the first meeting of the board; and the chairman shall be the presiding officer of the board. The chairman shall always be a physician member of the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings, and governing the manner of conducting its business. The board shall meet not less frequently than once each quarter, and at such other times as determined to be necessary. The term of office of any member who does not attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the board shall be automatically terminated, and the position shall be considered as vacant, except in cases of the serious illness of a board member or of his or her immediate family member. All meetings of the board shall be called by the chairman or by a majority of the members of the board, except the first meeting of the initial members of the reconstituted board, which shall be called by the Governor.

(2) The members of the board shall receive no annual salary but shall receive per diem compensation as is authorized by law for each day devoted to the discharge of official board duties and shall be entitled to reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, including mileage as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

SECTION 4. Section 41-3-5.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-5.1. The State Department of Health shall be headed by an executive officer who shall be appointed by the State Board of Health. The executive officer shall be either a physician who has earned a graduate degree in public health or health care administration, or a physician who in the opinion of the board is fitted and equipped to execute the duties incumbent upon him or her by law. The executive officer shall not engage in the private practice of medicine. The term of office of the executive officer shall be six (6) years, and the executive officer may be removed for cause by majority vote of the members of the board. The executive officer shall be subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the State Board of Health. The executive officer shall be the State Health Officer with such authority and responsibility as is prescribed by law.

SECTION 5. Section 41-3-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-6. It shall be the duty of the State Board of Health to review the statutes of the State of Mississippi affecting public health and submit at least thirty (30) days prior to each regular session of the Legislature any proposed legislation as may be necessary to enhance the effective and efficient delivery of public health services and to bring existing statutes into compliance with modern technology and terminology. The board shall formulate a plan for consolidating and reorganizing existing state agencies having responsibilities in the field of public health to eliminate any needless duplication in services which may be found to exist. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the State Board of Health shall cooperate with and may utilize the services, facilities and personnel of any department or agency of the state, any private citizen task force and the committees on public health of both houses of the Legislature. The State Board of Health is authorized to apply for and expend funds made available to it by grant from any source in order to perform its responsibilities under this section.

SECTION 6. Section 41-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

41-3-15. (1) (a) There shall be a State Department of Health.

(b) The State Board of Health shall have the following powers and duties:

(i) To formulate the policy of the State Department of Health regarding public health matters within the jurisdiction of the department;

(ii) To adopt, modify, repeal and promulgate, after due notice and hearing, and enforce rules and regulations implementing or effectuating the powers and duties of the department under any and all statutes within the department's jurisdiction, and as the board may deem necessary;

(iii) To apply for, receive, accept and expend any federal or state funds or contributions, gifts, trusts, devises, bequests, grants, endowments or funds from any other source or transfers of property of any kind;

(iv) To enter into, and to authorize the executive officer to execute contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with any federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or private institution located inside or outside the State of Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in connection with carrying out the provisions of this chapter, if it finds those actions to be in the public interest and the contracts or agreements do not have a financial cost that exceeds the amounts appropriated for those purposes by the Legislature;

(v) To appoint, upon recommendation of the Executive Officer of the State Department of Health, a Director of Internal Audit who shall be either a Certified Public Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor, and whose employment shall be continued at the discretion of the board, and who shall report directly to the board, or its designee; and

(vi) To discharge such other duties, responsibilities and powers as are necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter.

(c) The Executive Officer of the State Department of Health shall have the following powers and duties:

(i) To administer the policies of the State Board of Health within the authority granted by the board;

(ii) To supervise and direct all administrative and technical activities of the department, except that the department's internal auditor shall be subject to the sole supervision and direction of the board;

(iii) To organize the administrative units of the department in accordance with the plan adopted by the board and, with board approval, alter the organizational plan and reassign responsibilities as he or she may deem necessary to carry out the policies of the board;

(iv) To coordinate the activities of the various offices of the department;

(v) To employ, subject to regulations of the State Personnel Board, qualified professional personnel in the subject matter or fields of each office, and such other technical and clerical staff as may be required for the operation of the department. The executive officer shall be the appointing authority for the department, and shall have the power to delegate the authority to appoint or dismiss employees to appropriate subordinates, subject to the rules and regulations of the State Personnel Board;

(vi) To recommend to the board such studies and investigations as he or she may deem appropriate, and to carry out the approved recommendations in conjunction with the various offices;

(vii) To prepare and deliver to the Legislature and the Governor on or before January 1 of each year, and at such other times as may be required by the Legislature or Governor, a full report of the work of the department and the offices thereof, including a detailed statement of expenditures of the department and any recommendations the board may have;

(viii) To prepare and deliver to the Chairmen of the Public Health and Welfare/Human Services Committees of the Senate and House on or before January 1 of each year, a plan for monitoring infant mortality in Mississippi and a full report of the work of the department on reducing Mississippi's infant mortality and morbidity rates and improving the status of maternal and infant health; and

(ix) To enter into contracts, grants and cooperative agreements with any federal or state agency or subdivision thereof, or any public or private institution located inside or outside the State of Mississippi, or any person, corporation or association in connection with carrying out the provisions of this chapter, if he or she finds those actions to be in the public interest and the contracts or agreements do not have a financial cost that exceeds the amounts appropriated for those purposes by the Legislature. Each contract or agreement entered into by the executive officer shall be submitted to the board before its next meeting.

(2) The State Board of Health shall have the authority to establish an Office of Rural Health within the department. The duties and responsibilities of this office shall include the following:

(a) To collect and evaluate data on rural health conditions and needs;

(b) To engage in policy analysis, policy development and economic impact studies with regard to rural health issues;

(c) To develop and implement plans and provide technical assistance to enable community health systems to respond to various changes in their circumstances;

(d) To plan and assist in professional recruitment and retention of medical professionals and assistants; and

(e) To establish information clearinghouses to improve access to and sharing of rural health care information.

(3) The State Board of Health shall have general supervision of the health interests of the people of the state and to exercise the rights, powers and duties of those acts which it is authorized by law to enforce.

(4) The State Board of Health shall have authority:

(a) To make investigations and inquiries with respect to the causes of disease and death, and to investigate the effect of environment, including conditions of employment and other conditions that may affect health, and to make such other investigations as it may deem necessary for the preservation and improvement of health.

(b) To make such sanitary investigations as it may, from time to time, deem necessary for the protection and improvement of health and to investigate nuisance questions that affect the security of life and health within the state.

(c) To direct and control sanitary and quarantine measures for dealing with all diseases within the state possible to suppress same and prevent their spread.

(d) To obtain, collect and preserve such information relative to mortality, morbidity, disease and health as may be useful in the discharge of its duties or may contribute to the prevention of disease or the promotion of health in this state.

(e) To charge and collect reasonable fees for health services, including immunizations, inspections and related activities, and the board shall charge fees for those services; however, if it is determined that a person receiving services is unable to pay the total fee, the board shall collect any amount that the person is able to pay. Any increase in the fees charged by the board under this paragraph shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65.

(f) (i) To establish standards for, issue permits and exercise control over, any cafes, restaurants, food or drink stands, sandwich manufacturing establishments, and all other establishments, other than churches, church-related and private schools, and other nonprofit or charitable organizations, where food or drink is regularly prepared, handled and served for pay; and

(ii) To require that a permit be obtained from the Department of Health before those persons begin operation. If any such person fails to obtain the permit required in this subparagraph (ii), the State Board of Health, after due notice and opportunity for a hearing, may impose a monetary penalty not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation. However, the department is not authorized to impose a monetary penalty against any person whose gross annual prepared food sales are less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). Money collected

by the board under this subparagraph (ii) shall be deposited to the credit of the State General Fund of the State Treasury.

(g) To promulgate rules and regulations and exercise control over the production and sale of milk pursuant to the provisions of Sections 75-31-41 through 75-31-49.

(h) On presentation of proper authority, to enter into and inspect any public place or building where the State Health Officer or his representative deems it necessary and proper to enter for the discovery and suppression of disease and for the enforcement of any health or sanitary laws and regulations in the state.

(i) To conduct investigations, inquiries and hearings, and to issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and records at any hearing when authorized and required by statute to be conducted by the State Health Officer or the State Board of Health.

(j) To promulgate rules and regulations, and to collect data and information, on (i) the delivery of services through the practice of telemedicine; and (ii) the use of electronic records for the delivery of telemedicine services.

(k) To enforce and regulate domestic and imported fish as authorized under Section 69-7-601 et seq.

(5) (a) The State Board of Health shall have the authority, in its discretion, to establish programs to promote the public health, to be administered by the State Department of Health. Specifically, those programs may include, but shall not be limited to, programs in the following areas:

- (i) Maternal and child health;
- (ii) Family planning;
- (iii) Pediatric services;
- (iv) Services to crippled and disabled children;
- (v) Control of communicable and noncommunicable

disease;

- (vi) Chronic disease;
- (vii) Accidental deaths and injuries;
- (viii) Child care licensure;
- (ix) Radiological health;
- (x) Dental health;
- (xi) Milk sanitation;
- (xii) Occupational safety and health;
- (xiii) Food, vector control and general sanitation;
- (xiv) Protection of drinking water;
- (xv) Sanitation in food handling establishments open to

the public;

- (xvi) Registration of births and deaths and other vital

events;

- (xvii) Such public health programs and services as may

be assigned to the State Board of Health by the Legislature or by executive order; and

- (xviii) Regulation of domestic and imported fish for

human consumption.

(b) * * * [Deleted]

(c) The State Department of Health may undertake such technical programs and activities as may be required for the support and operation of those programs, including maintaining physical, chemical, bacteriological and radiological laboratories, and may make such diagnostic tests for diseases and tests for the evaluation of health hazards as may be deemed necessary for the protection of the people of the state.

(6) (a) The State Board of Health shall administer the local governments and rural water systems improvements loan program in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-16.

(b) The State Board of Health shall have authority:

(i) To enter into capitalization grant agreements with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or any successor agency thereto;

(ii) To accept capitalization grant awards made under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended;

(iii) To provide annual reports and audits to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, as may be required by federal capitalization grant agreements; and

(iv) To establish and collect fees to defray the reasonable costs of administering the revolving fund or emergency fund if the State Board of Health determines that those costs will exceed the limitations established in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended. The administration fees may be included in loan amounts to loan recipients for the purpose of facilitating payment to the board; however, those fees may not exceed five percent (5%) of the loan amount.

(7) * * * [Deleted]

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized to issue a license to an existing home health agency for the transfer of a county from that agency to another existing home health agency, and to charge a fee for reviewing and making a determination on the application for such transfer not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the authorized fee assessed for the original application for the home health agency, with the revenue to be deposited by the State Department of Health into the special fund created under Section 41-7-188.

(9) * * * [Deleted]

(10) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized to extend and renew any certificate of need that has expired, and to charge a fee for reviewing and making a determination on the application for such action not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the authorized fee assessed for the original application for the certificate of need, with the revenue to be deposited by the State Department of Health into the special fund created under Section 41-7-188.

(11) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized and empowered, to revoke, immediately, the license and require closure of any institution for the aged or infirm, including any other remedy less than closure to protect the health and safety of the residents of said institution or the health and safety of the general public.

(12) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the State Department of Health shall have the following specific powers: The State Department of Health is authorized and empowered, to require the temporary detainment of individuals for disease control purposes based upon violation of any order of the State Health Officer, as provided in Section 41-23-5. For the purpose of enforcing such orders of the State Health Officer, persons employed by the department as investigators shall have general arrest powers. All law enforcement officers are authorized and directed to assist in the enforcement of such orders of the State Health Officer.

(13) Additionally, the State Board of Health and the State Health Officer each are authorized and directed to study the status of health care, in its broadest sense, throughout the state. The study should include challenges such as access to care; the cost of care; indigent care; providing health care to the incarcerated; the availability of health care workers, paraprofessionals, and professionals; the effects of unhealthy lifestyle choices; the consequences of health care facilities locating in affluent and urban areas to the detriment of less affluent areas, small towns, and rural areas; and negative trends which may cause ill effects if they continue. The study shall also include opportunities to improve health care, such as greater coordination among state agencies, local governments, and other entities which provide various types of health care; methods of increasing the health care workforce; and methods to increase the location of health care facilities in distressed areas, rural areas, and small towns. All state agencies, the Legislative Budget Office and the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) are directed to assist the department in developing this study. This provision does not by itself grant any additional power to the State Board of Health or the State Health Officer to require any entity to operate differently. It does, however, empower and direct them to obtain

information and make recommendations, and it does require all entities to cooperate with the board and health officer as they seek information.

SECTION 7. Section 41-3-16, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-16. (1) (a) There is established a local governments and rural water systems improvements revolving loan and grant program to be administered by the State Department of Health, referred to in this section as "department," for the purpose of assisting counties, incorporated municipalities, districts or other water organizations that have been granted tax-exempt status under either federal or state law, in making improvements to their water systems, including construction of new water systems or expansion or repair of existing water systems. Loan and grant proceeds may be used by the recipient for planning, professional services, acquisition of interests in land, acquisition of personal property, construction, construction-related services, maintenance, and any other reasonable use which the board, in its discretion, may allow. For purposes of this section, "water systems" has the same meaning as the term "public water system" under Section 41-26-3.

(b) (i) There is created a board to be known as the "Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board," referred to in this section as "board," to be composed of the following nine (9) members: the State Health Officer, or his designee, who shall serve as chairman of the board; the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, or his designee; the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, or his designee; the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee; the Executive Director of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, or his designee; the Executive Director of the Mississippi Municipal League, or his designee; the Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Mississippi, or his designee; the State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, or his designee; and a manager of a rural water system.

The Governor shall appoint a manager of a rural water system from a list of candidates provided by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Rural Water Association. The Executive Director of the Mississippi Rural Water Association shall provide the Governor a list of candidates which shall contain a minimum of three (3) candidates for each appointment.

(ii) Nonappointed members of the board may designate another representative of their agency or association to serve as an alternate.

(iii) The gubernatorial appointee shall serve a term concurrent with the term of the Governor and until a successor is appointed and qualified. No member, officer or employee of the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Rural Water Association shall be eligible for appointment.

(c) The department, if requested by the board, shall furnish the board with facilities and staff as needed to administer this section. The department may contract, upon approval by the board, for those facilities and staff needed to administer this section, including routine management, as it deems necessary. The board may advertise for or solicit proposals from public or private sources, or both, for administration of this section or any services required for administration of this section or any portion thereof. It is the intent of the Legislature that the board endeavor to ensure that the costs of administration of this section are as low as possible in order to provide the water consumers of Mississippi safe drinking water at affordable prices.

(d) Members of the board may not receive any salary, compensation or per diem for the performance of their duties under this section.

(2) (a) There is created a special fund in the State Treasury to be designated as the "Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund," referred to in this section as "revolving fund," which fund shall consist of those monies as provided in Sections 6 and 13 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995. The revolving fund may receive appropriations, bond proceeds, grants, gifts, donations or funds from any source, public or private. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the revolving fund shall be credited with all repayments of principal and interest derived from loans made from the revolving fund. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the monies in the revolving fund may be expended only in amounts appropriated by the Legislature,

and the different amounts specifically provided for the loan program and the grant program shall be so designated. Except as otherwise provided in this section, monies in the fund may only be expended for the grant program from the amount designated for such program. The revolving fund shall be maintained in perpetuity for the purposes established in this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995. Unexpended amounts remaining in the revolving fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the revolving fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the revolving fund may not be used or expended for any purpose except as authorized under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995. Any monies in the fund may be used to match any federal funds that are available for the same or related purposes for which funds are used and expended under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995. Any federal funds shall be used and expended only in accordance with federal laws, rules and regulations governing the expenditure of those funds. No person shall use any monies from the revolving fund for the acquisition of real property or any interest in real property unless that property is integral to the project funded under this section and the purchase is made from a willing seller. No county, incorporated municipality or district shall acquire any real property or any interest in any real property for a project funded through the revolving fund by condemnation. The board's application of Sections 43-37-1 through 43-37-13 shall be no more stringent or extensive in scope, coverage and effect than federal property acquisition laws and regulations.

(b) There is created a special fund in the State Treasury to be designated as the "Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund," hereinafter referred to as "emergency fund," which fund shall consist of those monies as provided in Sections 6 and 13 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995. The emergency fund may receive appropriations, bond proceeds, grants, gifts, donations or funds from any source, public or private. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the emergency fund shall be credited with all repayments of principal and interest derived from loans made from the emergency fund. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the monies in the emergency fund may be expended only in amounts appropriated by the Legislature. The emergency fund shall be maintained in perpetuity for the purposes established in this section and Section 6 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995. Unexpended amounts remaining in the emergency fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund. Any interest earned on amounts in the emergency fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the emergency fund may not be used or expended for any purpose except as authorized under this section and Section 6 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995.

(c) The board created in subsection (1) shall establish loan and grant programs by which loans and grants may be made available to counties, incorporated municipalities, districts or other water organizations that have been granted tax-exempt status under either federal or state law, to assist those counties, incorporated municipalities, districts or water organizations in making water systems improvements, including the construction of new water systems or expansion or repair of existing water systems. Any entity eligible under this section may receive either a loan or a grant, or both. No grant awarded under the program established in this section may be made using funds from the loan program. Grants may be awarded only when the Legislature specifically appropriates funds for that particular purpose. The interest rate on those loans may vary from time to time and from loan to loan, and will be at or below market interest rates as determined by the board. The board shall act as quickly as is practicable and prudent in deciding on any loan request that it receives. Loans from the revolving fund or emergency fund may be made to counties, incorporated municipalities, districts or other water organizations that have been granted tax-exempt status under either federal or state law, as set forth in a loan agreement in amounts not to exceed one hundred percent (100%) of eligible project costs as established by the board. The board may require county, municipal, district or other water organization participation or funding from other sources, or otherwise limit the percentage of costs covered by loans from the revolving fund or the emergency fund. The board may

establish a maximum amount for any loan from the revolving fund or emergency fund in order to provide for broad and equitable participation in the programs.

(d) A county that receives a loan from the revolving fund or the emergency fund shall pledge for repayment of the loan any part of the homestead exemption annual tax loss reimbursement to which it may be entitled under Section 27-33-77, as may be required to meet the repayment schedule contained in the loan agreement. An incorporated municipality that receives a loan from the revolving fund or the emergency fund shall pledge for repayment of the loan any part of the sales tax revenue distribution to which it may be entitled under Section 27-65-75, as may be required to meet the repayment schedule contained in the loan agreement. All recipients of such loans shall establish a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of the loan. Before any county or incorporated municipality shall receive any loan, it shall have executed with the Department of Revenue and the board a loan agreement evidencing that loan. The loan agreement shall not be construed to prohibit any recipient from prepaying any part or all of the funds received. The repayment schedule in each loan agreement shall provide for (i) monthly payments, (ii) semiannual payments, or (iii) other periodic payments, the annual total of which shall not exceed the annual total for any other year of the loan by more than fifteen percent (15%). Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, the loan agreement shall provide for the repayment of all funds received from the revolving fund within not more than fifteen (15) years or a term as otherwise allowed by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and all funds received from the emergency fund within not more than five (5) years from the date of project completion, and any repayment shall commence not later than one (1) year after project completion. The Department of Revenue shall withhold semiannually from counties and monthly from incorporated municipalities from the amount to be remitted to the county or municipality, a sum equal to the next repayment as provided in the loan agreement.

(e) Any county, incorporated municipality, district or other water organization desiring to construct a project approved by the board which receives a loan from the state for that purpose but which is not eligible to pledge for repayment under the provisions of paragraph (d) of this subsection shall repay that loan by making payments each month to the State Treasurer through the Department of Finance and Administration for and on behalf of the board according to Section 7-7-15, to be credited to either the revolving fund or the emergency fund, whichever is appropriate, in lieu of pledging homestead exemption annual tax loss reimbursement or sales tax revenue distribution.

Loan repayments shall be according to a repayment schedule contained in each loan agreement as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection.

(f) Any district created pursuant to Sections 19-5-151 through 19-5-207 that receives a loan from the revolving fund or the emergency fund shall pledge for repayment of the loan any part of the revenues received by that district pursuant to Sections 19-5-151 through 19-5-207, as may be required to meet the repayment schedule contained in the loan agreement.

(g) The State Auditor, upon request of the board, shall audit the receipts and expenditures of a county, an incorporated municipality, district or other water organization whose loan repayments appear to be in arrears, and if the Auditor finds that the county, incorporated municipality, district or other water organization is in arrears in those repayments, the Auditor shall immediately notify the chairman of the board who may take any action as may be necessary to enforce the terms of the loan agreement, including liquidation and enforcement of the security given for repayment of the loan, and the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration who shall withhold all future payments to the county of homestead exemption annual tax loss reimbursements under Section 27-33-77 and all sums allocated to the county or the incorporated municipality under Section 27-65-75 until such time as the county or the incorporated municipality is again current in its loan repayments as certified by the board.

(h) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all monies deposited in the revolving fund or the emergency fund, including loan repayments and interest earned on those repayments, shall be used only for providing loans or other

financial assistance to water systems as the board deems appropriate. In addition, any amounts in the revolving fund or the emergency fund may be used to defray the reasonable costs of administering the revolving fund or the emergency fund and conducting activities under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, subject to any limitations established in the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended and subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature. The department is authorized, upon approval by the board, to use amounts available to it from the revolving fund or the emergency fund to contract for those facilities and staff needed to administer and provide routine management for the funds and loan program. However, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all or any portion of repayments of principal and interest derived from the fund uses described in this section may be designated or pledged for repayment of a loan as provided for in Section 31-25-28 in connection with a loan from the Mississippi Development Bank.

(3) In administering this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, the board created in subsection (1) of this section shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To supervise the use of all funds made available under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, for local governments and rural water systems improvements;

(b) To promulgate rules and regulations, to make variances and exceptions thereto, and to establish procedures in accordance with this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, for the implementation of the local governments and rural water systems improvements revolving loan program;

(c) To require, at the board's discretion, any loan or grant recipient to impose a per connection fee or surcharge or amended water rate schedule or tariff on each customer or any class of customers, benefiting from an improvement financed by a loan or grant made under this section, for repayment of any loan funds provided under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995. The board may require any loan or grant recipient to undergo a water system viability analysis and may require a loan or grant recipient to implement any result of the viability analysis. If the loan recipient fails to implement any result of a viability analysis as required by the board, the board may impose a monetary penalty or increase the interest rate on the loan, or both. If the grant recipient fails to implement any result of a viability analysis as required by the board, the board may impose a monetary penalty on the grant;

(d) To review and certify all projects for which funds are authorized to be made available under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, for local governments and rural water systems improvements;

(e) To requisition monies in the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund and the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund and distribute those monies on a project-by-project basis in accordance with this section;

(f) To ensure that the funds made available under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to a county, an incorporated municipality, a district or a water organization that has been granted tax-exempt status under either federal or state law provide for a distribution of projects and funds among the entities under a priority system established by the board;

(g) To maintain in accordance with generally accepted government accounting standards an accurate record of all monies in the revolving fund and the emergency fund made available to counties, incorporated municipalities, districts or other water organizations under this section and Sections 6 through 20 of Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, and the costs for each project;

(h) To establish policies, procedures and requirements concerning viability and financial capability to repay loans that may be used in approving loans available under this section, including a requirement that all loan recipients have a rate structure which will be sufficient to cover the costs of operation, maintenance, major equipment replacement and repayment of any loans made under this section; and

(i) To file annually with the Legislature a report detailing how monies in the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund and the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan

Fund were spent during the preceding fiscal year in each county, incorporated municipality, district or other water organization, the number of projects approved and constructed, and the cost of each project.

For efficient and effective administration of the loan program, revolving fund and emergency fund, the board may authorize the department or the State Health Officer to carry out any or all of the powers and duties enumerated above.

(4) The board may, on a case-by-case basis and to the extent allowed by federal law, renegotiate the payment of principal and interest on loans made under this section to the six (6) most southern counties of the state covered by the Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1604-DR) dated August 29, 2005, and to incorporated municipalities, districts or other water organizations located in such counties; however, the interest on the loans shall not be forgiven for a period of more than twenty-four (24) months and the maturity of the loans shall not be extended for a period of more than forty-eight (48) months.

SECTION 8. Section 41-3-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-17. The State Board of Health is authorized to make and publish all reasonable rules and regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its duties and powers and to carry out the purposes and objectives of its creation. It is further authorized to make reasonable sanitary rules and regulations, to be enforced in the several counties by the county health officer under the supervision and control of the State Board of Health. The State Board of Health shall not make or enforce any rule or regulation that prohibits consumers from providing their own containers for the purpose of purchasing or accepting water from any vending machine or device which filters or treats water that has already been tested and determined to meet or exceed the minimum health protection standards prescribed for drinking water under the Mississippi Safe Drinking Water Law, if that vending machine or device meets or exceeds United States Environmental Protection Agency or national automatic merchandising standards.

SECTION 9. Section 41-3-18, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-18. (1) The board shall assess fees in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

(a) Food establishment annual permit fee, based on the assessment factors of the establishment as follows:

Assessment Category 1	\$ 30.00
Assessment Category 2	100.00
Assessment Category 3	150.00
Assessment Category 4	200.00

(b) Private water supply approval fee.....\$ 10.00

The board may develop such reasonable standards, rules and regulations to clearly define each assessment category. Assessment categories shall be based upon the factors to the public health implications of the category and type of food preparation being utilized by the food establishment, utilizing the model Food Code of 1995, or as may be amended by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Any increase in the fees charged by the board under this subsection shall be in accordance with the provisions of Section 41-3-65.

(2) The fee authorized under subsection (1)(a) of this section shall not be assessed for:

(a) Food establishments operated by public schools, public junior and community colleges, or state agencies or institutions, including, without limitation, the state institutions of higher learning and the State Penitentiary; and

(b) Persons who make infrequent casual sales of honey and who pack or sell less than five hundred (500) gallons of honey per year, and those persons shall not be inspected by the State Department of Health unless requested by the producer.

(3) The fee authorized under subsection (1)(b) of this section shall not be assessed for private water supplies used by foster homes licensed by the Department of Child Protection Services.

SECTION 10. Section 41-3-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

41-3-19. It is the duty of the State Board of Health to make a report, in writing, to the Governor, on or before the first day of December next preceding each session, not an extraordinary session of the Legislature, upon the sanitary condition, prospect, and needs of the state, setting forth the action of said board, of its officers and agents, the names thereof, and all its expenditures since the last preceding report, and such other matters as it may deem proper for the promotion of health or the prevention of disease. The report shall be laid before the Legislature by the Governor at its ensuing term.

SECTION 11. Section 41-3-20, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-3-20. Sections 41-3-1.1, 41-3-3, 41-3-4, 41-3-5.1, 41-3-6, 41-3-15, 41-3-16, 41-3-17, 41-3-18 and 41-3-19, which create the State Board of Health, establish the position of Executive Officer of the State Department of Health and establish the State Department of Health and prescribe its powers and duties, shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2029.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 41-3-1.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE THAT FROM AND AFTER JUNE 1, 2024, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ENSURE THAT THE BOARD WILL ALWAYS HAVE TWO MEMBERS FROM EACH OF THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS; TO REENACT SECTIONS 41-3-3, 41-3-4, 41-3-5.1, 41-3-6, 41-3-16, 41-3-17, 41-3-18 AND 41-3-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CREATE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, ESTABLISH THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, AND ESTABLISH AND PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 41-3-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE VARIOUS OUTDATED PROVISIONS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DEVELOP A STUDY OF THE STATUS OF HEALTH CARE IN MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 41-3-20, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THOSE REENACTED STATUTES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam Creekmore IV, Kevin Felsher, Dana McLean

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, David Blount, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade, McCray. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Creekmore called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organizations and others to receive and administer.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organization to receive and administer.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-29-319, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-29-319. (1) This section shall be known as the "Emergency Response and Overdose Prevention Act."

(2) As used in this section, the following terms shall be defined as provided in this subsection:

(a) "Administer" means the direct application of a drug to the body of an individual by injection, inhalation, ingestion or any other means.

(b) "Community organization" means an organization aimed at making desired improvements to a community's social health, well-being, and overall functioning. "Community organization" may include organizations that participate in social work, and that are related to the organized development of community social welfare through coordination of public and private agencies. Community organizations may exist in geographically, culturally, spiritually, and digitally bounded communities.

(* * *c) "Distribute" means to deliver an opioid antagonist drug or opioid antagonist device by means other than by administering.

(* * *d) "Education employee" means an employee of any school district, public charter school, private school, public or private university, community college or junior college.

(e) "High-risk opioid overdose touchpoint" means a health care entity, public health program, criminal justice system or hospitality industry that may interact with individuals that are considered high risk of experiencing or witnessing an opioid overdose, or deliver harm-reduction services, or engage in treatment of substance use disorders.

(* * *f) "Possess" means to have physical control or custody of an opioid antagonist.

(* * *g) "Practitioner" means a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or any licensed health care provider who is authorized to prescribe an opioid antagonist.

(* * *h) "Opioid antagonist" means any drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effects of opioids acting on those receptors and that

is approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of an opioid-related overdose.

(** *i) "Opioid-related overdose" means an acute condition, including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, mania or death, resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined or that a layperson would reasonably believe to be resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid or another substance with which an opioid was combined for which medical assistance is required.

(** *j) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who possesses a valid emergency medical technician's certificate issued under Section 41-59-33.

(** *k) "Storage" means possession of an opioid antagonist with the intent to distribute or administer the opioid antagonist.

(3) (a) A practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner may directly, or by standing order, prescribe an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, or to a registered pain management clinic, community organization, family member, friend or other person in a position to assist such person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

(b) A practitioner acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner may issue a standing order to one or more individual pharmacies that authorizes the pharmacy to dispense an opioid antagonist to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose or to a community organization, family member, friend or other person in a position to assist such person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose, without the person to whom the opioid antagonist is dispensed needing to have an individual prescription.

(4) A pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to pharmacists may dispense opioid antagonists under a prescription or a standing order issued in accordance with subsection (3) of this section. However, before a pharmacist may dispense an opioid antagonist under the authority of subsection (3)(b) of this section, the pharmacist must complete a training program approved by the State Board of Pharmacy on opioid antagonists.

(5) (a) A person acting in good faith and with reasonable care to another person whom he or she believes to be experiencing an opioid-related overdose may administer an opioid antagonist that was prescribed or authorized by a standing order in accordance with subsection (3) of this section.

(b) A person acting in good faith and with reasonable care to another person whom he or she believes to be experiencing an opioid-related overdose may administer an opioid antagonist that was distributed by an education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint. Failure of an education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint, or a member or personnel of such organization, to act shall not expose such organization, member, or personnel to any criminal or civil liability.

(6) Emergency medical technicians, firefighters and law enforcement officers acting in good faith shall be authorized and permitted to administer an opioid antagonist as clinically indicated. Failure of an emergency medical technician, firefighter or law enforcement officer to act shall not expose such person to any criminal or civil liability.

(7) (a) An education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint may store or distribute an opioid antagonist.

(b) An education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint may administer an opioid antagonist to another person if the education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint:

(i) In good faith, believes the other person is experiencing a drug overdose; and

(ii) Acts with reasonable care in administering the opioid antagonist to the other person.

(c) The Department of Health may distribute an opioid antagonist to any education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose

touchpoint upon a request made in writing by the education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint.

(d) A person may store an opioid antagonist that is distributed by an education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint.

(e) Failure of an education employee, community organization, high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint or a member or personnel of such organization, to act shall not expose such organization, member, or personnel to any criminal or civil liability.

(** *8) The following individuals are immune from any civil or criminal liability or professional licensing sanctions for the following actions authorized by this section:

(a) Any practitioner who prescribes or issues a standing order for an opioid antagonist in accordance with subsection (3) of this section;

(b) Any practitioner or pharmacist acting in good faith and in compliance with the standard of care applicable to that practitioner or pharmacist who dispenses an opioid antagonist under a prescription or standing order issued in accordance with subsection (3) of this section;

(c) (i) Any person other than a practitioner who administers an opioid antagonist in accordance with subsection (5) of this section; and

(ii) Any person other than a practitioner who stores an opioid antagonist distributed by an education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint;

(d) Any emergency medical technician, firefighters and law enforcement officers who administers an opioid antagonist in accordance with subsection (6) of this section.

(e) Any education employee, community organization or high-risk opioid overdose touchpoint who stores, distributes or administers an opioid antagonist under subsection (7) of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-29-319, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERMS "COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION" AND "HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT" FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT; TO AUTHORIZE A PRACTITIONER ACTING IN GOOD FAITH TO DIRECTLY, OR BY STANDING ORDER, PRESCRIBE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION; TO AUTHORIZE A PERSON ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH REASONABLE CARE TO ADMINISTER AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST THAT WAS DISTRIBUTED BY A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT TO ANOTHER PERSON WHOM HE OR SHE BELIEVES TO BE EXPERIENCING AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE; TO AUTHORIZE A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST; TO AUTHORIZE A MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT TO ADMINISTER AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO ANOTHER PERSON; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO DISTRIBUTE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST TO ANY MEMBER OF A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT UPON A REQUEST MADE IN WRITING BY THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT; TO AUTHORIZE A PERSON TO STORE AN OPIOID ANTAGONIST THAT IS DISTRIBUTED BY A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY PROTECTION TO A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OR HIGH-RISK OPIOID OVERDOSE TOUCHPOINT AND MEMBERS AND PERSONNEL OF SUCH ORGANIZATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam Creekmore IV, Beth Luther Waldo, Fabian Nelson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Jason Barrett

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, McCray. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Creekmore called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 41-19-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-19-33. (1) Each region so designated or established under Section 41-19-31 shall establish a regional commission to be composed of members appointed by the boards of supervisors of the various counties in the region. Each regional commission shall employ or contract with an accountant for the purpose of managing the finances of the commission. The accountant shall provide an annual audit to the commission in addition to his or her other duties. It shall be the duty of such regional commission to administer mental health/intellectual disability programs certified and

required by the State Board of Mental Health and as specified in Section 41-4-1(2). In addition, once designated and established as provided hereinabove, a regional commission shall have the following authority and shall pursue and promote the following general purposes:

(a) To establish, own, lease, acquire, construct, build, operate and maintain mental illness, mental health, intellectual disability, alcoholism and general rehabilitative facilities and services designed to serve the needs of the people of the region so designated, provided that the services supplied by the regional commissions shall include those services determined by the Department of Mental Health to be necessary and may include, in addition to the above, services for persons with developmental and learning disabilities; for persons suffering from narcotic addiction and problems of drug abuse and drug dependence; and for the aging as designated and certified by the Department of Mental Health. Such regional mental health and intellectual disability commissions and other community service providers shall, on or before July 1 of each year, submit an annual operational plan to the Department of Mental Health for approval or disapproval based on the minimum standards and minimum required services established by the department for certification and itemize the services as specified in Section 41-4-1(2), including financial statements. As part of the annual operation plan required by Section 41-4-7(h) submitted by any regional community mental health center or by any other reasonable certification deemed acceptable by the department, the community mental health center shall state those services specified in Section 41-4-1(2) that it will provide and also those services that it will not provide. If the department finds deficiencies in the plan of any regional commission or community service provider based on the minimum standards and minimum required services established for certification, the department shall give the regional commission or community service provider a six-month probationary period to bring its standards and services up to the established minimum standards and minimum required services. The regional commission or community service provider shall develop a sustainability business plan within thirty (30) days of being placed on probation, which shall be signed by all commissioners and shall include policies to address one or more of the following: the deficiencies in programmatic services, clinical service staff expectations, timely and appropriate billing, processes to obtain credentialing for staff, monthly reporting processes, third-party financial reporting and any other required documentation as determined by the department. After the six-month probationary period, if the department determines that the regional commission or community service provider still does not meet the minimum standards and minimum required services established for certification, the department may remove the certification of the commission or provider, and from and after July 1, 2011, the commission or provider shall be ineligible for state funds from Medicaid reimbursement or other funding sources for those services. After the six-month probationary period, the Department of Mental Health may identify an appropriate community service provider to provide any core services in that county that are not provided by a community mental health center. However, the department shall not offer reimbursement or other accommodations to a community service provider of core services that were not offered to the decertified community mental health center for the same or similar services.

(b) To provide facilities and services for the prevention of mental illness, mental disorders, developmental and learning disabilities, alcoholism, narcotic addiction, drug abuse, drug dependence and other related handicaps or problems (including the problems of the aging) among the people of the region so designated, and for the rehabilitation of persons suffering from such illnesses, disorders, handicaps or problems as designated and certified by the Department of Mental Health.

(c) To promote increased understanding of the problems of mental illness, intellectual disabilities, alcoholism, developmental and learning disabilities, narcotic addiction, drug abuse and drug dependence and other related problems (including the problems of the aging) by the people of the region, and also to promote increased understanding of the purposes and methods of the rehabilitation of persons suffering from such illnesses, disorders, handicaps or problems as designated and certified by the Department of Mental Health.

(d) To enter into contracts and to make such other arrangements as may be necessary, from time to time, with the United States government, the government of the State of Mississippi and such other agencies or governmental bodies as may be approved by and acceptable to the regional commission for the purpose of establishing, funding, constructing, operating and maintaining facilities and services for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons suffering from mental illness, an intellectual disability, alcoholism, developmental and learning disabilities, narcotic addiction, drug abuse, drug dependence and other illnesses, disorders, handicaps and problems (including the problems of the aging) as designated and certified by the Department of Mental Health.

(e) To enter into contracts and make such other arrangements as may be necessary with any and all private businesses, corporations, partnerships, proprietorships or other private agencies, whether organized for profit or otherwise, as may be approved by and acceptable to the regional commission for the purpose of establishing, funding, constructing, operating and maintaining facilities and services for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of persons suffering from mental illness, an intellectual disability, alcoholism, developmental and learning disabilities, narcotic addiction, drug abuse, drug dependence and other illnesses, disorders, handicaps and problems (including the problems of the aging) relating to minimum services established by the Department of Mental Health.

(f) To promote the general mental health of the people of the region.

(g) To pay the administrative costs of the operation of the regional commissions, including per diem for the members of the commission and its employees, attorney's fees, if and when such are required in the opinion of the commission, and such other expenses of the commission as may be necessary. The Department of Mental Health standards and audit rules shall determine what administrative cost figures shall consist of for the purposes of this paragraph. Each regional commission shall submit a cost report annually to the Department of Mental Health in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the department.

(h) To employ and compensate any personnel that may be necessary to effectively carry out the programs and services established under the provisions of the aforesaid act, provided such person meets the standards established by the Department of Mental Health.

(i) To acquire whatever hazard, casualty or workers' compensation insurance that may be necessary for any property, real or personal, owned, leased or rented by the commissions, or any employees or personnel hired by the commissions.

(j) To acquire professional liability insurance on all employees as may be deemed necessary and proper by the commission, and to pay, out of the funds of the commission, all premiums due and payable on account thereof.

(k) To provide and finance within their own facilities, or through agreements or contracts with other local, state or federal agencies or institutions, nonprofit corporations, or political subdivisions or representatives thereof, programs and services for persons with mental illness, including treatment for alcoholics, and promulgating and administering of programs to combat drug abuse and programs for services for persons with an intellectual disability.

(l) To borrow money from private lending institutions in order to promote any of the foregoing purposes. A commission may pledge collateral, including real estate, to secure the repayment of money borrowed under the authority of this paragraph. Any such borrowing undertaken by a commission shall be on terms and conditions that are prudent in the sound judgment of the members of the commission, and the interest on any such loan shall not exceed the amount specified in Section 75-17-105. Any money borrowed, debts incurred or other obligations undertaken by a commission, regardless of whether borrowed, incurred or undertaken before or after March 15, 1995, shall be valid, binding and enforceable if it or they are borrowed, incurred or undertaken for any purpose specified in this section and otherwise conform to the requirements of this paragraph.

(m) To acquire, own and dispose of real and personal property. Any real and personal property paid for with state and/or county appropriated funds

must have the written approval of the Department of Mental Health and/or the county board of supervisors, depending on the original source of funding, before being disposed of under this paragraph.

(n) To enter into managed care contracts and make such other arrangements as may be deemed necessary or appropriate by the regional commission in order to participate in any managed care program. Any such contract or arrangement affecting more than one (1) region must have prior written approval of the Department of Mental Health before being initiated and annually thereafter.

(o) To provide facilities and services on a discounted or capitated basis. Any such action when affecting more than one (1) region must have prior written approval of the Department of Mental Health before being initiated and annually thereafter.

(p) To enter into contracts, agreements or other arrangements with any person, payor, provider or other entity, under which the regional commission assumes financial risk for the provision or delivery of any services, when deemed to be necessary or appropriate by the regional commission. Any action under this paragraph affecting more than one (1) region must have prior written approval of the Department of Mental Health before being initiated and annually thereafter.

(q) To provide direct or indirect funding, grants, financial support and assistance for any health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization or other managed care entity or contractor, where such organization, entity or contractor is operated on a nonprofit basis. Any action under this paragraph affecting more than one (1) region must have prior written approval of the Department of Mental Health before being initiated and annually thereafter.

(r) To form, establish, operate, and/or be a member of or participant in, either individually or with one or more other regional commissions, any managed care entity as defined in Section 83-41-403(c). Any action under this paragraph affecting more than one (1) region must have prior written approval of the Department of Mental Health before being initiated and annually thereafter.

(s) To meet at least annually with the board of supervisors of each county in its region for the purpose of presenting its total annual budget and total mental health/intellectual disability services system. The commission shall submit an annual report on the adult mental health services, children mental health services and intellectual disability services required by the State Board of Mental Health.

(t) To provide alternative living arrangements for persons with serious mental illness, including, but not limited to, group homes for persons with chronic mental illness.

(u) To make purchases and enter into contracts for purchasing in compliance with the public purchasing law, Sections 31-7-12 and 31-7-13, with compliance with the public purchasing law subject to audit by the State Department of Audit.

(v) To ensure that all available funds are used for the benefit of persons with mental illness, persons with an intellectual disability, substance abusers and persons with developmental disabilities with maximum efficiency and minimum administrative cost. At any time a regional commission, and/or other related organization whatever it may be, accumulates surplus funds in excess of one-half (1/2) of its annual operating budget, the entity must submit a plan to the Department of Mental Health stating the capital improvements or other projects that require such surplus accumulation. If the required plan is not submitted within forty-five (45) days of the end of the applicable fiscal year, the Department of Mental Health shall withhold all state appropriated funds from such regional commission until such time as the capital improvement plan is submitted. If the submitted capital improvement plan is not accepted by the department, the surplus funds shall be expended by the regional commission in the local mental health region on group homes for persons with mental illness, persons with an intellectual disability, substance abusers, children or other mental health/intellectual disability services approved by the Department of Mental Health.

(w) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to fingerprint and perform a criminal history record check on every employee or volunteer. Every

employee or volunteer shall provide a valid current social security number and/or driver's license number that will be furnished to conduct the criminal history record check. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check.

(x) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, each regional commission shall have the authority to create and operate a primary care health clinic to treat (i) its patients; and (ii) its patients' family members related within the third degree; and (iii) its patients' household members or caregivers, subject to the following requirements:

(i) The regional commission may employ and compensate any personnel necessary and must satisfy applicable state and federal laws and regulations regarding the administration and operation of a primary care health clinic.

(ii) A Mississippi licensed physician must be employed or under agreement with the regional commission to provide medical direction and/or to carry out the physician responsibilities as described under applicable state and/or federal law and regulations.

(iii) The physician providing medical direction for the primary care clinic shall not be certified solely in psychiatry.

(iv) A sliding fee scale may be used by the regional commission when no other payer source is identified.

(v) The regional commission must ensure services will be available and accessible promptly and in a manner that preserves human dignity and assures continuity of care.

(vi) The regional commission must provide a semiannual report to the Chairmen of the Public Health Committees in both the House of Representatives and Senate. At a minimum, for each reporting period, these reports shall describe the number of patients provided primary care services, the types of services provided, and the payer source for the patients. Except for patient information and any other information that may be exempt from disclosure under the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Mississippi Public Records Act, the reports shall be considered public records.

(vii) The regional commission must employ or contract with a core clinical staff that is multidisciplinary and culturally and linguistically competent.

(viii) The regional commission must ensure that its physician as described in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (x) has admitting privileges at one or more local hospitals or has an agreement with a physician who has admitting privileges at one or more local hospitals to ensure continuity of care.

(ix) The regional commission must provide an independent financial audit report to the State Department of Mental Health and, except for patient information and any other information that may be exempt from disclosure under HIPAA and the Mississippi Public Records Act, the audit report shall be considered a public record.

For the purposes of this paragraph (x), the term "caregiver" means an individual who has the principal and primary responsibility for caring for a child or dependent adult, especially in the home setting.

(y) In general to take any action which will promote, either directly or indirectly, any and all of the foregoing purposes.

(z) All regional commissioners shall receive new orientation training and annual training with continuing education regarding the Mississippi mental health system and services as developed by the State Department of Mental Health. Training shall be provided at the expense of the department except for travel expenses which shall be paid by the regional commission.

(aa) To establish a community mental health center to provide mental health services in its region.

(2) The types of services established by the State Department of Mental Health that must be provided by the regional mental health/intellectual disability centers

for certification by the department, and the minimum levels and standards for those services established by the department, shall be provided by the regional mental health/intellectual disability centers to children when such services are appropriate for children, in the determination of the department.

(3) Each regional commission shall compile quarterly financial statements and status reports from each individual community health center. The compiled reports shall be submitted to the coordinator quarterly. The reports shall contain a:

- (a) Balance sheet;
- (b) Statement of operations;
- (c) Statement of cash flows; and
- (d) Description of the status of individual community health center's

actions taken to increase access to and availability of community mental health services.

(4) (a) The community mental health center shall submit a written quarterly report to the board of supervisors of each county in its region. The report shall include the following information for the prior quarter:

(i) The number of occupancy percentages reported by the crisis stabilization unit in the region;

(ii) The number of individuals held in jail after the commitment process has been initiated and the number of individuals the community mental health center provided treatment to while they were in jail, as required by Section 41-21-67;

(iii) The number of pre-affidavit screenings conducted;

(iv) The number of individuals diverted to a lesser restrictive alternative from commitment;

(v) The number of crisis stabilization unit denials and the reason for denial;

(vi) Summary report of Medicaid claims, including denials; and

(vii) Cash balance as of the date of the end of the quarter.

(b) The community mental health center shall provide the Department of Mental Health, local sheriffs and chancery court judges with a copy of the community mental health center's report each quarter.

SECTION 2. Section 41-21-65, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1088, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

41-21-65. (1) It is the intention of the Legislature that the filing of an affidavit under this section be a simple, inexpensive, uniform, and streamlined process for the purpose of facilitating and expediting the care of individuals in need of treatment.

(2) The Uniform Civil Commitment Affidavit developed by the Department of Mental Health under this section must be provided by the clerk of the chancery court to any party or affiant seeking a civil commitment under this section, and must be utilized in all counties to commence civil commitment proceedings under this section. The affidavit must be made available to the public on the website of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

(3) The Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the Mississippi Chancery Clerks Association, the Mississippi Conference of Chancery Court Judges and the Mississippi Association of Community Mental Health Centers, must develop a written guide setting out the steps in the commitment process no later than January 1, 2020. The guide shall be designated as the "Uniform Civil Commitment Guide" and must include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) Steps in the civil commitment process from affidavit to commitment, written in easily understandable layman's terms;

(b) A schedule of fees and assessments that will be charged to commence a commitment proceeding under this section;

(c) Eligibility requirements and instructions for filing a pauper's affidavit; and

(d) A statement on the front cover of the guide advising that persons wishing to pursue a civil commitment under this section are not required to retain an attorney for any portion of the commitment process.

(4) Immediately upon availability, but no later than January 1, 2020, the Uniform Civil Commitment Guide must be provided by the clerk of the chancery court to any party or affiant seeking a civil commitment under this section and also must be made available to the public on the website of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.

(5) If any person is alleged to be in need of treatment, any relative of the person, or any interested person, may make affidavit of that fact and shall file the Uniform Civil Commitment Affidavit with the clerk of the chancery court of the county in which the person alleged to be in need of treatment resides, but the chancellor or duly appointed special master may, in his or her discretion, hear the matter in the county in which the person may be found or the circuit judge may hear such matter as provided in Section 41-21-63. Prior to filing an affidavit for commitment of an individual, the relative or interested person shall be connected with the community mental health center for a pre-affidavit screening as set forth in Section 41-21-67. The pre-affidavit screening is mandatory and must be completed before any affidavit for commitment is filed, except as otherwise provided in Section 41-21-67(2). The affidavit shall set forth the name and address of the proposed patient's nearest relatives and whether the proposed patient resides or has visitation rights with any minor children, if known, and the reasons for the affidavit. The affidavit must contain factual descriptions of the proposed patient's recent behavior, including a description of the behavior, where it occurred, and over what period of time it occurred, if known. The affidavit shall state specifically that a less restrictive alternative treatment was considered and specify why treatment less restrictive than involuntary commitment is not appropriate. Each factual allegation may be supported by observations of witnesses and the pre-affidavit screener named in the affidavit. The Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the Mississippi Chancery Clerks' Association, shall develop a simple, one-page affidavit form for the use of affiants as provided in this section. The affidavit also must state whether the affiant has * * * received notice of the pre-affidavit screening from a community mental health center * * * determining whether the alleged acts by the proposed respondent warrant civil commitment in lieu of other less-restrictive treatment options. No chancery clerk shall require an affiant to retain an attorney for the filing of an affidavit under this section.

(6) The chancery clerk may charge a total filing fee for all services equal to the amount set out in Section 25-7-9(o), and the appropriate state and county assessments as required by law which include, but are not limited to, assessments for the Judicial Operation Fund (Section 25-7-9(3)(b)); the Electronic Court System Fund (Section 25-7-9(3)(a)); the Civil Legal Assistance Fund (Section 25-7-9(1)(k)); the Court Education and Training Fund (Section 37-26-3); State Court Constituent's Fund (Section 37-26-9(4)); and reasonable court reporter's fee. Costs incidental to the court proceedings as set forth in Section 41-21-79 may not be included in the assessments permitted by this subsection. The total of the fees and assessments permitted by this subsection may not exceed One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

(7) The prohibition against charging the affiant other fees, expenses, or costs shall not preclude the imposition of monetary criminal penalties under Section 41-21-107 or any other criminal statute, or the imposition by the chancellor of monetary penalties for contempt if the affiant is found to have filed an intentionally false affidavit or filed the affidavit in bad faith for a malicious purpose.

(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed so as to conflict with Section 41-21-63.

(9) The Department of Mental Health shall provide annual training to chancery and circuit court clerks to inform them about statutory procedures for civil commitments.

SECTION 3. Section 41-21-67, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1088, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

41-21-67. (1) (a) Prior to filing an affidavit for commitment of an individual, the relative or interested person shall be connected with the community mental health

center in the county of financial responsibility or the county where the proposed patient is present for conduct of preliminary investigation to determine the need to file an affidavit for involuntary commitment. If the community mental health center is unavailable, any reputable licensed physician, psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant, as allowed in the discretion of the court, may conduct the pre-affidavit screening and examination as set forth in Section 41-21-69. The pre-affidavit screening shall be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of the community mental health center being notified. The community mental health center shall provide the pre-affidavit screening report to the chancery clerk for the county in which the petition is to be filed upon completion. The community mental health center shall appoint a screener to conduct an investigation. The prospective petitioner may not be the pre-affidavit screener. The investigation must include:

(i) An interview with the proposed patient and other individuals who appear to have knowledge of the condition of the proposed patient, if practicable. In-person interviews with the proposed patient are preferred. If the proposed patient is not interviewed, specific reasons must be documented;

(ii) Identification and investigation of specific alleged conduct that is the basis for application;

(iii) Identification, exploration, and listing of the specific reasons for rejecting or recommending alternatives to involuntary commitment; and

(iv) In the case of a commitment based on mental illness, information relevant to treatment.

(b) In conducting the investigation required by this subsection, the screener shall have access to all relevant medical records of proposed patients currently in treatment facilities, state-operated treatment programs, or community-based treatment programs. Data collected pursuant to this paragraph shall be considered private data on individuals. The pre-affidavit screening report is not admissible as evidence in court except by agreement of counsel or as permitted by the rules of court and is not admissible in any court proceedings unrelated to the commitment proceedings.

(c) When the pre-affidavit screener recommends commitment, a written report shall be sent to the chancery clerk for the county in which the petition is to be filed. The statement of facts contained in the written report must meet the requirements of Section 41-21-65(5), specifically certifying that a less restrictive alternative treatment was considered and specifying why treatment less restrictive than involuntary commitment is not appropriate.

(d) The pre-affidavit screener shall refuse to support the filing of an affidavit if the investigation does not disclose evidence sufficient to support commitment. Notice of the pre-affidavit screener's decision shall be provided to the prospective petitioner and the court. If a commitment is not recommended, the pre-affidavit screener shall provide the prospective petitioner with connection to other alternative services and resources available and offered, if appropriate.

(e) If the interested person wishes to proceed with a petition contrary to the recommendation of the pre-affidavit screener, application may be made directly to the chancellor, who shall determine whether or not to proceed with the petition. Notice of the chancellor's determination shall be provided to the interested party.

(** *2) *** After a pre-affidavit screener has attempted to complete an in-person screening, if a person is actively violent or refuses to participate in the pre-affidavit screening and the screening cannot be completed, then upon recommendation of the community mental health center, the affidavit may be filed and a writ issued for a sheriff to intervene. The pre-affidavit screener shall document why the pre-affidavit screening could not be completed. After completing the pre-affidavit screening required by subsection (1) of this section, receiving the written report from the pre-affidavit screener, and upon filing of an affidavit of commitment, the clerk, upon direction of the chancellor of the court, shall issue a writ directed to the sheriff of the proper county to take into custody the person alleged to be in need of treatment and to take the person for *** physical and mental examination and treatment by the appropriate community mental health center established under Section 41-19-31.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-21-63, the community mental health center will be designated as the first point of entry for *** pre-affidavit screening and treatment. *** The *** writ may provide where the person shall be held before being taken for *** examination and treatment, which shall include any licensed medical facility or crisis stabilization unit. *** Reapplication may be made to the chancellor. If a pauper's affidavit is filed by an affiant who is a guardian or conservator of a person in need of treatment, the court shall determine if either the affiant or the person in need of treatment is a pauper and if *** the affiant or the person in need of treatment is determined to be a pauper, the county of the residence of the respondent shall bear the costs of commitment, unless funds for those purposes are made available by the state. ***

(** *3) (a) Upon *** receiving the pre-affidavit screening and filing of an affidavit of commitment, the chancellor shall immediately appoint and summon two (2) reputable, licensed physicians or one (1) reputable, licensed physician and either one (1) psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant to conduct a physical and mental examination of the person at a place to be designated by the clerk or chancellor and to report their findings to the clerk or chancellor. However, if the pre-affidavit screening recommends against commitment, the chancellor may refuse to appoint two (2) physicians to conduct a physical and mental examination. However, any nurse practitioner or physician assistant conducting the examination shall be independent from, and not under the supervision of, the other physician conducting the examination. A nurse practitioner or psychiatric nurse practitioner conducting an examination under this chapter must be functioning within a collaborative or consultative relationship with a physician as required under Section 73-15-20(3). In all counties in which there is a county health officer, the county health officer, if available, may be one (1) of the physicians so appointed. If a licensed physician is not available to conduct the physical and mental examination within forty-eight (48) hours of the *** pre-affidavit screening, the court, in its discretion and upon good cause shown, may permit the examination to be conducted by the following: (a) two (2) nurse practitioners, one (1) of whom must be a psychiatric nurse practitioner; or (b) one (1) psychiatric nurse practitioner and one (1) psychologist or physician assistant. Neither of the physicians nor the psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant selected shall be related to that person in any way, nor have any direct or indirect interest in the estate of that person nor shall any full-time staff of residential treatment facilities operated directly by the State Department of Mental Health serve as examiner.

(b) Any health care practitioner who conducts a physical and mental examination of a person as provided under paragraph (a) of this subsection may sign the certificate required for establishing a guardianship or conservatorship for the person and take care of other related requirements as otherwise provided by law, at the time of conducting the physical and mental examinations.

(** *4) The clerk shall ascertain whether the respondent is represented by an attorney, and if it is determined that the respondent does not have an attorney, the clerk shall immediately notify the chancellor of that fact. If the chancellor determines that the respondent for any reason does not have the services of an attorney, the chancellor shall immediately appoint an attorney for the respondent at the time the examiners are appointed.

(** *5) (a) If the chancellor determines that there is probable cause to believe that the respondent *** has a mental illness and that there is no reasonable alternative to detention, the chancellor may order that the respondent be retained as an emergency patient at any licensed medical facility, crisis stabilization unit, or any other available suitable location for evaluation by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant and that a peace officer transport the respondent to the specified facility, unit or location. If the community mental health center serving the county has partnered with Crisis Intervention Teams under the provisions of Sections 41-21-131 through 41-21-143, the order may specify that the licensed medical facility be a designated single point of entry within the county or within an adjacent county served by the community mental health center. If the person evaluating the respondent finds that the respondent *** has a mental illness and in need of treatment, the chancellor may order that the respondent be retained at the licensed medical facility, crisis stabilization unit,

or any other available suitable location as the court may so designate pending an admission hearing. If necessary, the chancellor may order a peace officer or other person to transport the respondent to that facility, or unit or suitable location. Any respondent so retained may be given such treatment as is indicated by standard medical practice. However, the respondent shall not be held in a hospital operated directly by the State Department of Mental Health * * *.

(b) A jail or other detention center may not be used for custody unless the community mental health center has explored and exhausted the availability of other appropriate facilities, such as the crisis stabilization unit, the local hospital and any Department of Mental Health certified location; the chancellor specifically authorizes it; and the respondent is actively violent. The county of residence of any such person shall pay the cost of such interim treatment. The community mental health center shall provide documentation of the person's violent behavior and that no other appropriate facilities are available to the chancellor. Under these circumstances, no person may remain in a jail for longer than twenty-four (24) hours unless the community mental health center requests an additional twenty-four (24) hours from the chancellor. The community mental health center shall provide treatment during this timeframe pending placement at an appropriate facility.

For the purposes of this subsection (5), "actively violent" means that the behavior presents an immediate and serious danger to the safety of the individual or another, the individual has inflicted or attempted to inflict serious bodily harm on another, or has acted in such a way as to create a substantial risk of serious bodily harm to another, or has engaged in extreme destruction of property; and that there is a reasonable probability that this conduct will be repeated.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not be construed to include jails that are designated as holding facilities under the requirement provided by Section 41-21-77.

(* * *6) (a) Whenever a licensed psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who is certified to complete examinations for the purpose of commitment or a licensed physician has reason to believe that a person poses an immediate substantial likelihood of physical harm to himself or others or is gravely disabled and unable to care for himself by virtue of mental illness, as defined in Section 41-21-61(e), then the physician, psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant may hold the person or may admit the person to and treat the person in a licensed medical facility, without a civil order or warrant for a period not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours. However, if the seventy-two-hour period begins or ends when the chancery clerk's office is closed, or within three (3) hours of closing, and the chancery clerk's office will be continuously closed for a time that exceeds seventy-two (72) hours, then the seventy-two-hour period is extended until the end of the next business day that the chancery clerk's office is open. The person may be held and treated as an emergency patient at any licensed medical facility, available regional mental health facility, or crisis * * * stabilization unit. The physician or psychologist, nurse practitioner or physician assistant who holds the person shall certify in writing the reasons for the need for holding.

If a person is being held and treated in a licensed medical facility, and that person decides to continue treatment by voluntarily signing consent for admission and treatment, the seventy-two-hour hold may be discontinued without filing an affidavit for commitment. Any respondent so held may be given such treatment as indicated by standard medical practice. Persons acting in good faith in connection with the detention and reporting of a person believed to * * * have a mental illness shall incur no liability, civil or criminal, for those acts.

(b) Whenever an individual is held for purposes of receiving treatment as prescribed under paragraph (a) of this subsection, and it is communicated to the mental health professional holding the individual that the individual resides or has visitation rights with a minor child, and if the individual is considered to be a danger to the minor child, the mental health professional shall notify the Department of Child Protection Services prior to discharge if the threat of harm continues to exist, as is required under Section 43-21-353.

This paragraph (b) shall be known and may be cited as the "Andrew Lloyd Law."

SECTION 4. Section 41-21-140, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-21-140. A law enforcement officer shall transport the * * * person who is in crisis to the appropriate health care facility in the county or outside of the county at the request of the crisis intervention team or mobile crisis response team.

SECTION 5. Section 41-19-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-19-43. Whenever it is necessary to commit and transport any eligible patient to a regional mental health or intellectual disability facility for treatment or care, the chancery clerk and sheriff shall be entitled to expenses as provided for by the laws of Mississippi for commitment and transportation to state mental institutions and transportation in the county or outside of the county to a community mental health center or other appropriate facility.

SECTION 6. Section 41-21-71, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1088, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

41-21-71. If, as a result of the examination, the appointed examiners certify that the person is not in need of treatment, the chancellor * * *, clerk or circuit judge as applicable shall dismiss the affidavit without the need for a further hearing. Except as otherwise provided in Section 41-21-63, if the chancellor or chancery clerk finds, based upon the appointed examiners' certificates and any other relevant evidence, that the respondent is in need of treatment and the certificates are filed with the chancery clerk within forty-eight (48) hours after the order for examination, or extension of that time as provided in Section 41-21-69, the clerk shall immediately set the matter for a hearing. The hearing shall be set within * * * three (3) days of the filing of the certificates unless an extension is requested by the respondent's attorney. In no event shall the hearing be more than * * * five (5) days after the filing of the certificates, unless the court orders to extend the hearing date, which shall not exceed five (5) additional days.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-19-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DUTIES OF REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-65, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1088, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO REQUIRE COMPLETION OF A PRE-AFFIDAVIT SCREENING BEFORE ANY AFFIDAVIT FOR COMMITMENT IS FILED; TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-67, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1088, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION BEFORE AN AFFIDAVIT FOR COMMITMENT IS FILED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 41-21-140 AND 41-19-43, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 41-21-71, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1088, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO REVISE HEARING DATES HELD AFTER EXAMINERS' CERTIFICATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam Creekmore IV, Kevin Felsher, Joey Hood

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Joey Fillingane, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Creekmore the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-

Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Owen called up the conference reports on the following bills:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court.

H. B. No. 1441: Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.

Rep. Owen moved that the foregoing conference reports be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Owen called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 99-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-1-5. (1) (a) The passage of time shall never bar prosecution against any person for the offenses of murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, aggravated domestic violence, kidnapping, arson, burglary, forgery, counterfeiting, robbery, larceny, rape, embezzlement, obtaining money or property under false pretenses or by fraud, felonious abuse or battery of a child as described in Section 97-5-39, touching or handling a child for lustful purposes as described in Section 97-5-23, sexual battery of a child as described in Section 97-3-95(1)(c), (d) or (2), exploitation of children as described in Section 97-5-33, promoting prostitution under Section 97-29-51(2) when

the person involved is a minor, felonious abuse of vulnerable persons, as described in Section 43-47-18, sexual battery as described in Section 97-3-95(1)(a) or (b) identity of the accused is later discovered due to results of DNA testing of biological evidence, or any human trafficking offense as described in Section 97-3-54.1(1)(a), (1)(b) or (1)(c), Section 97-3-54.2, or Section 97-3-54.3.

(b) A person shall not be prosecuted for felonious assistance-program fraud, as described in Section 97-19-71, or for felonious abuse of vulnerable persons, as described in * * * Section 43-47-19, unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within five (5) years * * * after the commission thereof.

(c) A person shall not be prosecuted for larceny of timber as described in Section 97-17-59, unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within six (6) years * * * after the commission thereof.

(d) The time limitation on prosecution for conspiracy, as described in Section 97-1-1, shall be the same as for the underlying offense for which the defendant is accused of conspiring to commit.

(e) A person shall not be prosecuted for bribery as defined in Section 97-11-11, unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within five (5) years after the commission thereof.

(2) A person shall not be prosecuted for any other offense not listed in this section unless the prosecution for the offense is commenced within two (2) years * * * after the commission thereof.

(3) Nothing contained in this section shall bar any prosecution against any person who shall abscond or flee from justice, or shall absent himself from this state or out of the jurisdiction of the court, or so conduct himself that he cannot be found by the officers of the law, or that process cannot be served upon him.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REMOVE THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PROSECUTION OF THE CRIME OF SEXUAL BATTERY OF A VULNERABLE PERSON; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Celeste Hurst (Not Signed)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Tyler McCaughn

On motion of Rep. Owen the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Karriem, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Robert L. Johnson III, Shanda Yates
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Joel R. Carter, Jr., Benjamin Suber

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Boyd, R, Burch, Evans, Ford, J, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Smith. Total--9.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Barnett, Bounds, Haney, Hood, Luther-Waldo, McCray, Turner. Total-8.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 69-1-48, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-1-48. (1) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

(b) "Museum" means the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum located at 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, 39216.

(2) The department may accept, budget, receive and expend funds from any source for improvements to * * * the museum and for marketing and promotion programs for events at the museum for purposes as otherwise appropriated by the Legislature. The expenditure of funds under this section shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

(3) (a) The department may allow a federal, state * * * or local governmental entity, or a public, private, commercial or charitable entity to use, publish or advertise the entity's name on department property and in its publications. Furthermore, subject to approval by the Department of Finance and Administration, the commissioner may lease to any public, private, commercial or charitable entity for a term not to exceed twenty (20) years naming rights for museum buildings or property, including, but not limited to, new construction, improvements to existing buildings, grounds and/or objects located on museum property in return for consideration benefitting the department. The lessee shall pay the cost of erecting, maintaining and removing signage related to the property.

(b) Any funds received from the advertising or lease of naming rights shall be retained by the department and expended for improvements to * * * the museum upon appropriation by the Legislature and for marketing and promotion programs for events at the museum, upon appropriation by the Legislature and for purposes as otherwise appropriated by the Legislature.

* * *

(4) (a) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund for the department for the monies collected under this section.

(b) Unexpended monies remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into the fund. The department shall not expend any monies from the fund without appropriation by the Legislature.

(5) (a) The department shall make reasonable attempts to notify the donor of any donated property or artifacts determined to be obsolete to allow such donor to retake possession of such item. If efforts to notify the donor prove unsuccessful, then the department may dispose of, auction or sell any property or artifact in the possession of the museum if the department determines that it is obsolete, no longer of value or use to the museum or unclaimed by the donor.

(b) All funds received * * * on behalf of the museum, shall be transferred into the * * * enterprise funds related to the museum. The enterprise funds shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and regulations prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration. The department shall not expend any funds from the enterprise funds without appropriation by the Legislature.

(c) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the department may expend these funds for improvements to the museum and for marketing and promotion programs for the museum in a manner consistent with the museum's historical purpose.

SECTION 2. Section 69-5-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-5-3. (1) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall set up rules and regulations consistent with the law governing the distribution of state monies for premiums or awards. It will be the duty of the department, at least twice each year, to approve premium lists or awards, and give out rules governing participants in state premium money in Mississippi. The department may invite the presidents of the various district livestock shows before the department when determining policies affecting district livestock shows.

(2) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce is hereby authorized to accept money or funds donated to the department, including funds to be awarded as prizes in livestock competition. Any money or funds received under this subsection shall be placed in a special fund. The department shall not expend any money or funds from the special fund without appropriation by the Legislature.

(3) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall have charge of the State Fairgrounds located in Jackson, Mississippi, including all buildings and improvements thereon, and shall have full power and authority in perfecting plans and causing to be held thereon the Mississippi State Fair and other such events that may be authorized by the department. The Mississippi State Fair shall be held on the State Fairgrounds as defined by this subsection.

(4) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce is hereby authorized to employ an attorney as prescribed in Section 69-1-14.

(5) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce may take any action authorized in Section 1 of Chapter 306, Laws of 2000.

(6) Subject to the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Agriculture and Commerce may allow a commercial, charitable or governmental entity to use, publish and advertise such entity's name in connection with any of the buildings, improvements, grounds or objects located on the State Fairgrounds * * * as defined in subsection (3) of this section, except for the Kirk Fordice Equine Center, or in connection with any of the events conducted on the State Fairgrounds in return for a monetary consideration paid to the department. Furthermore, the department may lease to any public, private, commercial or charitable entity for a term not to exceed twenty (20) years naming rights to buildings, except for the Kirk Fordice Equine Center, or property, including, but not limited to, new construction, improvements to existing buildings, grounds and/or objects located on the State Fairgrounds as defined in subsection (3) of this section in return for consideration benefitting the commission. The lessee shall pay the cost of erecting, maintaining and removing signage related to the property. Those funds received from an entity for allowing its name to be used, published or advertised in connection with the buildings, improvements, objects or events shall be retained by the department to be used for capital improvements to the fairgrounds or in its annual operating budget subject to appropriation by the Legislature and shall be deposited in the special fund referenced in subsection (8) of this section. The department shall not enter into any such agreement with any vendor whose products are illegal for participation in or use by persons eighteen (18) years of age and under.

(7) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce is authorized to form and establish a private foundation or nonprofit corporation to receive and disburse * * * private funds * * * for the purpose of supporting the fairgrounds through fundraising efforts and the acceptance of donations for the benefit of the fairgrounds. The funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the guidelines described in this section, and the foundation or nonprofit corporation shall be subject to the reporting requirements described in subsection (10) of this section. All funds shall remain with the foundation until disbursement and shall not be transferred to the State General Fund. No public funds shall be deposited into the account of the private foundation or nonprofit corporation established by the department for the benefit of the State Fairgrounds, nor shall the Legislature appropriate any State General Fund or Special Fund monies to the

foundation or nonprofit corporation for such purposes. All monies received by the foundation shall be maintained separately from funds allocated to the department for operating and administrative costs associated with the State Fairgrounds as defined in subsection (3) of this section. In addition to the reporting of information to be included in the annual legislative report of the department, the private foundation or nonprofit corporation shall be subject to annual financial audits by the State Auditor and by auditors of donors in the same manner as required for state agencies.

(8) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall have the authority to enter into a lease or right-of-way with a third party covering any land or buildings on the State Fairgrounds as defined in subsection (3) of this section, and any funds generated from such lease or right-of-way shall remain in a special fund managed by the department for the benefit of the State Fairgrounds. All monies in the special fund shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature and may be used for capital improvements to the State Fairgrounds as defined in subsection (3) of this section, or in the department's annual operating budget for operating and administrative costs associated with the State Fairgrounds. Any unexpended funds remaining in the special fund shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited in the fund.

(9) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce is hereby authorized, with the advice of the Mississippi Fair Advisory Council, to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable to carry out, execute or implement the provisions of this article.

(10) The Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall report by January 1 of each year a detailed financial statement of all monies received and expended under subsection (6) and subsection (7) of this section to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and the Chairman of the House of Representatives Agriculture Committee and the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-1-48, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S AUTHORITY TO BUDGET FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT PROPERTY AND MARKETING AND PROMOTION PROGRAMS AND FOR PURPOSES AS OTHERWISE APPROPRIATED BY THE LEGISLATURE SHALL BE AT THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MUSEUM IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS SHALL BE UPON APPROPRIATION OF THE LEGISLATURE; TO PROVIDE THAT LEASES CONCERNING NAMING RIGHTS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ESCALATE CERTAIN FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 69-5-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S AUTHORITY TO EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATIONS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN FUNDS TO BE PLACED IN A SPECIAL FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT LEASES CONCERNING NAMING RIGHTS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FAIR SHALL BE HELD IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ON THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS AS DEFINED BY THIS SECTION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Joey Hood, Kevin Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Byrd, Crawford, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Ladner, Newman, Summers. Total-8.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits under certain conditions.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 1525, 2024 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2567, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this article in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this article.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines, native spirits and edibles, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this article and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers, other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages, and fruits and foods that have been submerged in alcohol and are commonly referred to as edibles. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. In addition, an on-premises retailer's permittee at a permitted premises located on Jefferson Davis Avenue within one-half (1/2) mile north of U.S. Highway 90 may serve alcoholic beverages by the glass to a patron in a vehicle using a drive-through method of delivery if the permitted premises is located in a leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Such a sale will be considered to be made on the permitted premises. An on-premises retailer's permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, however, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to any establishments located therein as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize

the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11,

67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of

an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this article. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the department or its warehouse operator. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that

county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2026.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate 10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph(s).

(t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 67-1-51.1, this permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(v) Food truck permit. A food truck permit shall authorize the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit to use a food truck to sell alcoholic beverages off its premises to guests who must consume the beverages in open containers. For the purposes of this paragraph (v), "food truck" means a fully encased food service establishment on a motor vehicle or on a trailer that a motor vehicle pulls to transport, and from which a vendor, standing within the frame of the establishment, prepares, cooks, sells and serves food for immediate human consumption. The term "food truck" does not include a food cart that is not motorized. Food trucks shall maintain such distance requirements from schools, churches, kindergartens and funeral homes as are required for on-premises retailer's permittees under this article, and all sales must be made within a valid leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Food trucks cannot sell or serve alcoholic beverages unless also offering food prepared and cooked within the food truck, and permittees must maintain a twenty-five percent (25%) food sale revenue requirement based on the food sold from the food truck alone.

The hours allowed for sale shall be the same as those for on-premises retailer's permittees in the location. This permit will not be required for the holder of a caterer's permit issued under this article to cater an event as allowed by law. Permittees must provide notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours to the department of each location at which alcoholic beverages will be sold.

(w) On-premises tobacco permit. An on-premises tobacco permit shall authorize the permittee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises. In addition to all other requirements to obtain an alcoholic beverage permit, the permittee must obtain and maintain a tobacco permit issued by the State of Mississippi, and have a capital investment of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the premises for which the permit is issued. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the permittee is authorized to sell only cigars, cheroots, tobacco pipes, pipe tobacco, and/or stogies. Additionally, seventy-five percent (75%) of the permittee's annual gross revenue must be derived from the sale of cigars, cheroots, tobacco pipes, pipe tobacco, and/or stogies. No food sales shall be required, but food may be sold on the premises. The issuance of this permit does not remove any obligation a permittee may have to follow local ordinances or actions prohibiting the use of tobacco products.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this article within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school (excluding any community college, junior college, college or university), kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at or near the intersection of Ward and Tate Streets and adjacent properties in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(h) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a theatre facility that features plays

and other theatrical performances and productions and (i) is capable of seating more than seven hundred fifty (750) people, (ii) is owned by a municipality which has a population greater than ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census, (iii) was constructed prior to 1930, (iv) is on the National Register of Historic Places, and (v) is located in a historic district.

(i) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located approximately one and six-tenths (1.6) miles north of the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4 on the west side of Mississippi Highway 15.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit; however, in the case of a person holding a package retailer's permit issued before July 1, 2024, such a person may own one (1) additional package retailer's permit if the additional permit is issued for a premises with a minimum capital investment of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) that is part of a major retail development project and located in one (1) of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and not within one hundred (100) miles of another location in the State of Mississippi, for which the permittee holds such a permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this article.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1525, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, AND SENATE BILL NO. 2567, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF A PERSON HOLDING A PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMIT ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, SUCH A PERSON MAY OWN ONE ADDITIONAL PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMIT IF THE ADDITIONAL PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR A PREMISES WITH A MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$20,000,000.00 THAT IS PART OF A MAJOR RETAIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND LOCATED IN ONE OF THE THREE MOST SOUTHERN COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, AND NOT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED MILES OF ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR WHICH THE PERMITTEE HOLDS SUCH A PERMIT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Joel R. Carter, Jr., Jeremy England
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Robert L. Johnson III, Shanda Yates

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington,

Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Arnold, Evans, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Varner. Total--7.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Barnett, Crawford, Crudup, Currie, Ford, J, Ladner, McCarty, Oliver, Turner. Total-10.

Present--Anthony, Boyd, R, Holloway, G. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--55

Rep. Creekmore called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1676: Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1676: Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 69-25-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-25-201. This article shall be known as the "Mississippi Hemp *** Regulation Act." The regulation of hemp cultivation and processing shall be governed *** by the provisions of the Mississippi Hemp *** Regulation Act and the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, as applicable. A municipality, county or other political subdivision of this state shall not enact, adopt or enforce a rule, ordinance, order, resolution or other regulation that allows, prohibits or penalizes the cultivation, production or processing of hemp in this state.

SECTION 2. Section 69-25-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-25-203. For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(** *a) "Business entity" means a nonnatural person and includes nonprofit and for-profit corporations, partnerships, limited liability corporations, and other legal entities recognized by law.

(** *b) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce of the State of Mississippi. Where applicable under the provisions of this article, "commissioner" shall include the commissioner's designee.

(** *c) "Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol" means the sum of the percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol acid multiplied by eight hundred seventy-seven thousandths (0.877) plus the percentage by weight of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

(** *d) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

(** *e) "Grower" means a person, business entity, joint venture or cooperative that cultivates, grows or harvests hemp.

(** *f) "Hemp" means the plant *Cannabis sativa* L. and any part of that plant, including the seeds thereof and all derivatives, extracts, cannabinoids, isomers, acids, salts and salts of isomers, whether growing or not, with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of not more than three-tenths percent (0.3%) on a dry weight basis that is grown or processed under this article.

(g) "Intoxicating hemp product" means a finished product intended for human or animal consumption containing any hemp, including naturally occurring cannabinoids, compounds, extracts, isolates, or resins, and that contains greater than five (5) milligrams of total THC per container.

(h) "Legal description of land" means Global Position System coordinates and shall also include the metes and bounds to include township, range, and section for the location in which hemp is grown.

(i) "Person" means any person, firm, association, corporation or business entity.

(j) "Processor" means a person, business entity, joint venture or cooperative that receives hemp for processing into commodities, products or hemp seed. A processor also includes any such entity that brokers and/or stores hemp.

(k) "State plan" means the plan contemplated by 7 C.F.R. Part 990 Subpart B that a state must file for approval with the United States Secretary of Agriculture.

(l) "Total THC" means any and all forms of tetrahydrocannabinol that are contained naturally in the cannabis plant, as well as synthesized forms of THC and derived variations, derivatives, isomers and allotropes that have similar molecular and physiological characteristics of tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not limited to, THCA, THC Delta 9, THC Delta 8, THC Delta 10 and THC Delta 6.

(** *m) "USDA" means the United States Department of Agriculture.

SECTION 3. Section 69-25-207, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-25-207. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of this article, ** * growing and processing of hemp, as defined in Section 69-25-203, are authorized in this state. ** * Growing and processing of hemp are subject to regulation by the department and may only be performed by persons or business entities that hold a valid license or registration issued ** * under this article.

(2) The commissioner shall create a State Plan for submission to and approval by the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Secretary of Agriculture. The commissioner and the department shall promulgate such reasonable regulations as necessary to implement the State Plan and provisions of this article. The commissioner and the department shall be authorized to promulgate any rule or regulation deemed necessary for the administration of the provisions of this article in compliance with any federal law, rule or regulation promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(3) The department is authorized to accept applications, and issue licenses and/or registrations for all hemp growers and hemp processors. The department shall adopt and enforce all rules and regulations related to those licenses and/or registrations.

(4) All hemp growers must be licensed by the department.

(5) All hemp processors must register with the department.

(6) All licensed * * * growers and registered processors shall keep and maintain crop and/or processing records in accordance with rules and regulations adopted and enforced by the department. The department may subject the required records to inspection. The department may make an inspection for the purpose of ensuring compliance with:

- (a) USDA guidelines;
- (b) Provisions of this article;
- (c) Department rules and regulations;
- (d) Any terms or conditions of a license issued hereunder;
- (e) Registration with the department; or
- (f) A final department order directed to the grower's or processor's hemp operations or activities.

(7) All hemp growers and processors shall be subject to a background investigation conducted by the Department of Public Safety, which shall include both a state and federal background check.

SECTION 4. Section 69-25-213, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-25-213. Negligent violations. (1) Upon a determination by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, the following may constitute negligent violations:

- (a) Failing to provide a legal description of land on which the grower produces hemp;
- (b) Failing to obtain a license or other required authorization from the department;
- (c) Failing to register with the department;
- (d) Producing *Cannabis sativa* L. with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol concentration of more than * * * three-tenths percent (0.3%) on a dry weight basis; or
- (e) Any other violation of the State Plan, including any rules and regulations set forth by the department.

(2) Corrective action plan. (a) A hemp grower shall comply with a plan established by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee to correct the negligent violation, including:

- (i) A reasonable date by which the hemp grower shall correct the negligent violation; and
- (ii) A requirement that the hemp grower shall periodically report to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee regarding the compliance with the corrective plan for a period of not less than the next two (2) calendar years.

(b) The department shall notify the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics of all corrective action plans implemented by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

(3) Result of negligent violation. A hemp grower that negligently violates the State Plan shall not, as a result of that violation, be subject to any criminal enforcement action by a state, county or local government entity.

(4) Repeat violations. A hemp grower that negligently violates the State Plan three (3) times in a five-year period shall be ineligible to produce hemp for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date of the third violation.

SECTION 5. Section 69-25-217, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-25-217. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or business entity to:

- (a) Violate this chapter or any rules or regulations promulgated under this chapter;
- (b) Fail to comply with a corrective action plan issued by the commissioner under Section 69-25-213(2);
- (c) Transport hemp or hemp materials in violation of Section 69-25-209 or rules or regulations adopted under this chapter; * * *
- (d) Cultivate or grow hemp with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of more than three-tenths percent (0.3%) on a dry weight basis * * *;

(e) Produce, process or sell any intoxicating hemp products within the State of Mississippi, except as authorized through this Act or the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act;

(f) Produce, process, or sell any hemp product that contains an artificially derived cannabinoid as defined in Section 41-137-3; or

(g) Sell or distribute any intoxicating hemp product to any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years old.

(2) In addition to any other penalty, fine or conviction, as applicable, any person or business entity that purposely, knowingly or recklessly violates this provision of this chapter relating to hemp production, sales, distribution or processing shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction of the violation, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or sentenced to imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, if any person or entity purposely, recklessly or knowingly cultivates or grows hemp with a delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) concentration of more than one percent (1%) on a dry weight basis that person or entity shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than five (5) years, or a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) For purposes of this section, the terms "purposely", "knowingly" and "recklessly" have the following meanings:

(a) "Purposefully" means a person acts purposely with respect to a material element of an offense if:

(i) The element involves the nature of his or her conduct or a result thereof, it is his or her conscious object to engage in conduct of that nature or to cause such a result; and

(ii) The element involves the attendant circumstances, he or she is aware of the existence of such circumstances or he or she believes or hopes that they exist.

(b) "Knowingly" means a person acts knowingly with respect to a material element of an offense if:

(i) The element involves the nature of his or her conduct or the attendant circumstances, he or she is aware that his or her conduct is of that nature or that such circumstances exist; and

(ii) The element involves a result of his or her conduct, he or she is aware that it is practically certain that his or her conduct will cause such a result.

(c) "Recklessly" means a person acts recklessly with respect to a material element of an offense when he or she consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the material element exists or will result from his or her conduct. The risk must be of such a nature and degree that, considering the nature and purpose of the actor's conduct and the circumstances known to him or her, its disregard involves a gross deviation from the standard of conduct that a law-abiding person would observe in the actor's situation.

SECTION 6. (1) Intoxicating hemp products may only be sold to consumers in Mississippi by dispensaries licensed under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act.

(2) Nothing in this article shall limit or affect the interstate transport of hemp or hemp products through the state.

(3) Nothing in this article prohibits the transfer of hemp, hemp ingredients, or intoxicating hemp products by growers and processors to medical cannabis establishments in accordance with the Medical Cannabis Act.

SECTION 7. All labels for any product containing finished nonintoxicating hemp shall be approved by the Department of Agriculture And Commerce, provided that packaging, labeling, marketing, and other finished product regulation for intoxicating hemp products shall be governed by the Medical Cannabis Act.

SECTION 8. (1) Any medical cannabis processing facility that intends to process intoxicating hemp products shall register with the Department of Health. Any such facility shall be subject to a nonrefundable annual registration fee of Five Thousand

Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall be in addition to the prescribed licensing fee to operate as a medical cannabis processing facility. The Department of Health may register a medical cannabis processing facility as a medical cannabis processing facility that also processes intoxicating hemp products after such facility pays the fees required of this subsection. The Department of Health shall be responsible for oversight of any medical cannabis processing facility that processes intoxicating hemp products.

(2) Any medical cannabis dispensary that intends to acquire, possess, store, transfer, sell, supply or dispense intoxicating hemp products shall register with the Department of Revenue. Any such facility shall be subject to a nonrefundable annual registration fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall be in addition to the prescribed licensing fee to operate as a medical cannabis dispensary. The Department of Revenue may register a medical cannabis dispensary as a medical cannabis dispensary that also acquires, possesses, stores, transfers, sells, supplies or dispenses intoxicating hemp products after such facility pays the fees required of this subsection. The Department of Revenue shall be responsible for the oversight of any such medical cannabis dispensary that acquires, possesses, stores, transfers, sells, supplies or dispenses intoxicating hemp products.

SECTION 9. (1) There is imposed, levied and assessed an excise tax on intoxicating hemp products. Dispensaries shall collect and remit an excise tax on forms and in a manner specified by the Commissioner of Revenue.

The excise tax on intoxicating hemp products shall be based on the sales price for which a dispensary sells to a consumer, and the rate of the excise tax shall be five percent (5%) of such sales price.

(2) All administrative provisions of the sales tax law and amendments thereto, including those which fix damages, penalties and interest for nonpayment of taxes and for noncompliance with the provision of the sales tax law, and all other requirements and duties imposed upon a taxpayer, shall apply to all persons liable for taxes under the provisions of this subsection. The Commissioner of the Department of Revenue shall exercise all power and authority and perform all duties with respect to taxpayers under this subsection as are provided in the sales tax law, except where there is conflict, then the provisions of this subsection shall control.

All excise taxes collected under the provisions of this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

(3) A dispensary, on forms and in a manner specified by the Commissioner of Revenue, shall collect and remit the sales tax levied in Section 27-65-17(1)(a) from the gross proceeds derived from each retail sale of intoxicating hemp products.

SECTION 10. Section 69-25-219, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-25-219. (1) Any person convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance under state or federal law before, on or after * * * June 29, 2020, shall be ineligible, during the ten-year period following the date of the conviction to participate in the program established under this article and to * * * grow or process hemp under any regulations or guidelines issued under this article.

(2) Any person who materially falsifies any information contained in an application to participate in the State Plan established under this article shall be ineligible to participate in the State Plan.

(3) In addition to any inspection conducted, the department may inspect any hemp crop at any time and take a representative composite sample for analysis. It shall be the duty of the department to take such samples and deliver them to the State Chemist for examination and analysis. It shall be the duty of the State Chemist to cause as many analyses to be made of samples delivered to him or her by the department as may be necessary to properly implement the intent of this article. The State Chemist shall make a report of such analyses to the department.

(4) The department shall charge growers and processors a fee or fees as determined by the department in a sufficient amount to cover the costs required to administer and enforce the provisions of this * * * article.

SECTION 11. Section 69-25-223, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

69-25-223. (1) The provisions of this article which provide authority to the Commission of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce to administer the provisions, related to hemp operators, of the "Mississippi Hemp * * * Regulation Act * * *" shall be subject to legislative appropriation or receipt of necessary funding from any private or public entity for purposes of implementation.

(2) The provisions of this article shall not have any effect upon any programs administered by Mississippi State University, which shall remain exempt, as such programs related to the educational, research or testing functions performed by Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, shall continue to function in accordance with the mission of the university, as approved by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.

SECTION 12. Section 41-137-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-3. For purposes of this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Artificially derived cannabinoid" means a chemical substance that is created by a chemical reaction that changes the molecular structure of any chemical substance derived from the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae. Such term shall not include:

(i) A naturally occurring chemical substance that is separated from the plant Cannabis family Cannabaceae by a chemical or mechanical extraction process;

(ii) Cannabinoids that are produced or processed by decarboxylation from a naturally occurring cannabinoid acid without the use of a chemical catalyst; or

(iii) Any other chemical substance identified by MDOH.

(b) "Allowable amount of medical cannabis" means an amount not to exceed the maximum amount of Mississippi Medical Cannabis Equivalency Units ("MMCEU").

(c) "Bona fide practitioner-patient relationship" means:

(i) A practitioner and patient have a treatment or consulting relationship, during the course of which the practitioner, within his or her scope of practice, has completed an in-person assessment of the patient's medical history and current mental health and medical condition and has documented their certification in the patient's medical file;

(ii) The practitioner has consulted in person with the patient with respect to the patient's debilitating medical condition; and

(iii) The practitioner is available to or offers to provide follow-up care and treatment to the patient.

(d) "Cannabis" means all parts of the plant of the genus cannabis, the flower, the seeds thereof, the resin extracted from any part of the plant and every compound, * * * process, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of the plant, its seeds or its resin, including whole plant extracts. Such term shall not mean cannabis-derived drug products approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration under Section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

(e) "Cannabis cultivation facility" means a business entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that * * * is authorized to:

(i) Acquire, grow, cultivate and harvest medical cannabis in an indoor, enclosed, locked and secure area for sale to other medical cannabis establishments;

(ii) Acquire and possess hemp-derived ingredients and intoxicating hemp products to sell to other medical cannabis establishments.

(f) "Cannabis disposal entity" means a business licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial disposal or destruction of medical cannabis.

(g) "Cannabis processing facility" means a business entity that is licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that:

(i) Acquires or intends to acquire cannabis from a cannabis cultivation facility;

(ii) Possesses cannabis or hemp with the intent to * * * process a cannabis product;

(iii) * * * Processes or intends to * * * process a cannabis or intoxicating hemp product from unprocessed hemp ingredients, cannabis or a cannabis extract; and

(iv) Sells or intends to sell a cannabis product and/or intoxicating hemp products to a medical cannabis dispensary, cannabis testing facility or cannabis research facility.

(h) "Cannabis products" means cannabis flower, concentrated cannabis, cannabis extracts and products that are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof and are intended for use or consumption by humans. The term includes, without limitation, edible cannabis products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils, tinctures and suppositories that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and/or cannabidiol (CBD) except those products excluded from control under Sections 41-29-113 and 41-29-136.

(i) "Cannabis research facility" or "research facility" means a research facility at any university or college in this state or an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health pursuant to this chapter that acquires cannabis from cannabis cultivation facilities and cannabis processing facilities in order to research cannabis, develop best practices for specific medical conditions, develop medicines and provide commercial access for medical use.

(j) "Cannabis testing facility" or "testing facility" means an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that analyzes the safety and potency of cannabis, cannabis products and hemp products, including, but not limited to, intoxicating hemp products.

(k) "Cannabis transportation entity" means an independent entity licensed and registered by the Mississippi Department of Health that is involved in the commercial transportation of medical cannabis, cannabis products and intoxicating hemp products.

(l) "Cannabis waste" means plant debris of the plant of the genus cannabis, including dead plants and all unused plant parts. This term shall not include seeds, roots, stems and stalks.

(m) "Cannabinoid" means any of the chemical compounds that are the active constituents derived from THC.

(n) "Canopy" means the total surface area within a cultivation area that is dedicated to the cultivation of flowering cannabis plants. The surface area of the plant canopy must be calculated in square feet and measured and must include all of the area within the boundaries where the cultivation of the flowering cannabis plants occurs. If the surface area of the plant canopy consists of noncontiguous areas, each component area must be separated by identifiable boundaries. If a tiered or shelving system is used in the cultivation area the surface area of each tier or shelf must be included in calculating the area of the plant canopy. Calculation of the area of the plant canopy may not include the areas within the cultivation area that are used to cultivate immature cannabis plants and seedlings, prior to flowering, and that are not used at any time to cultivate mature cannabis plants.

(o) "Cardholder" means a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver who has been issued and possesses a valid registry identification card.

(p) "Chronic pain" means a pain state in which the cause of the pain cannot be removed or otherwise treated, and which in the generally accepted course of medical practice, no relief or cure of the cause of the pain is possible, or none has been found after reasonable efforts by a practitioner.

(q) "Concentrate" means a substance obtained by separating cannabinoids from cannabis by:

(i) A mechanical extraction process;

(ii) A chemical extraction process using a nonhydrocarbon-based or other solvent, such as water, vegetable glycerin, vegetable oils, animal fats, food-grade ethanol or steam distillation; or

(iii) A chemical extraction process using the hydrocarbon-based solvent carbon dioxide, provided that the process does not involve the use of high heat or pressure.

(r) "Debilitating medical condition" means:

(i) Cancer, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, muscular dystrophy, glaucoma, spastic quadriplegia, positive status for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), hepatitis, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, sickle-cell anemia, Alzheimer's disease, agitation of dementia, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), autism, pain refractory to appropriate opioid management, diabetic/peripheral neuropathy, spinal cord disease or severe injury, or the treatment of these conditions;

(ii) A chronic, terminal or debilitating disease or medical condition, or its treatment, that produces one or more of the following: cachexia or wasting syndrome, chronic pain, severe or intractable nausea, seizures, or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including, but not limited to, those characteristic of multiple sclerosis; or

(iii) Any other serious medical condition or its treatment added by the Mississippi Department of Health, as provided for in Section 41-137-17.

(s) "Designated caregiver" means a person who:

(i) Has agreed to assist with a registered qualifying patient's medical use of medical cannabis;

(ii) Assists no more than five (5) registered qualifying patients with their medical use of medical cannabis, unless the designated caregiver's registered qualifying patients each reside in or are admitted to a health care facility or facility providing residential care services or day care services where the designated caregiver is employed;

(iii) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age unless the person is the parent or legal guardian of each qualifying patient the person assists; and

(iv) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense.

(t) "Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol" means the sum of the percentage by weight of tetrahydrocannabinol acid multiplied by eight hundred seventy-seven thousandths (0.877) plus the percentage by weight of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

(* * *u) "Disqualifying felony offense" means:

(i) A conviction for a crime of violence, as defined in Section 97-3-2;

(ii) A conviction for a crime that was defined as a violent crime in the law of the jurisdiction in which the offense was committed, and that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted; or

(iii) A conviction for a violation of a state or federal controlled substances law that was classified as a felony in the jurisdiction where the person was convicted, including the service of any term of probation, incarceration or supervised release within the previous five (5) years and the offender has not committed another similar offense since the conviction. Under this subparagraph (iii), a disqualifying felony offense shall not include a conviction that consisted of conduct for which this chapter would likely have prevented the conviction but for the fact that the conduct occurred before February 2, 2022.

(* * *v) "Edible cannabis products" means products that:

(i) Contain or are infused with cannabis or an extract thereof;

(ii) Are intended for human consumption by oral ingestion; and

(iii) Are presented in the form of foodstuffs, beverages, extracts, oils, tinctures, lozenges and other similar products.

(** *w) "Entity" means a corporation, general partnership, limited partnership or limited liability company that has been registered with the Secretary of State as applicable.

(x) "Hemp" has the same meaning as set forth in Section 69-25-203.

(y) "Hemp-derived ingredient" means a hemp biomass, hemp-derived distillate, or other substance derived from hemp to be used in the production of an intoxicating hemp product.

(z) "Intoxicating hemp product" means a product as defined in Section 69-25-203.

(** *aa) "MMCEU" means Mississippi Medical Cannabis Equivalency Unit. One unit of MMCEU shall be considered equal to ** * one (1) gram of THC in any medical cannabis product.

(** *bb) "MDOH" means the Mississippi Department of Health.

(** *cc) "MDOR" means the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

(** *dd) "Medical cannabis" means cannabis, cannabis products and edible cannabis that are intended to be used by registered qualifying patients as provided in this chapter.

(** *ee) "Medical cannabis dispensary" or "dispensary" means an entity licensed and registered with the MDOR that acquires, possesses, stores, transfers, sells, supplies or dispenses medical cannabis, equipment used for medical cannabis, cannabis products, intoxicating hemp products or related supplies and educational materials to cardholders or to other individuals as authorized by this act.

(** *ff) "Medical cannabis establishment" means a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, cannabis testing facility, cannabis dispensary, cannabis transportation entity, cannabis disposal entity or cannabis research facility licensed and registered by the appropriate agency.

(** *gg) "Medical cannabis establishment agent" means an owner, officer, board member, employee, volunteer or agent of a medical cannabis establishment.

(** *hh) "Medical use" includes the acquisition, administration, cultivation, processing, delivery, harvest, possession, preparation, transfer, transportation, or use of medical cannabis or equipment relating to the administration of medical cannabis to treat or alleviate a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the patient's debilitating medical condition. The term "medical use" does not include:

(i) The cultivation of cannabis unless the cultivation is done by a cannabis cultivation facility; or

(ii) The extraction of resin from cannabis by mechanical or chemical extraction unless the extraction is done by a cannabis processing facility.

(** *ii) "Nonresident cardholder" means a person who:

(i) Has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition by a practitioner in his or her respective state or territory, or is the parent, guardian, conservator or other person with authority to consent to the medical use of medical cannabis by a person who has been diagnosed with a debilitating medical condition;

(ii) Is not a resident of Mississippi or who has been a resident of Mississippi for less than forty-five (45) days; and

(iii) Has submitted any documentation required by MDOH rules and regulations and has received confirmation of registration.

(** *jj) "Practitioner" means a physician, certified nurse practitioner, physician assistant or optometrist who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and the laws of this state. In relation to a nonresident cardholder, the term means a physician, certified nurse practitioner, physician assistant or optometrist who is licensed to prescribe medicine under the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and under the laws of the state or territory in which the nonresident patient resides. For registered qualifying patients who are minors, "practitioner" shall mean a physician or doctor of osteopathic medicine who is licensed to prescribe medicine under

the licensing requirements of their respective occupational boards and the laws of this state.

(** *kk) "Public place" means a church or any area to which the general public is invited or in which the general public is permitted, regardless of the ownership of the area, and any area owned or controlled by a municipality, county, state or federal government, including, but not limited to, streets, sidewalks or other forms of public transportation. Such term shall not mean a private residential dwelling.

(** *ll) "Qualifying patient" means a person who has been diagnosed by a practitioner as having a debilitating medical condition and has been issued a written certification.

(** *mm) "Registry identification card" means a document issued by the MDOH that identifies a person as a registered qualifying patient, nonresident registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver.

(** *nn) "School" means an institution for the teaching of children, consisting of a physical location, whether owned or leased, including instructional staff members and students, and which is in session each school year. This definition shall include, but not be limited to, public, private, church and parochial programs for kindergarten, elementary, junior high and high schools. Such term shall not mean a home instruction program.

(** *oo) "Scope of practice" means the defined parameters of various duties, services or activities that may be provided or performed by a certified nurse practitioner as authorized under Sections 73-15-5 and 73-15-20, by an optometrist as authorized under Section 73-19-1, by a physician as authorized under Section 73-25-33, or by a physician assistant under Section 73-26-5, and rules and regulations adopted by the respective licensing boards for those practitioners.

(** *pp) *** "Total THC" means any and all forms of tetrahydrocannabinol that are contained naturally in the cannabis plant, as well as synthesized forms of THC and derived variations, derivatives, isomers and allotropes that have similar molecular and physiological characteristics of tetrahydrocannabinol, including, but not limited to, THCA, THC Delta 9, THC Delta 8, THC Delta 10 and THC Delta 6.

(** *qq) "Written certification" means a form approved by the MDOH, signed and dated by a practitioner, certifying that a person has a debilitating medical condition. A written certification shall include the following:

- (i) The date of issue and the effective date of the recommendation;
- (ii) The patient's name, date of birth and address;
- (iii) The practitioner's name, address, and federal Drug Enforcement Agency number; and
- (iv) The practitioner's signature.

SECTION 13. Section 41-137-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-9. (1) There is a presumption that a registered qualifying patient is engaged in the medical use of medical cannabis under this chapter if the person is in possession of a registry identification card and an amount of medical cannabis that does not exceed the allowable amount of medical cannabis. There is a presumption that a registered designated caregiver is assisting in the medical use of medical cannabis under this chapter if the person is in possession of a registry identification card and an amount of medical cannabis that does not exceed the allowable amount of medical cannabis. These presumptions may be rebutted by evidence that conduct related to medical cannabis was not for the purpose of treating or alleviating a registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition or symptoms associated with the registered qualifying patient's debilitating medical condition under this chapter.

(2) Subject to the conditions, limitations, requirements and exceptions set forth in this chapter, the following activities related to medical cannabis or intoxicating hemp products shall be considered lawful:

- (a) The purchase, transportation or possession of up to the allowable amount or medical use of medical cannabis;

(b) Financial reimbursement by a registered qualifying patient to the patient's registered designated caregiver for direct costs incurred by the registered designated caregiver for assisting with the registered qualifying patient's medical use of medical cannabis;

(c) Compensating a dispensary for goods or services provided;

(d) The provision, by a professional or occupational licensee, of advice or services related to medical cannabis activities allowed under this chapter, to the extent such advice or services meet or exceed the applicable professional or occupational standard of care;

(e) Providing or selling equipment used to ingest medical cannabis to a cardholder, nonresident cardholder or to a medical cannabis establishment;

(f) Acting as a designated caregiver to assist a registered qualifying patient with the act of using or administering medical cannabis;

(g) Activities by a medical cannabis establishment or a medical cannabis establishment agent that are allowed by its license and registration;

(h) Activities by a dispensary or a dispensary agent to:

(i) Possess, store or sell medical cannabis, intoxicating hemp products *** and educational materials *** to cardholders, nonresident cardholders ***, other dispensaries, *** and other individuals as permitted under the act;

(ii) To purchase or otherwise acquire medical cannabis products, cannabis products and intoxicating hemp products from cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis research facilities or other dispensaries; or

(iii) Possess, store or sell intoxicating hemp products to any consumer twenty-one (21) years of age or older;

(i) Activities by a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility or agents of these facilities to:

(i) Possess, plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, produce, process, manufacture, compound, convert, prepare, pack, repack or store medical cannabis and hemp-derived ingredients or intoxicating hemp products;

(ii) Purchase or otherwise acquire medical cannabis ***, cannabis products, and intoxicating hemp products from medical cannabis establishments; or

(iii) Purchase or otherwise acquire hemp-derived ingredients from any lawful source; or

(**iv) Sell, supply or transfer medical cannabis products, cannabis products, intoxicating hemp products, equipment used to ingest medical cannabis, and related supplies and educational materials to other cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities or dispensaries ***;

(j) Activities by a cannabis research facility, a cannabis testing facility or agents of these facilities to:

(i) Purchase or otherwise acquire medical cannabis from medical cannabis establishments;

(ii) Possess, purchase or otherwise acquire hemp-derived ingredients, or cannabis products, or intoxicating hemp products;

(**iii) Possess, produce, process, compound, convert, prepare, pack, test, repack and store medical cannabis, hemp-derived ingredients and cannabis products obtained from medical cannabis establishments; or

(**iv) Sell, supply or transfer medical cannabis, educational materials and equipment used to ingest medical cannabis to cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis testing facilities and cannabis research facilities ***;

(k) Activities by a cannabis transportation entity or a cannabis disposal entity to transport, supply, deliver, dispose of or destroy cannabis, cannabis products, intoxicating hemp products or hemp-derived ingredients, as applicable.

(3) Any medical cannabis, cannabis product, *** intoxicating hemp product, or other interest in or right to property that is possessed, owned or used in connection with the medical use of medical cannabis as authorized by this chapter, or acts

incidental to such use, shall not be seized or forfeited. This chapter shall not prevent the seizure or forfeiture of medical cannabis exceeding the allowable amounts of medical cannabis, nor shall it prevent seizure or forfeiture if the basis for the action is unrelated to the medical cannabis that is possessed, processed, transferred or used pursuant to this chapter. This section shall not be construed to prevent the seizure of intoxicating hemp products by the proper agency under this act.

(4) Possession of, or application for, a registry identification card shall not:

(a) Constitute probable cause or reasonable suspicion;

(b) Be used to support a search of the person or property of the person possessing or applying for the registry identification card; or

(c) Subject the person or property of the person to inspection by any governmental agency.

(5) It is the public policy of the State of Mississippi that contracts related to medical cannabis that are entered into by cardholders, medical cannabis establishments, medical cannabis establishment agents and those who allow property to be used by those persons, should be enforceable to the extent that those activities comply with the other provisions of this chapter. It is the public policy of the State of Mississippi that no contract entered into by a cardholder, a medical cannabis establishment, or a medical cannabis establishment agent, or by a person who allows property to be used for activities that are authorized under this chapter, shall be unenforceable on the basis that activities related to cannabis are prohibited by federal law.

(6) An applicant for a professional or occupational license shall not be denied a license based on previous employment related to medical cannabis activities that are allowed under this chapter.

SECTION 14. Section 41-137-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-11. (1) Each medical cannabis establishment shall use a statewide seed-to-sale tracking system certified by the MDOH to track medical cannabis from seed or immature plant stage until the medical cannabis is purchased by a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver or destroyed. Records entered into the seed-to-sale tracking system shall include each day's beginning inventory, harvests, acquisitions, sales, disbursements, remediations, disposals, transfers, ending inventory, and any other data necessary for inventory control records in the statewide seed-to-sale tracking system. Each medical cannabis dispensary shall be responsible for ensuring that all medical cannabis sold or disbursed to a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver is recorded in the seed-to-sale tracking system as a purchase by or on behalf of the applicable registered qualifying patients.

(2) Amounts of medical cannabis shall be recorded in the following manner:

(a) For dried, unprocessed cannabis, in ounces or grams;

(b) For concentrates, in grams; or

(c) For infused products, by milligrams of THC.

(3) The seed-to-sale tracking system used by cannabis cultivation facilities, dispensaries, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis testing facilities, cannabis research facilities, cannabis transportation entities and cannabis disposal entities shall be capable of:

(a) Allowing those facilities and entities to interface with the statewide system such that a facility may enter and access information in the statewide system;

(b) Providing the MDOR and MDOH with access to all information stored in the system's database;

(c) Maintaining the confidentiality of all patient and caregiver data and records accessed or stored by the system such that all persons or entities other than the MDOR and MDOH may only access the information in the system that they are authorized by law to access;

(d) Producing analytical reports to the MDOR and MDOH regarding the total quantity of daily, monthly, and yearly sales at the facility per product type; the average prices of daily, monthly, and yearly sales at the facility per product type; and total inventory or sales record adjustments at the facility; * * *

(e) The ability to determine the amount of medical cannabis that a registered qualifying patient or registered designated caregiver has purchased that day in real time by searching a patient registration number * * *; and

(f) Incorporating hemp-derived ingredients, intoxicating hemp products, and cannabis products purchased and sold by medical cannabis establishments.

(4) Banks and other financial institutions may be allowed access to specific limited information from the seed-to-sale tracking system. The information that may be available to these institutions shall be limited to financial data of individuals and business entities that have a business relationship with these institutions. This information shall be limited to the information needed for banks to comply with applicable federal regulations and shall not disclose any medical or personal information about registered cardholders or designated caregivers.

SECTION 15. Section 41-137-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-35. (1) The MDOH shall issue licenses for cannabis cultivation facilities, cannabis processing facilities, cannabis transportation entities, cannabis disposal entities, cannabis research facilities and cannabis testing facilities. The MDOR shall issue licenses for medical cannabis dispensaries.

(2) The cannabis cultivation facility license application fee shall be subject to the following tiers:

(a) Micro-cultivators.

(i) Tier 1. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of one thousand (1,000) square feet or less shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00).

(ii) Tier 2. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of more than one thousand (1,000) square feet but not more than two thousand (2,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).

(b) Cultivators.

(i) Tier 1. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than two thousand (2,000) square feet but not more than five thousand (5,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

(ii) Tier 2. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than five thousand (5,000) square feet but not more than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

(iii) Tier 3. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet but not more than thirty thousand (30,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

(iv) Tier 4. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than thirty thousand (30,000) square feet but not more than sixty thousand (60,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00).

(v) Tier 5. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than sixty thousand (60,000) square feet but not more than one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

(vi) Tier 6. A cannabis cultivation facility with a canopy of not less than one hundred thousand (100,000) square feet but not more than one

hundred fifty thousand (150,000) square feet shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00). Tier 6 cannabis cultivation facilities shall have not more than two (2) locations; however, the total canopy space of both locations combined may not exceed one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) square feet.

(3) The cannabis processing facility license application fee shall be subject to the following tiers:

(a) Micro-processors.

(i) Tier 1. A cannabis processing facility which processes less than two thousand (2,000) pounds of dried biomass cannabis material annually shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).

(ii) Tier 2. A cannabis processing facility which processes not less than two thousand (2,000) pounds but less than three thousand (3,000) pounds of dried biomass cannabis material annually shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

(b) Processors. A cannabis processing facility which processes not less than three thousand (3,000) pounds of biomass cannabis material annually shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00).

(4) A medical cannabis dispensary shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable license application fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

(5) Cannabis transportation entities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

(6) Cannabis disposal entities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The annual license fee shall be a nonrefundable fee of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

(7) Cannabis testing facilities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and an annual license fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). An individual or business entity that has a direct or indirect ownership or economic interest in a licensed cannabis testing facility may also have a direct or indirect ownership or economic interest in a licensed medical cannabis transportation entity. A cannabis testing facility may enter into an agreement for the transportation of medical cannabis by a licensed medical cannabis transportation entity. MDOH may contract with a private laboratory for the purpose of conducting compliance testing oversight of medical cannabis testing facilities licensed in the state. Any such laboratory under contract for compliance testing oversight shall be prohibited from conducting any other commercial medical cannabis testing in this state.

(8) Cannabis research facilities shall be subject to a one-time nonrefundable application fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and an annual license fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). A research facility at any university or college in this state shall be exempt from all fees imposed under this section.

(9) No individual or business entity shall have a direct or indirect ownership or economic interest of greater than ten percent (10%) in:

- (a) More than one (1) cannabis cultivation facility license;
- (b) More than one (1) cannabis processing facility license; and
- (c) More than five (5) medical cannabis dispensary licenses.

(10) Minimum qualifications for applicants for a cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis processing facility, a medical cannabis dispensary, a medical cannabis transportation entity or a medical cannabis disposal entity license(s) are as follows:

(a) An individual applicant for a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, medical cannabis dispensary, medical cannabis transportation entity or medical cannabis disposal license shall be a natural person who:

(i) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

(ii) Has not previously held a license for a cannabis cultivation facility, cannabis processing facility, medical cannabis dispensary, medical cannabis transportation entity or medical cannabis disposal entity that has been revoked;

(iii) Has not been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense;

(iv) If possessing a professional or occupational license, that the license is in good standing;

(v) Has submitted a sworn statement indicating that he or she is a true and actual owner of the entity for which the license is desired, and that he or she intends to carry on the business authorized for himself or herself and the entity and not as the agent for any other entity * * *;

(vi) Has no outstanding tax delinquencies owed to the State of Mississippi; and
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(b) If the applicant is applying on behalf of an entity, in addition to paragraph (a) of this subsection, the individual applicant shall:

(i) Be legally authorized to submit an application on behalf of the entity;

(ii) Serve as the primary point of contact with the MDOR and MDOH;

(iii) Submit sufficient proof that the entity has no owner, board member, officer, or anyone with an economic interest in the entity who:

1. Is under the age of twenty-one (21);

2. Has previously been an owner of a medical cannabis dispensary, cannabis cultivation facility, a cannabis processing facility, medical cannabis transportation entity or medical cannabis disposal entity that has had its license revoked;

3. Has been convicted of a disqualifying felony offense;

4. Owes delinquent taxes to the State of Mississippi; and
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(iv) Submit sufficient proof that if an owner, board member, officer or anyone with an economic interest in the entity has or had a professional or occupational license, that the license is in good standing.

(11) [Repealed]

(12) A micro-cultivator or a micro-processor shall both meet the minimum qualifications in subsection (10) of this section and shall also submit sufficient proof of the following:

(a) If a natural person, proof that the person has been a resident of the State of Mississippi and a citizen of the United States of America for at least three (3) years prior to the application date; or

(b) If a business entity, provide proof that:

(i) It was registered as an entity with the Secretary of State in Mississippi; and

(ii) One-hundred percent (100%) of the equity ownership interests in the entity are held by individuals who have been residents of the State of Mississippi and citizens of the United States of America for at least three (3) consecutive years prior to the application date.

(13) For purposes of this section, it shall be sufficient to prove Mississippi residency for the individual(s) to submit two (2) of the following source documents:

(a) Mississippi Tax Return Form 80-105 or Form 80-205 for each of the three (3) years preceding the application without schedules, worksheets, or attachments, and redacted to remove all financial information and all but the last four

(4) digits of the individual's social security number for the three (3) years preceding the application;

(b) Ownership, lease, or rental documents for place of primary domicile for the three (3) years preceding the application;

(c) Billing statements, including utility bills for the three (3) years preceding the application; or

(d) Vehicle registration for the three (3) years preceding the application.

(14) Ownership in a cannabis cultivation facility license, cannabis processing facility license or a medical cannabis dispensary license or investment in a business that supports or benefits from such a license shall not disqualify or otherwise negatively impact the license or finding of suitability of such owner who is otherwise engaged in any other form of business operation in the state, if such business requires the owner to hold a license or be found suitable under state law.

(15) Any business or state entity applying for registration as a medical cannabis establishment must meet all the requirements specified in this chapter.

(16) A prospective medical cannabis establishment shall submit all of the following:

(a) An application, including:

(i) The legal name of the prospective medical cannabis establishment;

(ii) The physical address of the prospective medical cannabis establishment, which shall not be within one thousand (1,000) feet of the nearest property boundary line of a school, church or child care facility which exists or has acquired necessary real property for the operation of such facility before the date of the medical cannabis establishment application unless the entity has received approval from the school, church or child care facility and received the applicable waiver from their licensing agency, provided that the main point of entry of the cannabis establishment is not located within five hundred (500) feet of the nearest property boundary line of any school, church or child care facility;

(iii) The name of each principal officer and board member of the proposed medical cannabis establishment; and

(iv) Any additional information requested by the MDOR and MDOH.

(b) Operating procedures consistent with rules and regulations for oversight of the proposed medical cannabis establishment, including procedures to ensure accurate record keeping and adequate security measures.

(c) If the municipality or county where the proposed medical cannabis establishment would be located has enacted zoning restrictions, a sworn statement certifying that the proposed medical cannabis establishment is in compliance with the restrictions.

(d) If the municipality or county where the proposed medical cannabis establishment would be located requires a local registration, license or permit, then proof of receiving such registration, license or permit.

(e) If the application is on behalf of an entity, verification that none of the principal officers or board members have served as a principal officer or board member for a medical cannabis establishment that has had its license revoked.

(f) If the application is on behalf of an entity, verification that none of the principal officers or board members is under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(17) If a dispensary license is issued to an applicant that is still constructing the licensed premises, the applicant must complete construction and fulfill all obligations required by the Department of Revenue to open for business within eighteen (18) months, or the license shall be revoked.

(18) The MDOR and MDOH shall issue a renewal registration certificate within ten (10) days of receipt of the prescribed renewal application and renewal fee from a medical cannabis establishment if its license is not under suspension and has not been revoked.

(19) A licensing agency shall require disclosure only of persons, entities or affiliated entities who directly or indirectly own ten percent (10%) or more of a medical cannabis establishment issued a license by the licensing agency.

(20) Otherwise eligible applicants for licenses to operate as medical cannabis establishments under this chapter shall not be disqualified from receipt of a license based on:

(a) Their location on Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation Lands; or

(b) The involvement of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians or any entity owned or operated by the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians as an owner or co-owner of such license, provided that such license shall be subject to revocation for material noncompliance with this chapter on the same basis as any other license.

(21) A cannabis processing facility that produces edible cannabis products shall hold a permit to operate as a food establishment and shall comply with all applicable requirements for food establishments as set by the MDOH.

SECTION 16. Section 41-137-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2857, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

41-137-39. (1) (a) *** The MDOH shall obtain criminal records background checks on all persons applying to become a licensee, an agent, or representative as defined herein, of a medical cannabis establishment. This shall include performing criminal records background checks on all potential employees, current employees, or representatives/agents of the MDOH Medical Cannabis Program. The required criminal history background includes information provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) *** For the purposes of this section, an applicant is any person who registers with or applies for an initial medical cannabis work permit, or a renewal of a medical cannabis work permit. Such a person or applicant may also be defined as an agent, an employee, a representative, etc. as further defined and sometimes used interchangeably as referenced in this section.

(c) *** For purposes of this section, an agent is a person who acts for or on behalf of, or who represents a medical cannabis establishment while in the course of business or employment with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program and may also be referred to as an agent, a representative, or vice versa.

(d) *** Representative means a principal officer, owner of ten percent (10%) or greater economic interest in a medical cannabis establishment with direct or indirect interest, officer, director, manager, employee, agent, volunteer, or other type representative of a registered medical cannabis licensee establishment.

(e) *** Principal officer means a person(s) who has ultimate responsibility for implementing the decisions of a cannabis testing facility or other such medical cannabis establishment and includes, but are not necessarily limited to, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Administrative Office (CAO), Chief Financial Officer, (CFO), as applicable. Elected or appointed, the board as a whole creates agency policies and oversees the agency's managerial positions.

(f) Board member means an individual on a medical cannabis establishment's company or agency board which serves as an organization's governing body.

(g) Principal owner means the primary owner of a medical cannabis establishment, but often may be the sole owner.

(h) Any and every person/applicant seeking to become an owner or principal owner, principal officer, or officer, board member, director, manager, agent/representative, employee, care giver, or volunteer of a medical cannabis establishment shall apply for, or authorize the MDOH to obtain state and national criminal background checks to be conducted by the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(i) Such criminal background checks shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(j) Once the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety completes a state level criminal history background check,

they will forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history background check.

(k) The person seeking to become an agent/representative of a medical cannabis establishment shall authorize the release of such criminal background check to the MDOH and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee that the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety charges to process fingerprint based state and national criminal background checks. MDOH shall forward any fee charged for such background check to the Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety.

(l) The Mississippi Justice Information Center of the Department of Public Safety shall forward to the MDOH all information obtained concerning the applicant. MDOH will not disseminate the information and will only use such information as required to fulfill the purposes of this act.

(2) A medical cannabis establishment may not employ any person who:

(a) Was convicted of a disqualifying felony offense; or

(b) Is under twenty-one (21) years of age.

(3) The operating documents of a medical cannabis establishment must include procedures for the oversight of the medical cannabis establishment and procedures to ensure accurate record keeping and adequate security measures.

(4) A medical cannabis establishment shall implement appropriate security measures designed to deter and prevent the theft of medical cannabis and unauthorized entrance into areas containing medical cannabis.

(5) All cultivation, harvesting, processing and packaging of medical cannabis must take place in an enclosed, locked and secure facility with a physical address provided to the MDOH during the licensing and registration process. The facility shall be equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by agents of the medical cannabis establishment, emergency personnel or adults who are twenty-one (21) years of age and older and who are accompanied by medical cannabis establishment agents.

(6) No medical cannabis establishment other than a cannabis processing facility or cannabis research facility may * * * process cannabis concentrates, cannabis extractions, or other cannabis products.

(7) A medical cannabis establishment may not share office space with or refer patients to a practitioner.

(8) Medical cannabis establishments are subject to inspection by the MDOR and MDOH during business hours.

(9) Before medical cannabis may be dispensed to a cardholder, a medical cannabis dispensary agent must:

(a) Require that the individual present a registry identification card;

(b) Make a diligent effort to verify that the registry identification card presented to the dispensary is valid;

(c) Make a diligent effort to verify that the person presenting the registry identification card is the person identified on the registry identification card presented to the medical cannabis dispensary agent; and

(d) Not believe that the amount of medical cannabis dispensed would cause the person to possess more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis.

(10) A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell more than the allowable amount of medical cannabis to a cardholder. * * * A resident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twenty-four (24) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in thirty (30) days from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries.

The possession limit for resident cardholders of the allowable amount of medical cannabis shall be a total of twenty-eight (28) MMCEUs. There shall not be a possession limit on intoxicating hemp products or nonconsumable medical cannabis, including, but not limited to, suppositories, ointments, soaps, and lotions or other topical agents.

(11) For purposes of this chapter, total THC is defined as THCA multiplied by .877 plus THC Delta 9 and all other psychoactive forms or isomers of THC added together. A medical cannabis establishment shall not sell cannabis flower or trim that

has a potency of greater than thirty percent (30%) total THC. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell cannabis tinctures, oils or concentrates that have a potency of greater than sixty percent (60%) total THC. Cannabis products that have a potency of over thirty percent (30%) total THC shall be clearly labeled as "extremely potent." Edible cannabis products, including food or drink products, that have been combined with usable cannabis or cannabis products shall be physically demarked and labeled with a clear determination of how much total THC is in a single-serving size and how much THC is in the entire package.

A medical cannabis product shall contain a notice of harm regarding the use of cannabis products. Edible cannabis products shall be homogenized to ensure uniform disbursement of cannabinoids throughout the product. All molded edible cannabis products shall be presented in the form of geometric shapes and shall not be molded to contain any images or characters designed or likely to appeal to minors, such as cartoons, toys, animals or children.

(12) A dispensary may not dispense more than the allowable amount of cannabis to a registered qualifying patient or a nonresident cardholder, directly or via a registered designated caregiver. Dispensaries shall ensure compliance with this limitation by maintaining internal, confidential records that include records specifying how much medical cannabis is being dispensed to the registered qualifying patient or nonresident cardholder and whether it was dispensed directly to a registered qualifying patient, nonresident cardholder or to the registered designated caregiver.

(13) A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of six (6) MMCEUs of allowable medical cannabis in a week from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries. A nonresident cardholder shall not obtain more than a total of twelve (12) MMCEUs of allowable cannabis from a dispensary or a combination of dispensaries in a fifteen-day period.

(14) A nonresident may apply to receive a nonresident registry identification card up to thirty (30) days before arriving in Mississippi. A nonresident registry identification card shall be valid for fifteen (15) days. After the expiration of the card, a nonresident may apply for a renewal of the card and may be granted another card which shall be valid for another fifteen-day period. A nonresident registry identification card shall only be valid, at a maximum, for two (2) separate periods of fifteen (15) days in a three-hundred-sixty-five-day period. An applicant may indicate on his or her application the specific time period that he or she wishes for the card to be valid. The possession limit of the allowable amount of medical cannabis for nonresident cardholders shall be fourteen (14) MMCEUs.

(15) A medical cannabis dispensary agent or employee shall not issue a written certification. Employees and agents of a medical cannabis dispensary shall complete at least eight (8) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis as regulated by the MDOR in order to be certified to work at a medical cannabis dispensary. After the first year of employment, these employees shall complete five (5) hours of continuing education in medical cannabis annually to maintain this certification.

(16) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a patient with a debilitating medical condition who is between eighteen (18) years to twenty-five (25) years of age is not eligible for a medical cannabis registry identification card unless two (2) practitioners from separate medical practices have diagnosed the patient as having a debilitating medical condition after an in-person consultation. One (1) of these practitioners must be a physician or doctor of osteopathic medicine.

If one (1) of the recommending practitioners is not the patient's primary care practitioner, the recommending practitioner shall review the records of a diagnosing practitioner. The requirement that the two (2) practitioners be from separate medical practices does not apply if the patient is homebound or if the patient had a registry identification card before the age of eighteen (18).

(17) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a medical cannabis establishment shall not allow an individual who is younger than twenty-one (21) years old to enter the premises of the establishment unless the individual possesses a registry identification card and is accompanied by his or her legal guardian.

(18) A medical cannabis establishment shall only purchase, grow, cultivate, and use cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state.

(19) Any medical cannabis that is grown and cultivated in this state shall not be transported outside of this state. A hemp grower, hemp processor, medical cannabis cultivator and medical cannabis processor shall be permitted to purchase intoxicating hemp products and hemp-derived ingredients, as applicable, from outside of the state, provided that the intoxicating hemp products, or hemp-derived ingredients, as applicable, were produced using, or are, lawful hemp grown under another state's U.S.D.A. approved hemp program, and the intoxicating hemp products are in compliance with this act, the Mississippi Hemp Regulation Act, and the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 and any subsequent authorizations. Such materials shall be subject to laboratory testing requirements set forth in this act. A medical cannabis processor shall provide proof of compliance with the testing requirements of this act to the Department of Health. A medical cannabis processor shall upload each intoxicating hemp product into the seed-to-sale tracking system.

(** *20) Employees of all medical cannabis establishments shall apply for a work permit with the MDOH and MDOR, as applicable, before beginning employment with any establishment. The licensing agency for the respective medical cannabis establishment may issue work permits to these individuals. These licensing agencies shall maintain a work registry of all applicants and work permits issued. The fee for a work permit shall be Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and the permit shall be valid for five (5) years. Work permits shall be the property of the employee and shall not be transferable to other employees.

(** *21) For purposes of this subsection, "plant growth regulator cannabis" shall mean a cannabis plant whose growth and structure has been modified using plant growth hormones. A cannabis cultivation facility shall not cultivate and a cannabis dispensary shall not sell, transfer or provide for consumption plant growth regulator cannabis.

(** *22) A medical cannabis dispensary shall only make medical cannabis sales to cardholders inside the dispensary. A medical cannabis dispensary shall not sell or otherwise convey medical cannabis to a cardholder through the means of a drive-through, curbside delivery or other delivery outside the premises of the dispensary. Any topical cannabis product that is purchased by a dispensary from a licensed processor, and that is not ingested by the liver, may be sold to a cardholder or any person over the age of twenty-one (21) years old who is not a cardholder. Any intoxicating hemp product may be sold by a medical cannabis dispensary to a cardholder or any person over the age of twenty-one (21) years old who is not a cardholder. Such products * * * may be placed in an area of the dispensary that does not require access with a registry identification card; provided, however, that all such products shall be placed in an area of the store that is separate and distinguishable from the area of the store that offers medical cannabis.

(** *23) Any and all contracts or agreements entered into by the MDOH and MDOR for information technology software, hardware, and/or services for the purpose of implementing and/or operating under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act shall include language reasonably limiting the ability of the vendor to escalate the ongoing cost of such software, hardware, and/or services during the term of the contract, including any amendments and/or extensions.

(** *24) The MDOR and MDOH shall not share the name, address or personal data of a registry identification cardholder to any federal government entity.

SECTION 17. Section 41-137-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-45. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to cultivate, process, transport, use, possess, purchase, sell or transfer cannabis except as authorized by this chapter.

(2) A cardholder or medical cannabis establishment that purposely or knowingly fails to provide a notice required by Section 41-137-31 is guilty of a civil offense, punishable by a fine of no more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), which may be assessed and collected by the licensing agency.

(3) A medical cannabis establishment or an agent of a medical cannabis establishment that purposely, knowingly, or recklessly sells or otherwise transfers medical cannabis other than to a cardholder, a nonresident cardholder, or to a medical

cannabis establishment or its agent as authorized under this chapter is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or both. A person convicted under this subsection may not continue to be affiliated with the medical cannabis establishment and is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(4) A cardholder or nonresident cardholder who purposely, knowingly, or recklessly sells or otherwise transfers medical cannabis to a person or other entity is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or both. A person convicted under this subsection is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter. (5) A person who purposely, knowingly, or recklessly makes a false statement to a law enforcement official about any fact or circumstance relating to the medical use of cannabis to avoid arrest or prosecution is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both. If a person convicted of violating this subsection is a cardholder, the person is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(6) A person who purposely submits false records or documentation for an application for a license for a medical cannabis establishment under this chapter is guilty of a felony punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than two (2) years, or both. A person convicted under this subsection may not continue to be affiliated with the medical cannabis establishment and is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter.

(7) A practitioner who purposely refers patients to a specific medical cannabis establishment or to a registered designated caregiver, who advertises in a medical cannabis establishment, or who issues written certifications while holding a financial interest in a medical cannabis establishment, is guilty of a civil offense for every false certification and shall be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) by the MDOH.

(8) Any person, including an employee or official of an agency or local government, who purposely, knowingly, or recklessly breaches the confidentiality of information obtained under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not more than one hundred eighty (180) days in the county jail, or both.

(9) No person, other than a cannabis or hemp processing facility or its agents, complying with this chapter, or Chapter 25 of Title 69, Mississippi Code of 1972, as applicable to hemp operations, and the rules and regulations promulgated under * * * those chapters, may extract compounds from cannabis that involves a chemical extraction process using a nonhydrocarbon-based or other solvent, such as water, vegetable glycerin, vegetable oils, animal fats, steam distillation, food-grade ethanol, or hydrocarbon-based solvent carbon dioxide. No person may extract compounds from cannabis using ethanol in the presence or vicinity of an open flame. It shall be a felony punishable by commitment to the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for up to three (3) years and a Ten Thousand Dollar (\$10,000.00) fine for any person to purposely, knowingly, or recklessly violate this subsection.

(10) A medical cannabis establishment is guilty of a civil offense for any purposeful, knowing or reckless violation of this chapter or the rules and regulations issued under this chapter where no penalty has been specified, and shall be fined not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each such violation by its licensing agency.

(11) The penalties provided for under this section are in addition to any other criminal, civil or administrative penalties provided for under law, rule or regulation.

(12) In addition to peace officers within their jurisdiction, all law enforcement officers of MDOH and MDOR may enforce the provisions made unlawful by this chapter.

(13) It is unlawful for any person or entity to sell or transfer intoxicating hemp products to individuals in the State of Mississippi except as authorized by this chapter.

Nothing in this act shall prohibit interstate transport of hemp as allowed under federal law and the Mississippi Hemp Regulation Act.

(14) In addition to any other penalty, fine or conviction, as applicable, a person or business entity that purposely, knowingly, or recklessly sells or otherwise transfers intoxicating hemp products to a person in the State of Mississippi except as authorized under this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by commitment to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than one (1) year, or both. A person convicted under this subsection is disqualified from further participation in the medical cannabis program under this chapter and the hemp program under the Mississippi Hemp Regulation Act.

(15) Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this section shall prohibit:

(a) Any licensed medical cannabis establishment from making, purchasing, selling, giving away, exchanging, distributing, marketing, or otherwise holding out for sale any cannabis product or intoxicating hemp product in accordance with the Medical Cannabis Act;

(b) The sale of an intoxicating hemp product to a medical cannabis cultivator or processor by an entity operating in accordance with the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018, any subsequent authorizations and applicable state law.

(16) In addition to any other enforcement authority previously granted thereto, the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue as applicable, may each investigate, either on the basis of complaints filed with it or on its own initiative through compliance visits, reviews or audits, instances of suspected violations of any nature, including, but not limited to:

(a) The inversion or diversion of medical cannabis, medical cannabis products, intoxicating hemp products or of any other matter that may violate the provisions of this act or pose a serious danger to the public;

(b) The sale of medical cannabis, medical cannabis products or intoxicating hemp products by an unlicensed entity; or

(c) The sale of medical cannabis, medical cannabis products or intoxicating hemp products by an entity to anyone who is ineligible to receive such product under the laws of this state.

(17) On the basis of information developed during such an investigation, any of the agencies listed in subsection (16) of this section may exercise any number of actions including:

(a) To revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any license issued by the licensing agency;

(b) Deny an application for a license;

(c) Reprimand, fine and/or take any other actions in relation to a license, as the licensing agency may deem proper under the circumstances; or

(d) Seize medical cannabis, medical cannabis products or intoxicating hemp products that were used in violation of the laws of this state.

(18) In cases where violations of this chapter have been substantiated, the licensing agency may assess a monetary penalty or recoupment of costs for those reasonable costs that are expended by the licensing agency in the investigation and conduct of a proceeding for the compliance issue or violation that is the subject matter of the hearing, including, but not limited to, the costs of process service, court reporters, expert witnesses and investigations. The licensing agency shall determine the amount of investigative fees and costs owed by an individual or entity that violated the provisions of this chapter, as applicable, based on an itemized accounting after the investigation has been officially completed and a final determination or action has been determined.

(19) A dispensary shall not sell, transfer or distribute any intoxicating hemp product to a consumer online, or via electronic or digital application.

SECTION 18. Section 41-137-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-137-13. (1) This chapter shall not be construed to do any of the following:

(a) Require an organization for managed care, health benefit plan, private health insurer, government medical assistance program, employer, property and casualty, or workers' compensation insurer or self-insured group providing coverage for

a medical, pharmacy or health care service to pay for or reimburse any other individual or entity for costs associated with the medical use of cannabis;

(b) Require any employer to permit, accommodate, or allow the medical use of medical cannabis, or to modify any job or working conditions of any employee who engages in the medical use of medical cannabis or who for any reason seeks to engage in the medical use of medical cannabis;

(c) Prohibit any employer from refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining, or otherwise taking an adverse employment action against an individual with respect to hiring, discharging, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment as a result, in whole or in part, of that individual's medical use of medical cannabis, regardless of the individual's impairment or lack of impairment resulting from the medical use of medical cannabis;

(d) Prohibit or limit the ability of any employer from establishing or enforcing a drug-testing policy;

(e) Interfere with, impair or impede any federal restrictions or requirements on employment or contracting, including, but not limited to, regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations;

(f) Permit, authorize, or establish any individual's right to commence or undertake any legal action against an employer for refusing to hire, discharging, disciplining or otherwise taking an adverse employment action against an individual with respect to hiring, discharging, tenure, terms, conditions or privileges of employment due to the individual's medical use of medical cannabis;

(g) Affect, alter or otherwise impact the workers' compensation premium discount available to employers who establish a drug-free workplace program in accordance with Section 71-3-201 et seq.;

(h) Affect, alter or otherwise impact an employer's right to deny or establish legal defenses to the payment of workers' compensation benefits to an employee on the basis of a positive drug test or refusal to submit to or cooperate with a drug test, as provided under Section 71-3-7 and Section 71-3-121; or

(i) Affect, alter or supersede any obligation or condition imposed on a parolee, probationer or an individual participating in a pretrial diversion program or other court-ordered substance abuse rehabilitation program.

(2) This chapter does not authorize any individual to engage in, and does not prevent the imposition of any civil, criminal or other penalties for engaging in, the following conduct:

(a) Acting with negligence, gross negligence, recklessness, in breach of any applicable professional or occupational standard of care, or to effect an intentional wrong, as a result, in whole or in part, of that individual's medical use of medical cannabis;

(b) Possessing medical cannabis or otherwise engaging in the medical use of medical cannabis in any correctional facility, unless the correctional facility has elected to allow the cardholder to engage in the use of medical cannabis;

(c) Smoking medical cannabis or a hemp product, including, but not limited to, an intoxicating hemp product, in a public place or in a motor vehicle; for purposes of this paragraph (c), the term "smoking" includes vaping and any other method of inhalation of medical cannabis or a hemp product, as applicable;

(d) Operating, navigating, or being in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, train, motorboat or other conveyance in a manner that would violate Section 59-23-7, Section 63-11-30 or federal law as a result, in whole or in part, of that individual's medical use of medical cannabis;

(e) Possessing medical cannabis in excess of the allowable amount of medical cannabis; or

(f) Consumption, by a registered designated caregiver, of cannabis provided for use to a registered qualifying patient.

SECTION 19. Sections 6 through 9 of this act shall be codified in Article 4 of Chapter 25, Title 69, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 20. Section 25-9-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-9-107. The following terms, when used in this chapter, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Board" means the State Personnel Board created under the provisions of this chapter.

(b) "State service" means all employees of state departments, agencies and institutions as defined herein, except those officers and employees excluded by this chapter.

(c) "Nonstate service" means the following officers and employees excluded from the state service by this chapter. The following are excluded from the state service:

(i) Members of the State Legislature, their staff and other employees of the legislative branch;

(ii) The Governor and staff members of the immediate Office of the Governor;

(iii) Justices and judges of the judicial branch or members of appeals boards on a per diem basis;

(iv) The Lieutenant Governor, staff members of the immediate Office of the Lieutenant Governor and officers and employees directly appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(v) Officers and officials elected by popular vote and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices;

(vi) Members of boards and commissioners appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or the State Legislature;

(vii) All academic officials, members of the teaching staffs and employees of the state institutions of higher learning, the Mississippi Community College Board, and community and junior colleges;

(viii) Officers and enlisted members of the National Guard of the state;

(ix) Prisoners, inmates, student or patient help working in or about institutions;

(x) Contract personnel; provided that any agency which employs state service employees may enter into contracts for personal and professional services only if such contracts are approved in compliance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Procurement Review Board under Section 27-104-7. Before paying any warrant for such contractual services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), the Auditor of Public Accounts, or the successor to those duties, shall determine whether the contract involved was for personal or professional services, and, if so, was approved by the Public Procurement Review Board as required by law;

(xi) Part-time employees; however, part-time employees shall only be hired into authorized employment positions classified by the board, shall meet minimum qualifications as set by the board, and shall be paid in accordance with the Variable Compensation Plan as certified by the board;

(xii) Persons appointed on an emergency basis for the duration of the emergency; the effective date of the emergency appointments shall not be earlier than the date approved by the State Personnel Director, and shall be limited to thirty (30) working days. Emergency appointments may be extended to sixty (60) working days by the State Personnel Board;

(xiii) Physicians, dentists, veterinarians, nurse practitioners and attorneys, while serving in their professional capacities in authorized employment positions who are required by statute to be licensed, registered or otherwise certified as such, provided that the State Personnel Director shall verify that the statutory qualifications are met prior to issuance of a payroll warrant by the Auditor;

(xiv) Personnel who are employed and paid from funds received from a federal grant program which has been approved by the Legislature or the Department of Finance and Administration whose length of employment has been determined to be time-limited in nature. This subparagraph shall apply to personnel employed under the provisions of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, as amended, and other special federal grant programs which are not a part of regular federally funded programs wherein appropriations and employment positions

are appropriated by the Legislature. Such employees shall be paid in accordance with the Variable Compensation Plan and shall meet all qualifications required by federal statutes or by the Mississippi Classification Plan;

(xv) The administrative head who is in charge of any state department, agency, institution, board or commission, wherein the statute specifically authorizes the Governor, board, commission or other authority to appoint said administrative head; however, the salary of such administrative head shall be determined by the State Personnel Board in accordance with the Variable Compensation Plan unless otherwise fixed by statute;

(xvi) The State Personnel Board shall exclude top-level positions if the incumbents determine and publicly advocate substantive program policy and report directly to the agency head, or the incumbents are required to maintain a direct confidential working relationship with a key excluded official. Further, a written job classification shall be approved by the board for each such position, and positions so excluded shall be paid in conformity with the Variable Compensation Plan;

(xvii) Employees whose employment is solely in connection with an agency's contract to produce, store or transport goods, and whose compensation is derived therefrom;

(xviii) Repealed;

(xix) The associate director, deputy directors and bureau directors within the Department of Agriculture and Commerce;

(xx) Personnel employed by the Mississippi Industries for the Blind; provided that any agency may enter into contracts for the personal services of MIB employees without the prior approval of the State Personnel Board or the State Personal Service Contract Review Board; however, any agency contracting for the personal services of an MIB employee shall provide the MIB employee with not less than the entry-level compensation and benefits that the agency would provide to a full-time employee of the agency who performs the same services;

(xxi) Personnel employed by the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources as law enforcement trainees (cadets); such personnel shall be paid in accordance with the Colonel Guy Groff State Variable Compensation Plan;

(xxii) Administrators and instructional employees under contract or employed by the Mississippi School of the Arts (MSA) established in Section 37-140-1 et seq.;

(xxiii) The President of the Mississippi Lottery Corporation and personnel employed by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation;

(xxiv) Employees, excluding administrative employees, of the State Veterans Affairs Board who are employed at a veterans home established by the State Veterans Affairs Board under Section 35-1-19;

(xxv) Personnel employed by the Mississippi Department of Health whose employment is * * * in connection with the department's responsibilities in implementing, administering and enforcing provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, and enforcing any provision of Sections 1 through 23 of this act, as applicable to the department. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026; and

(xxvi) Personnel employed by the Mississippi Department of Revenue whose employment is * * * in connection with the department's responsibilities in implementing, administering and enforcing provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, and enforcing any provision of Sections 1 through 23 of this act, as applicable to the department. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(d) "Agency" means any state board, commission, committee, council, department or unit thereof created by the Constitution or statutes if such board, commission, committee, council, department, unit or the head thereof, is authorized to appoint subordinate staff by the Constitution or statute, except a legislative or judicial board, commission, committee, council, department or unit thereof.

SECTION 21. Section 25-43-1.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-43-1.103. (1) This chapter applies to all agencies and all proceedings not expressly exempted under this chapter.

(2) This chapter creates only procedural rights and imposes only procedural duties. They are in addition to those created and imposed by other statutes.

(3) Specific statutory provisions which govern agency proceedings and which are in conflict with any of the provisions of this chapter shall continue to be applied to all proceedings of any such agency to the extent of such conflict only.

(4) The provisions of this chapter shall not be construed to amend, repeal or supersede the provisions of any other law; and, to the extent that the provisions of any other law conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter, the provisions of such other law shall govern and control.

(5) An agency may grant procedural rights to persons in addition to those conferred by this chapter so long as rights conferred upon other persons by any provision of law are not substantially prejudiced.

(6) For the purposes of implementing, administering and/or enforcing the provisions of rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, and the provisions in Sections 1 through 23 of this act, as applicable to each department, the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Mississippi Department of Revenue shall be exempted from this chapter from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2026. This subsection shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

SECTION 22. Section 25-53-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-53-1. The Legislature recognizes that in order for the State of Mississippi to receive the maximum use and benefit from information technology and services now in operation or which will in the future be placed in operation, there should be full cooperation and cohesive planning and effort by and between the several state agencies and that it is the responsibility of the Legislature to provide statutory authority therefor. The Legislature, therefore, declares and determines that for these and other related purposes there is hereby established an agency of state government to be known as the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (MDITS). The Legislature further declares that the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (MDITS) shall provide statewide services that facilitate cost-effective information processing and telecommunication solutions. State agencies shall work in full cooperation with the board of MDITS to identify opportunities to minimize duplication, reduce costs and improve the efficiency of providing common technology services across agency boundaries. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the Department of Human Services for a period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2017. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the Department of Child Protection Services for a period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2017. Through June 30, * * * 2026, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue for the purposes of implementing, administering and enforcing the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, and any provision in Sections 1 through 23 of this act that are applicable to the departments individually or jointly.

SECTION 23. Section 25-53-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-53-5. The authority shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

(a) (i) The authority shall provide for the development of plans for the efficient acquisition and utilization of computer equipment and services by all agencies of state government, and provide for their implementation. In so doing, the authority may use the MDITS' staff, at the discretion of the executive director of the authority, or the authority may contract for the services of qualified consulting firms in the field of information technology and utilize the service of such consultants as may be necessary for such purposes. Pursuant to Section 25-53-1, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Department of Human Services for a period of three (3) years beginning on July 1, 2017. Pursuant to Section 25-53-1, the provisions of this section shall not apply to the Department of Child Protection Services for a period of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2017.

(ii) [Repealed]

(b) The authority shall immediately institute procedures for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and supervise the efficient execution of the powers and duties of the office of executive director of the authority. In the execution of its functions under this chapter, the authority shall maintain as a paramount consideration the successful internal organization and operation of the several agencies so that efficiency existing therein shall not be adversely affected or impaired. In executing its functions in relation to the institutions of higher learning and junior colleges in the state, the authority shall take into consideration the special needs of such institutions in relation to the fields of teaching and scientific research.

(c) Title of whatever nature of all computer equipment now vested in any agency of the State of Mississippi is hereby vested in the authority, and no such equipment shall be disposed of in any manner except in accordance with the direction of the authority or under the provisions of such rules and regulations as may hereafter be adopted by the authority in relation thereto.

(d) The authority shall adopt rules, regulations, and procedures governing the acquisition of computer and telecommunications equipment and services which shall, to the fullest extent practicable, ensure the maximum of competition between all manufacturers of supplies or equipment or services. In the writing of specifications, in the making of contracts relating to the acquisition of such equipment and services, and in the performance of its other duties the authority shall provide for the maximum compatibility of all information systems hereafter installed or utilized by all state agencies and may require the use of common computer languages where necessary to accomplish the purposes of this chapter. The authority may establish by regulation and charge reasonable fees on a nondiscriminatory basis for the furnishing to bidders of copies of bid specifications and other documents issued by the authority.

(e) The authority shall adopt rules and regulations governing the sharing with, or the sale or lease of information technology services to any nonstate agency or person. Such regulations shall provide that any such sharing, sale or lease shall be restricted in that same shall be accomplished only where such services are not readily available otherwise within the state, and then only at a charge to the user not less than the prevailing rate of charge for similar services by private enterprise within this state.

(f) The authority may, in its discretion, establish a special technical advisory committee or committees to study and make recommendations on technology matters within the competence of the authority as the authority may see fit. Persons serving on the Information Resource Council, its task forces, or any such technical advisory committees shall be entitled to receive their actual and necessary expenses actually incurred in the performance of such duties, together with mileage as provided by law for state employees, provided the same has been authorized by a resolution duly adopted by the authority and entered on its minutes prior to the performance of such duties.

(g) The authority may provide for the development and require the adoption of standardized computer programs and may provide for the dissemination of information to and the establishment of training programs for the personnel of the various information technology centers of state agencies and personnel of the agencies utilizing the services thereof.

(h) The authority shall adopt reasonable rules and regulations requiring the reporting to the authority through the office of executive director of such information as may be required for carrying out the purposes of this chapter and may also establish such reasonable procedures to be followed in the presentation of bills for payment under the terms of all contracts for the acquisition of computer equipment and services now or hereafter in force as may be required by the authority or by the executive director in the execution of their powers and duties.

(i) The authority shall require such adequate documentation of information technology procedures utilized by the various state agencies and may require the establishment of such organizational structures within state agencies relating to information technology operations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

(j) The authority may adopt such further reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary to fully implement the purposes of this chapter. All rules and regulations adopted by the authority shall be published and disseminated in readily accessible form to all affected state agencies, and to all current suppliers of computer equipment and services to the state, and to all prospective suppliers requesting the same. Such rules and regulations shall be kept current, be periodically revised, and copies thereof shall be available at all times for inspection by the public at reasonable hours in the offices of the authority. Whenever possible no rule, regulation or any proposed amendment to such rules and regulations shall be finally adopted or enforced until copies of the proposed rules and regulations have been furnished to all interested parties for their comment and suggestions.

(k) The authority shall establish rules and regulations which shall provide for the submission of all contracts proposed to be executed by the executive director for computer equipment and/or telecommunications or services, including cloud computing, to the authority for approval before final execution, and the authority may provide that such contracts involving the expenditure of less than such specified amount as may be established by the authority may be finally executed by the executive director without first obtaining such approval by the authority.

(l) The authority is authorized to consider new technologies, such as cloud computing, to purchase, lease, or rent computer equipment or services and to operate that equipment and use those services in providing services to one or more state agencies when in its opinion such operation will provide maximum efficiency and economy in the functions of any such agency or agencies.

(m) Upon the request of the governing body of a political subdivision or instrumentality, the authority shall assist the political subdivision or instrumentality in its development of plans for the efficient acquisition and utilization of computer equipment and services. An appropriate fee shall be charged the political subdivision by the authority for such assistance.

(n) The authority shall adopt rules and regulations governing the protest procedures to be followed by any actual or prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract for the acquisition of computer equipment or services. Such rules and regulations shall prescribe the manner, time and procedure for making protests and may provide that a protest not timely filed shall be summarily denied. The authority may require the protesting party, at the time of filing the protest, to post a bond, payable to the state, in an amount that the authority determines sufficient to cover any expense or loss incurred by the state, the authority or any state agency as a result of the protest if the protest subsequently is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have been filed without any substantial basis or reasonable expectation to believe that the protest was meritorious; however, in no event may the amount of the bond required exceed a reasonable estimate of the total project cost. The authority, in its discretion, also may prohibit any prospective bidder, offerer or contractor who is a party to any litigation involving any such contract with the state, the authority or any agency of the state to participate in any other such bid, offer or contract, or to be awarded any such contract, during the pendency of the litigation.

(o) The authority shall make a report in writing to the Legislature each year in the month of January. Such report shall contain a full and detailed account of the work of the authority for the preceding year as specified in Section 25-53-29(3).

All acquisitions of computer equipment and services involving the expenditure of funds in excess of the dollar amount established in Section 31-7-13(c), or rentals or leases in excess of the dollar amount established in Section 31-7-13(c) for the term of the contract, shall be based upon competitive and open specifications, and contracts therefor shall be entered into only after advertisements for bids are published in one or more daily newspapers having a general circulation in the state not less than fourteen (14) days prior to receiving sealed bids therefor. The authority may reserve the right to reject any or all bids, and if all bids are rejected, the authority may negotiate a contract within the limitations of the specifications so long as the terms of any such negotiated contract are equal to or better than the comparable terms submitted by the lowest and best bidder, and so long as the total cost to the State of Mississippi does not exceed

the lowest bid. If the authority accepts one (1) of such bids, it shall be that which is the lowest and best. Through June 30, * * * 2026, the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to acquisitions of information technology equipment and services made by the Mississippi Department of Health and the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the purposes of implementing, administering and enforcing the provisions of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, and any provision in Sections 1 through 23 of this act that are applicable to the departments individually or jointly.

(p) When applicable, the authority may procure equipment, systems and related services in accordance with the law or regulations, or both, which govern the Bureau of Purchasing of the Office of General Services or which govern the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services procurement of telecommunications equipment, software and services.

(q) The authority is authorized to purchase, lease, or rent information technology and services for the purpose of establishing pilot projects to investigate emerging technologies. These acquisitions shall be limited to new technologies and shall be limited to an amount set by annual appropriation of the Legislature. These acquisitions shall be exempt from the advertising and bidding requirement.

(r) To promote the maximum use and benefit from technology and services now in operation or which will in the future be placed in operation and to identify opportunities, minimize duplication, reduce costs and improve the efficiency of providing common technology services the authority is authorized to:

(i) Enter into master agreements for computer or telecommunications equipment or services, including cloud computing, available for shared use by state agencies, * * * institutions of higher learning and governing authorities; and

(ii) Enter into contracts for the acquisition of computer or telecommunications equipment or services, including cloud computing, that have been acquired by other entities, located within or outside of the State of Mississippi, so long as it is determined by the authority to be in the best interest of the state. The acquisitions provided in this paragraph (r) shall be exempt from the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 25-53-1 et seq.

(s) All fees collected by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services shall be deposited into the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Revolving Fund unless otherwise specified by the Legislature.

(t) The authority shall work closely with the council to bring about effective coordination of policies, standards and procedures relating to procurement of remote sensing and geographic information systems (GIS) resources. In addition, the authority is responsible for development, operation and maintenance of a delivery system infrastructure for geographic information systems data. The authority shall provide a warehouse for Mississippi's geographic information systems data.

(u) The authority shall manage one or more State Data Centers to provide information technology services on a cost-sharing basis. In determining the appropriate services to be provided through the State Data Center, the authority should consider those services that:

(i) Result in savings to the state as a whole;

(ii) Improve and enhance the security and reliability of the state's information and business systems; and

(iii) Optimize the efficient use of the state's information technology assets, including, but not limited to, promoting partnerships with the state institutions of higher learning and community colleges to capitalize on advanced information technology resources.

(v) The authority shall increase federal participation in the cost of the State Data Center to the extent provided by law and its shared technology infrastructure through providing such shared services to agencies that receive federal funds. With regard to state institutions of higher learning and community colleges, the authority may provide shared services when mutually agreeable, following a determination by both the authority and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of

Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community College Board, as the case may be, that the sharing of services is mutually beneficial.

(w) The authority, in its discretion, may require new or replacement agency business applications to be hosted at the State Data Center. With regard to state institutions of higher learning and community colleges, the authority and the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community College Board, as the case may be, may agree that institutions of higher learning or community colleges may utilize business applications that are hosted at the State Data Center, following a determination by both the authority and the applicable board that the hosting of those applications is mutually beneficial. In addition, the authority may establish partnerships to capitalize on the advanced technology resources of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning or the Mississippi Community College Board, following a determination by both the authority and the applicable board that such a partnership is mutually beneficial.

(x) The authority shall provide a periodic update regarding reform-based information technology initiatives to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees.

From and after July 1, 2018, the expenses of this agency shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund. In addition, in order to receive the maximum use and benefit from information technology and services, expenses for the provision of statewide shared services that facilitate cost-effective information processing and telecommunication solutions shall be defrayed by pass-through funding and shall be deposited into the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services Revolving Fund unless otherwise specified by the Legislature. These funds shall only be utilized to pay the actual costs incurred by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services for providing these shared services to state agencies. Furthermore, state agencies shall work in full cooperation with the Board of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services to identify computer equipment or services to minimize duplication, reduce costs, and improve the efficiency of providing common technology services across agency boundaries.

SECTION 24. Section 27-104-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 770, 2024 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2649, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-104-7. (1) (a) There is created the Public Procurement Review Board, which shall be reconstituted on January 1, 2018, and shall be composed of the following members:

(i) Three (3) individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate;

(ii) Two (2) individuals appointed by the Lieutenant Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; and

(iii) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, serving as an ex officio and nonvoting member.

(b) The initial terms of each appointee shall be as follows:

(i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019;

(ii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020;

(iii) One (1) member appointed by the Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2021;

(iv) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2019; and

(v) One (1) member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to serve for a term ending on June 30, 2020.

After the expiration of the initial terms, all appointed members' terms shall be for a period of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term, and until such time as the member's successor is duly appointed and qualified.

(c) When appointing members to the Public Procurement Review Board, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall take into consideration persons who possess at least five (5) years of management experience in general business, health

care or finance for an organization, corporation or other public or private entity. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who receives any grants, procurements or contracts that are subject to approval under this section shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board. Any person, or any employee or owner of a company, who is a principal of the source providing a personal or professional service shall not be appointed to the Public Procurement Review Board if the principal owns or controls a greater than five percent (5%) interest or has an ownership value of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the source's business, whichever is smaller. No member shall be an officer or employee of the State of Mississippi while serving as a voting member on the Public Procurement Review Board.

(d) Members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall be entitled to per diem as authorized by Section 25-3-69 and travel reimbursement as authorized by Section 25-3-41.

(e) The members of the Public Procurement Review Board shall elect a chair from among the membership, and he or she shall preside over the meetings of the board. The board shall annually elect a vice chair, who shall serve in the absence of the chair. No business shall be transacted, including adoption of rules of procedure, without the presence of a quorum of the board. Three (3) members shall be a quorum. No action shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members present and voting, entered upon the minutes of the board and signed by the chair. Necessary clerical and administrative support for the board shall be provided by the Department of Finance and Administration. Minutes shall be kept of the proceedings of each meeting, copies of which shall be filed on a monthly basis with the chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

(2) The Public Procurement Review Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) Approve all purchasing regulations governing the purchase or lease by any agency, as defined in Section 31-7-1, of commodities and equipment, except computer equipment acquired pursuant to Sections 25-53-1 through 25-53-29;

(b) Adopt regulations governing the approval of contracts let for the construction and maintenance of state buildings and other state facilities as well as related contracts for architectural and engineering services.

The provisions of this paragraph (b) shall not apply to such contracts involving buildings and other facilities of state institutions of higher learning which are self-administered as provided under this paragraph (b) or Section 37-101-15(m);

(c) Adopt regulations governing any lease or rental agreement by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration. These regulations shall require each agency requesting to lease such space to provide the following information that shall be published by the Department of Finance and Administration on its website: the agency to lease the space; the terms of the lease; the approximate square feet to be leased; the use for the space; a description of a suitable space; the general location desired for the leased space; the contact information for a person from the agency; the deadline date for the agency to have received a lease proposal; any other specific terms or conditions of the agency; and any other information deemed appropriate by the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration or the Public Procurement Review Board. The information shall be provided sufficiently in advance of the time the space is needed to allow the Division of Real Property Management of the Department of Finance and Administration to review and preapprove the lease before the time for advertisement begins;

(d) Adopt, in its discretion, regulations to set aside at least five percent (5%) of anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the department and shall be subject to all bid requirements. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder; however, if no minority bid is

available or if the minority bid is more than two percent (2%) higher than the lowest bid, then bids shall be accepted and awarded to the lowest and best bidder. However, the provisions in this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the rejection of a bid when only one (1) bid is received. Such rejection shall be placed in the minutes. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

(i) Black: having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa;

(ii) Hispanic: of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish or Portuguese culture or origin regardless of race;

(iii) Asian-American: having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands;

(iv) American Indian or Alaskan Native: having origins in any of the original people of North America; or

(v) Female;

(e) In consultation with and approval by the Chairs of the Senate and House Public Property Committees, approve leases, for a term not to exceed eighteen (18) months, entered into by state agencies for the purpose of providing parking arrangements for state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building;

(f) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, promulgate rules and regulations governing the solicitation and selection of contractual services personnel, including personal and professional services contracts for any form of consulting, policy analysis, public relations, marketing, public affairs, legislative advocacy services or any other contract that the board deems appropriate for oversight, with the exception of:

1. Any personal service contracts entered into by any agency that employs only nonstate service employees as defined in Section 25-9-107(c);

2. Any personal service contracts entered into for computer or information technology-related services governed by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services;

3. Any personal service contracts entered into by the individual state institutions of higher learning;

4. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Mississippi Department of Transportation;

5. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Human Services through June 30, 2019, which the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services determines would be useful in establishing and operating the Department of Child Protection Services;

6. Any personal service contracts entered into by the Department of Child Protection Services through June 30, 2019;

7. Any contracts for entertainers and/or performers at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds entered into by the Mississippi Fair Commission;

8. Any contracts entered into by the Department of Finance and Administration when procuring aircraft maintenance, parts, equipment and/or services;

9. Any contract entered into by the Department of Public Safety for service on specialized equipment and/or software required for the operation of such specialized equipment for use by the Office of Forensics Laboratories;

10. Any personal or professional service contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Health or the Department of Revenue *** in connection with their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, and any provision in Sections 1 through 23 of this act that are applicable to the departments individually or jointly, from February 2, 2022, through June 30, 2026;

11. Any contract for attorney, accountant, actuary auditor, architect, engineer, anatomical pathologist, or utility rate expert services;

12. Any personal service contracts approved by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration and entered into by the Coordinator of Mental Health Accessibility through June 30, 2022;

13. Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the State Department of Health in carrying out its responsibilities under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program through June 30, 2026; * * *

14. * * * Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022, through June 30, 2026; and

15. Any personal or professional services contract entered into by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in carrying out its responsibilities under Section 49-2-13(l). This item 15 shall stand repealed on July 1, 2028.

Any such rules and regulations shall provide for maintaining continuous internal audit covering the activities of such agency affecting its revenue and expenditures as required under Section 7-7-3(6)(d). Any rules and regulation changes related to personal and professional services contracts that the Public Procurement Review Board may propose shall be submitted to the Chairs of the Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Chairs of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives at least fifteen (15) days before the board votes on the proposed changes, and those rules and regulation changes, if adopted, shall be promulgated in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Act.

(ii) From and after July 1, 2024, the Public Procurement Review Board shall promulgate rules and regulations that require the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations as provided in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority, with assistance to be provided from these entities. Any powers that have been conferred upon agencies in order to comply with the provisions of this section for personal and professional services solicitations shall be conferred upon the Department of Finance and Administration to conduct personal and professional services solicitations for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority for those services in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). The Department of Finance and Administration shall make any submissions that are required to be made by other agencies to the Public Procurement Review Board for the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the Mississippi Development Authority.

The provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall stand repealed on June 30, 2027;

(g) Approve all personal and professional services contracts involving the expenditures of funds in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), except as provided in paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and in subsection (8);

(h) Develop mandatory standards with respect to contractual services personnel that require invitations for public bid, requests for proposals, record keeping and financial responsibility of contractors. The Public Procurement Review Board shall, unless exempted under this paragraph (h) or under paragraph (i) or (o) of this subsection (2), require the agency involved to submit the procurement to a competitive procurement process, and may reserve the right to reject any or all resulting procurements;

(i) Prescribe certain circumstances by which agency heads may enter into contracts for personal and professional services without receiving prior approval from the Public Procurement Review Board. The Public Procurement Review Board may establish a preapproved list of providers of various personal and professional services for set prices with which state agencies may contract without bidding or prior approval from the board;

(i) Agency requirements may be fulfilled by procuring services performed incident to the state's own programs. The agency head shall determine in writing whether the price represents a fair market value for the services. When the procurements are made from other governmental entities, the private sector need not be solicited; however, these contracts shall still be submitted for approval to the Public Procurement Review Board.

(ii) Contracts between two (2) state agencies, both under Public Procurement Review Board purview, shall not require Public Procurement Review Board approval. However, the contracts shall still be entered into the enterprise resource planning system;

(j) Provide standards for the issuance of requests for proposals, the evaluation of proposals received, consideration of costs and quality of services proposed, contract negotiations, the administrative monitoring of contract performance by the agency and successful steps in terminating a contract;

(k) Present recommendations for governmental privatization and to evaluate privatization proposals submitted by any state agency;

(l) Authorize personal and professional service contracts to be effective for more than one (1) year provided a funding condition is included in any such multiple year contract, except the State Board of Education, which shall have the authority to enter into contractual agreements for student assessment for a period up to ten (10) years. The State Board of Education shall procure these services in accordance with the Public Procurement Review Board procurement regulations;

(m) Request the State Auditor to conduct a performance audit on any personal or professional service contract;

(n) Prepare an annual report to the Legislature concerning the issuance of personal and professional services contracts during the previous year, collecting any necessary information from state agencies in making such report;

(o) Develop and implement the following standards and procedures for the approval of any sole source contract for personal and professional services regardless of the value of the procurement:

(i) For the purposes of this paragraph (o), the term "sole source" means only one (1) source is available that can provide the required personal or professional service.

(ii) An agency that has been issued a binding, valid court order mandating that a particular source or provider must be used for the required service must include a copy of the applicable court order in all future sole source contract reviews for the particular personal or professional service referenced in the court order.

(iii) Any agency alleging to have a sole source for any personal or professional service, other than those exempted under paragraph (f) of this subsection (2) and subsection (8), shall publish on the procurement portal website established by Sections 25-53-151 and 27-104-165, for at least fourteen (14) days, the terms of the proposed contract for those services. In addition, the publication shall include, but is not limited to, the following information:

1. The personal or professional service offered in the contract;

2. An explanation of why the personal or professional service is the only one that can meet the needs of the agency;

3. An explanation of why the source is the only person or entity that can provide the required personal or professional service;

4. An explanation of why the amount to be expended for the personal or professional service is reasonable; and

5. The efforts that the agency went through to obtain the best possible price for the personal or professional service.

(iv) If any person or entity objects and proposes that the personal or professional service published under subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph (o) is not a sole source service and can be provided by another person or entity, then the objecting person or entity shall notify the Public Procurement Review Board and the agency that published the proposed sole source contract with a detailed explanation of why the personal or professional service is not a sole source service.

(v) 1. If the agency determines after review that the personal or professional service in the proposed sole source contract can be provided by another person or entity, then the agency must withdraw the sole source contract publication from the procurement portal website and submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process.

2. If the agency determines after review that there is only one (1) source for the required personal or professional service, then the agency may appeal to the Public Procurement Review Board. The agency has the burden of proving that the personal or professional service is only provided by one (1) source.

3. If the Public Procurement Review Board has any reasonable doubt as to whether the personal or professional service can only be provided by one (1) source, then the agency must submit the procurement of the personal or professional service to an advertised competitive bid or selection process. No action taken by the Public Procurement Review Board in this appeal process shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Public Procurement Review Board present and voting.

(vi) The Public Procurement Review Board shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the House of Representatives and Senate Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees that details the sole source contracts presented to the Public Procurement Review Board and the reasons that the Public Procurement Review Board approved or rejected each contract. These quarterly reports shall also include the documentation and memoranda required in subsection (4) of this section. An agency that submitted a sole source contract shall be prepared to explain the sole source contract to each committee by December 15 of each year upon request by the committee;

(p) Assess any fines and administrative penalties provided for in Sections 31-7-401 through 31-7-423.

(3) All submissions shall be made sufficiently in advance of each monthly meeting of the Public Procurement Review Board as prescribed by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board rejects any contract submitted for review or approval, the Public Procurement Review Board shall clearly set out the reasons for its action, including, but not limited to, the policy that the agency has violated in its submitted contract and any corrective actions that the agency may take to amend the contract to comply with the rules and regulations of the Public Procurement Review Board.

(4) All sole source contracts for personal and professional services awarded by state agencies, other than those exempted under Section 27-104-7(2)(f) and (8), whether approved by an agency head or the Public Procurement Review Board, shall contain in the procurement file a written determination for the approval, using a request form furnished by the Public Procurement Review Board. The written determination shall document the basis for the determination, including any market analysis conducted in order to ensure that the service required was practicably available from only one (1) source. A memorandum shall accompany the request form and address the following four (4) points:

(a) Explanation of why this service is the only service that can meet the needs of the purchasing agency;

(b) Explanation of why this vendor is the only practicably available source from which to obtain this service;

(c) Explanation of why the price is considered reasonable; and

(d) Description of the efforts that were made to conduct a noncompetitive negotiation to get the best possible price for the taxpayers.

(5) In conjunction with the State Personnel Board, the Public Procurement Review Board shall develop and promulgate rules and regulations to define the allowable legal relationship between contract employees and the contracting departments, agencies and institutions of state government under the jurisdiction of the State Personnel Board, in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for federal employment tax purposes. Under these regulations, the usual common law rules are applicable to determine and require that such worker is an independent contractor and not an employee, requiring evidence of lawful behavioral control, lawful financial control and lawful relationship of the parties. Any state department, agency or institution shall only be authorized to contract for personnel services in compliance with those regulations.

(6) No member of the Public Procurement Review Board shall use his or her official authority or influence to coerce, by threat of discharge from employment, or otherwise, the purchase of commodities, the contracting for personal or professional services, or the contracting for public construction under this chapter.

(7) Notwithstanding any other laws or rules to the contrary, the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall not be applicable to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

(8) Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into any personal or professional services contracts directly related to their constitutional obligation to manage the trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts. Nothing in this section shall impair or limit the authority of the State Treasurer to enter into any personal or professional services contracts involving the management of trust funds, including, but not limited to, actuarial, custodial banks, cash management, investment consultant and investment management contracts.

(9) Through December 31, **2026, the provisions of this section related to rental agreements or leasing of real property for the purpose of conducting agency business shall not apply to the Office of Workforce Development created in Section 37-153-7.

SECTION 25. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 297, 2024 Regular Session, Senate Bill No. 2486, 2024 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 3070, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best

competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however,

if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. For any projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, publication shall be made one (1) time and the bid opening for construction projects shall not be less than ten (10) working days after the date of the published notice. The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. Submissions received by the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program for projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act shall be displayed on a separate and unique Internet web page accessible to the public and maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority for the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program. Those American Recovery and Reinvestment Act related submissions shall be publicly posted within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt by the Mississippi Development Authority and the bid opening shall not occur until the submission has been posted for ten (10) consecutive days. The Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain information regarding contracts and other expenditures from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, on a unique Internet web page accessible to the public. The Department of Finance and Administration shall promulgate rules regarding format, content and deadlines, unless otherwise specified by law, of the posting of award notices, contract execution and subsequent amendments, links to the contract documents, expenditures against the awarded contracts and general expenditures of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page for the duration of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding or until the project is completed, whichever is longer.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the

receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the

accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices.

In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks.

In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority.

If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization.

For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range

(ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of

the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain

approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations

adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products or services. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (I)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any

municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however, state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue *** for the purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, and any provision in Sections 1 through 23 of this act that are applicable to the departments individually or jointly. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(xxxvix) Purchases made by state agencies related to museum exhibits. Purchases made by an agency related to the fabrication, construction, installation or refurbishing of museum exhibits. An agency making a purchase under this exemption in excess of the bid threshold set forth in 31-7-13(c) shall publicly advertise a Request for Qualifications or Request for Proposals in which price as an evaluation factor is at least twenty percent (20%) out of the one hundred percent (100%) total weight, but shall be otherwise exempt. Any contract arising from a purchase using this exemption must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board prior to execution by the agency. The agency shall submit a written report on December 1 of each year to the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the Senate and House Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees and the Chair of the Public Procurement Review Board, identifying all purchases made by the agency using this exemption in which the cost of the option selected by the agency was more than twenty-five percent (25%) higher than the lowest cost option available.

(xxxx) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 1(7) of this act. Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 1(7) of this act and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and

maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have

been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

(x) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act. (i) * * * The Department of Finance and Administration shall develop and implement a process that creates a preferred vendor list for both disaster debris removal and monitoring.

(ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

SECTION 26. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have or possess, with the intent to sell, intoxicating hemp intended for use in violating the provisions of this chapter, or regulations prescribed under this chapter. No property rights shall exist in any such products. All such property shall be considered contraband and shall be seized and forfeited to the State of Mississippi.

(2) An individual or entity that is not authorized to sell intoxicating hemp products in accordance with the provisions of this act that advertises the sale of intoxicating hemp products or offers to consumers products that are packaged and labeled as intoxicating hemp products shall be presumed to be violating the provisions of this act and such products shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture.

(3) The following are subject to forfeiture:

(a) All intoxicating hemp products, as defined in 69-25-203, which have been distributed, dispensed or acquired in violation of this chapter;

(b) All property which is used, or intended for use, as a container for property described in items (a) of this subsection;

(c) All money, deadly weapons, books, records and research products and materials, including formulas, microfilm, tapes and data which are used, or intended for use, in violation of this chapter.

(4) Property subject to forfeiture may be seized by the Department of Health, Department of Revenue, and Department of Agriculture and its agents, and duly sworn law enforcement officers acting within their jurisdiction upon process issued by any appropriate court having jurisdiction over the property. Seizure without process may be made if:

(a) The seizure is incident to an arrest or a search under a search warrant or an investigation under Section 41-137-45;

(b) The property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the state in a criminal injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this chapter; or

(c) The Department of Health, Department of Revenue, and Department of Agriculture and Commerce, as applicable, and other law enforcement personnel described in this subsection have probable cause to believe that the property was used or is intended to be used in violation of this chapter.

(5) Intoxicating hemp products, seized or detained under the authority of this chapter, are deemed to be in the custody of the agent or agency so seizing the property and subject only to the orders and decrees of the court having jurisdiction over the property. When such property is seized, it may be retained as evidence until final disposition of the cause in which such property is involved.

(6) Any intoxicating hemp seized under the authority of this chapter, shall be destroyed, adulterated and disposed of or otherwise rendered harmless and disposed of, upon written authorization of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, or the State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health, as applicable, after such intoxicating hemp product has served its usefulness as evidence or after such product is no longer useful for training or demonstration purposes. No intoxicating hemp product shall be disposed of, destroyed or rendered harmless under the authority of this section without an order from the

director, Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Revenue or the State Health Officer of the Mississippi Department of Health, as applicable, and without at least two (2) officers or agents of the bureau present as witnesses.

(7) A record of the disposition of such intoxicating hemp products and the method of destruction or adulteration employed along with the names of witnesses to such destruction or adulteration shall be retained by the applicable department.

(8) Any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years who purchases, receives, or has in his or her possession in any public place, any intoxicating hemp product(s), shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). If a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years is convicted or enters a plea of guilty of purchasing, receiving or having in his or her possession in any public place any intoxicating hemp product(s) in violation of this subsection, the trial judge, in lieu of the penalties otherwise provided under this subsection, shall suspend the minor's driver's license by taking and keeping it in the custody of the court for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days. The judge so ordering the suspension shall enter upon his docket "DEFENDANT'S DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR ____ DAYS IN LIEU OF CONVICTION" and such action by the trial judge shall not constitute a conviction. During the period that the minor's driver's license is suspended, the trial judge shall suspend the imposition of any fines or penalties that may be imposed under this subsection and may place the minor on probation subject to such conditions as the judge deems appropriate. If the minor violates any of the conditions of probation, then the trial judge shall return the driver's license to the minor and impose the fines, penalties or both, that he would have otherwise imposed, and such action shall constitute a conviction.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, subject to the following provisions:

(a) Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effective date of this act, the Department of Health and Department of Revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations related to their responsibilities under this act;

(b) Beginning on October 1, 2024, each licensed medical cannabis testing facility may test hemp products, including, but not limited to, intoxicating hemp products;

(c) Until November 1, 2024, all hemp products that would be considered intoxicating hemp products as of the effective date of this act may continue to be sold in retail entities that are not licensed as medical cannabis dispensaries; and

(d) Beginning on November 1, 2024, all intoxicating hemp products shall only be sold to consumers through licensed medical cannabis dispensaries that are registered with the Department of Revenue to sell such products.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 69-25-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO RENAME THE "MISSISSIPPI HEMP CULTIVATION ACT" AS THE "MISSISSIPPI HEMP REGULATION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 69-25-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERMS "INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCT" AND "TOTAL THC"; TO AMEND SECTION 69-25-207, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 69-25-213, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REDUCE FROM A CONCENTRATION OF MORE THAN 0.5% TO A CONCENTRATION OF MORE THAN 0.3%, THE VIOLATION OF PRODUCING CANNABIS SATIVA L. WITH A CERTAIN DELTA 9 TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL CONCENTRATION ON A DRY WEIGHT BASIS; TO AMEND SECTION 69-25-217, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT THE PROCESSING OR GROWING OF ANY INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS FOR SALE WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; TO PROHIBIT THE PROCESSING, GROWING, OR SALE OF ANY HEMP PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN AN ARTIFICIALLY DERIVED CANNABINOID; TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ANY HEMP PRODUCT TO ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS; TO REGULATE THE PROCESSING, GROWING, DISTRIBUTION, AND SALE OF AN

INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCT THAT CONTAINS MORE THAN FIVE MILLIGRAMS OF TOTAL THC PER CONTAINER; TO PROVIDE THAT INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS MAY ONLY BE SOLD TO CONSUMERS IN MISSISSIPPI BY PERSONS OR BUSINESS ENTITIES LICENSED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT; TO REQUIRE THAT LABELS FOR INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS BE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; TO REQUIRE ANY MEDICAL CANNABIS PROCESSING FACILITY THAT INTENDS TO PROCESS INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO REQUIRE SUCH ENTITY PAY A NONREFUNDABLE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5,000.00; TO REQUIRE ANY MEDICAL CANNABIS DISPENSARY THAT INTENDS TO ACQUIRE OR SELL INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS TO REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO REQUIRE SUCH ENTITY PAY A NONREFUNDABLE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5,000.00; TO IMPOSE A 5% EXCISE TAX ON INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 69-25-219 AND 69-25-223, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERMS "HEMP-DERIVED INGREDIENT" AND "INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCT"; TO REVISE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS RELATED TO THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT, INCLUDING "TOTAL THC" AND "UNIT"; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF HEMP-DERIVED INGREDIENTS AND INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS BY A CANNABIS CULTIVATION, PROCESSING, DISPENSING, OR RESEARCH FACILITY FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE INCORPORATING HEMP-DERIVED INGREDIENTS PURCHASED BY MEDICAL CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CAPABILITIES OF THE SEED-TO-SALE TRACKING SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2857, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT ENTITIES NOT LICENSED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT ARE PROHIBITED FROM SELLING INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS; TO AUTHORIZE ENTITIES TO PURCHASE HEMP PRODUCTS FROM OUTSIDE OF THE STATE IF THE PRODUCTS WERE TESTED ACCORDING TO CERTAIN STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS; TO REQUIRE A MEDICAL CANNABIS PROCESSOR TO UPLOAD EACH INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCT INTO THE SEED TO SALE TRACKING SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CANNABIS AND INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS SHALL BE IN SEPARATE AND DISTINGUISHABLE AREAS IN DISPENSARIES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY NOT LICENSED AS A DISPENSARY UNDER THE MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT TO SELL OR TRANSFER INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON OR BUSINESS ENTITY THAT UNLAWFULLY SELLS INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCTS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, AS APPLICABLE, TO ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AUTHORIZE LICENSING AGENCIES TO ASSESS A MONETARY PENALTY OR RECOUPMENT OF COSTS FOR THOSE REASONABLE COSTS THAT ARE EXPENDED BY THE AGENCY IN THE INVESTIGATION AND CONDUCT OF A PROCEEDING FOR A COMPLIANCE ISSUE OR VIOLATION OF THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AMEND SECTION 41-137-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS CHAPTER DOES NOT PREVENT THE IMPOSITION OF ANY CIVIL, CRIMINAL OR OTHER PENALTIES FROM THE SMOKING OF HEMP PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC PLACES; TO AMEND SECTION 25-9-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WHOSE EMPLOYMENT IS IN CONNECTION WITH EITHER

DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN IMPLEMENTING, ADMINISTERING AND ENFORCING PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT OR PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM BEING CONSIDERED AS STATE SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR PURPOSES OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 25-43-1.103, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING, ADMINISTERING AND/OR ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT UNTIL 2026; TO AMEND SECTION 25-53-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES BID AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING, ADMINISTERING AND ENFORCING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 25-53-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 770, 2024 REGULAR SESSION AND SENATE BILL NO. 2649, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT OR THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2026; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 297, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, SENATE BILL NO. 2486, 2024 REGULAR SESSION AND SENATE BILL NO. 3070, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PURCHASES MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND/OR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT AND THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT TO BE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN BIDDING REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam Creekmore IV, Lee Yancey, Shane Aguirre
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, Kevin Blackwell, Chris Johnson (Not Signed)

POINT OF ORDER

A written point of order was raised by Representative Clark as follows:

Mr. Speaker, According to Joint Rule 25, I raise a point of order that the Conference Report for House Bill 1676 added the following code sections that were not in the original bill: 25-9-10, 25-43-1, 25-53-1, 25-53-5, 31-7-13 and 27-104-7.

The Speaker ruled the point of order well taken.

Rep. Creekmore moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-159-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-159-1. Sections 37-159-1 through 37-159-19 shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998."

SECTION 2. Section 37-159-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-159-5. The State Board of Education shall prescribe rules and regulations which, subject to available appropriations, allow for reimbursement to the state licensed teachers, from both in state and out of state, who enter into a contract for employment in a school district situated within a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education, for the expense of moving when the employment necessitates the relocation of the teacher to a different geographical area than that in which the teacher resides before entering into such contract. In order to be eligible for the reimbursement, the teacher must apply to the local district and the district must obtain the prior approval from the department for reimbursement before the relocation occurs. If the reimbursement is approved, the department shall provide funds to the school district to reimburse the teacher an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the documented actual expenses incurred in the course of relocating, including the expense of any professional moving company or persons employed to assist with the move, rented moving vehicles or equipment, mileage in the amount authorized for state employees under Section 25-3-41 if the teacher used his personal vehicle or vehicles for the move, meals and such other expenses associated with the relocation in accordance with the department's established rules and regulations. No teacher may be reimbursed for moving expenses under this section on more than one (1) occasion.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the actual residence to which the teacher relocates to be within the boundaries of the school district which has executed a contract for employment with the teacher or within the boundaries of the area designated by the State Board of Education as the critical teacher shortage area in order for the teacher to be eligible for reimbursement for his moving expenses. However, teachers must relocate within the boundaries of the State of Mississippi.

SECTION 3. Section 37-159-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-159-7. The school board of any school district situated within a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education, in its discretion, may reimburse persons who interview for employment as a licensed teacher with the district for the mileage and other actual expenses incurred in the course of travel to and from the interview by such persons at the rate authorized for county and municipal employees under Section 25-3-41. Any reimbursement by a school board under this section shall be paid from funds other than adequate education program funds.

SECTION 4. Section 37-159-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-159-9. (1) There is established the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program within the State Department of Education. The purposes of the program shall be to attract additional qualified teachers to those geographical areas of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers and to retain the qualified teachers already serving as licensed teachers in geographical critical teacher shortage areas by making available scholarships to persons working towards a Master of Education degree or an Educational Specialist degree at an institution of higher learning whose teacher education program is approved by the State Board of Education.

(2) Any institution of higher learning in the State of Mississippi which offers a Master of Education degree or an Educational Specialist degree may apply to the department for participation in the program. As part of the program, participating institutions shall collaborate with the Mississippi Teacher Center to identify, recruit and place teacher education graduates, from both within the state and out of state, in school districts situated within those areas of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education.

(3) The State Department of Education shall provide funds to participating institutions of higher learning for the purpose of awarding scholarships to qualified persons pursuing a Master of Education degree or an Educational Specialist degree at such institutions while rendering service to the state as a licensed teacher in a school district in a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as approved by the State Board of Education. The financial scholarship shall be applied to the total cost for tuition, books, materials and fees at the institution in which the student is enrolled, not to exceed an amount equal to the highest total cost of tuition, books, materials and fees assessed by a state institution of higher learning during that school year. Teachers who relocate within Mississippi from out of state in order to participate in the program shall be classified as residents of the state for tuition purposes.

(4) Students awarded financial scholarships under the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program may receive such awards for a maximum of four (4) school years; however, the maximum number of awards which may be made shall not exceed the length of time required to complete the number of academic hours necessary to obtain a Master of Education degree or an Educational Specialist degree. Financial scholarships under the program shall not be based upon an applicant's eligibility for financial aid.

(5) Persons relocating to a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as approved by the State Board of Education, to participate in the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program shall be eligible for reimbursement for their moving expenses to the critical teacher shortage area from the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the administration of the relocation expense reimbursement component of the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program.

(6) Subject to the availability of funds, the State Board of Education may provide for professional development and support services as may be necessary for the retention of teachers participating in the program in those geographical areas of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers.

(7) Any person participating in the program who fails to complete a program of study that will enable that person to obtain a Master of Education degree or Educational Specialist degree shall become liable immediately to the State Board of Education for the sum of all awards made to that person under the program, plus interest accruing at the current Stafford Loan rate at the time the person abrogates his participation in the program.

(8) As a condition for participation in the program, a teacher shall agree to employment as a licensed teacher in a school district located in a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education, for a period of not less than three (3) years, which shall include those years of service rendered while obtaining the Master of Education degree or Educational Specialist degree. However, for any person who obtained a Baccalaureate

degree in education with a financial scholarship under the Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program and who entered the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program before rendering service as a teacher, the period of employment for the purposes of this subsection shall be two (2) years, in addition to the employment commitment required under the Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program. Service rendered by a participant as a licensed teacher in a school district in a geographical critical teacher shortage area before that teacher becomes a participant in the program may not be considered to fulfill the employment commitment required under this subsection. Any person failing to comply with this employment commitment in any required school year shall immediately be in breach of contract and become liable immediately to the State Department of Education for the sum of all scholarships awarded and relocation expenses granted to that person, less one-third (1/3) of the amount of that sum for each year that service was rendered, or for those persons whose required period of employment is two (2) years, less one-half (1/2) of the amount of that sum for each year that service was rendered, plus interest accruing at the current Stafford Loan rate at the time the breach occurs, except in the case of a deferral for cause by the State Board of Education when there is no employment position immediately available upon the teacher's obtaining of the Master of Education degree or Educational Specialist degree. After the period of such deferral, the person shall begin or resume the required teaching duties or shall become liable to the board under this subsection. If a claim for repayment under this subsection is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection after default, then the obligor shall be liable for an additional amount equal to a reasonable attorney's fee.

(9) All funds received by the State Department of Education from the repayment of scholarship awards and relocation expenses by program participants shall be deposited in the Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Fund.

(10) The State Board of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the proper administration of the University Assisted Teacher Recruitment and Retention Grant Program.

SECTION 5. Section 37-159-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-159-11. (1) There is established the Mississippi Employer-Assisted Housing Teacher Program, which shall be a special home loan program for eligible licensed teachers who render service to the state in a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education. The home loan program shall be administered by the State Department of Education. The department may contract with one or more public or private entities to provide assistance in implementing and administering the program. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the implementation and administration of the program.

(2) Participation in the loan program shall be available to any licensed teacher who renders service in a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education. Any person who receives a loan under the program shall be required to purchase a house and reside in a county in which the school district for which the teacher is rendering service, or any portion of the school district, is located. The maximum amount of a loan that may be made under the program to any person shall be Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

(3) Any loan made under the program to a person who actually renders service as a teacher in a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education, shall be converted to an interest-free grant on the basis of one (1) year's service for one-third (1/3) of the amount of the loan. Any person who does not render three (3) years' service as a teacher in a geographical area of the state where there exists a critical shortage of teachers, as designated by the State Board of Education, shall be liable to the State Department of Education for one-third (1/3) of the amount of the loan for each year that he does not render such service, plus interest accruing at the current Stafford Loan rate at the time the person discontinues his service. If a claim for repayment under this

subsection is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, the obligor shall be liable for an additional amount equal to a reasonable attorney's fee.

(4) All funds received by the State Department of Education as repayment of loans by program participants shall be deposited in the Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Fund.

SECTION 6. Section 37-159-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-159-13. (1) There is established a pilot program to provide for the construction of rental housing units for teachers in the West Tallahatchie School District, which pilot program shall be administered by the State Department of Education. The department may contract with one or more public or private entities to provide assistance in implementing and administering the program. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules and regulations regarding the implementation and administration of the program.

(2) The West Tallahatchie School District shall receive proposals from developers for the construction of the rental housing units, and submit its recommendation to the State Department of Education about which developer should construct the units. The department shall make the final determination about the developer that will construct the units.

(3) After selection of the developer, the department shall loan the developer not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for construction of the units. The interest rate on the loan shall be equal to one percent (1%) below the discount rate at the Federal Reserve Bank in the Federal Reserve district in which the school district is located, and the loan shall be repaid in not more than fifteen (15) years, as determined by the department. All funds received by the department as repayment of the principal and interest of the loan shall be deposited in the Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Fund. If a claim against the developer for repayment is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, the obligor shall be liable for an additional amount equal to a reasonable attorney's fee.

(4) The developer shall operate the rental housing units. For a period of ten (10) years or until such time as the loan to the developer is repaid, whichever is longer, the priority for residence in the units shall be given first to teachers employed by the school district, then to other licensed school district employees, and then to any other school district employees.

SECTION 7. Section 37-159-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-159-17. There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "Mississippi Critical Teacher Shortage Fund," into which shall be deposited those funds appropriated by the Legislature, and any other funds that may be made available, for the purpose of implementing the programs established under Sections 37-159-5, 37-9-77, 37-3-91 and 37-159-9 through 37-159-13. Money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the General Fund, and interest earned on any amounts deposited into the fund shall be credited to the special fund.

SECTION 8. Section 37-159-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-159-19. Sections 37-159-1 through 37-159-17 shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2027.

SECTION 9. Section 37-106-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-106-36. (1) There is established the "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program."

(2) Subject to the availability of funds, an eligible applicant for an initial award must have:

(a) Graduated from a baccalaureate degree-granting institution of higher learning which is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) or a comparable accreditation body;

(b) Signed a contract as a full-time * * * teacher in a public school district in Mississippi;

(c) Obtained a standard five-year license or a nontraditional five-year alternate route license. Persons with provisional emergency licenses shall not be eligible applicants; and

(d) Outstanding qualifying undergraduate or graduate educational loans, which may include the principal, interest and related expenses such as the required interest premium on the unpaid balances of government and commercial loans obtained by the recipient for undergraduate educational expense.

(3) Persons who have received funds from other forgivable loan programs established for teachers under Mississippi law, or who are presently in default or delinquent on any federal, state, local or commercial qualifying educational loan, shall not be eligible for this program.

(4) Provided that initial recipients remain eligible under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section, they may retain eligibility for two (2) additional awards, subject to the availability of funds.

(**5) Initial recipients shall be selected on a first-come, first-served basis of all eligible applicants. ** subject to the availability of funds. In the second and ** third years of an applicant's continued eligibility, priority consideration shall first be given to renewal applicants. ** The State Financial Aid Board shall develop rules for ensuring that expenses of the program in a fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year. For that purpose, and any other provision of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, the State Financial Aid Board may limit the acceptance of applications and may limit the number of awards.

(**6) Among ** teacher recipients, priority consideration shall be given to persons who are teaching in a public school district designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area by the State Board of Education.

(**7) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract to teach in a public school district that is not designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

(a) One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) for the ** initial award;

(b) Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the second ** award; and

(c) Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for the third ** award.

(**8) Awards for recipients who have signed a contract to teach in a public school district that is designated as a geographical critical teacher shortage area shall be as follows:

(a) Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) for the ** initial award;

(b) Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the second ** award, provided the recipient continues to teach in the same public school district or another public school district designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of Education; and

(c) Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for the third ** award, provided the recipient continues to teach in the same public school district or another public school district designated a geographical shortage area by the State Board of Education.

(**9) ** An initial recipient who moves to another public school district shall be eligible to receive an award based on the amount allowed under the program in the new district where the teacher is employed.

(**10) Awards shall be granted on a year-to-year basis, and recipients shall have no obligation to seek a future award.

(**11) Awards shall be paid annually, after the expiration of the one-year teaching contract for which the award was granted, to the recipient's lender or loan service provider, and shall be applied to the outstanding balance. Monies paid on the recipient's behalf toward qualifying undergraduate or graduate educational loans prior to receiving payment of the award shall not be eligible for repayment through the program.

(** *12) During the teaching year for which the award is granted, a recipient must at all times keep the State Financial Aid Board informed of any changes to the recipient's current contact information and employment status.

(** *13) Recipients who fail to maintain a standard or nontraditional license or fail to fulfill the one-year teaching contract on which the award was based shall forfeit any right to the award.

(** *14) The State Financial Aid Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Education, shall track recipients of an award under this program through ** * the fourth year after receiving their initial award, unless the recipient shall leave teaching in a public school district at an earlier date. Data collected shall include recipients' undergraduate or graduate institution, school district, subject area/grade level in teaching and any other pertinent information necessary to determine the efficacy of the program in retaining teachers ** *.

(** *15) The State Financial Aid Board shall promulgate regulations necessary for the proper administration of this section, including rules for ensuring that expenses of the program in a fiscal year do not exceed funding for the program in that fiscal year.

(** *16) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated the "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Loan Repayment Program Fund," into which shall be deposited those funds appropriated by the Legislature, and any other funds that may be made available, for the purpose of implementing the loan repayment program established herein. Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the General Fund, and interest earned on any amounts deposited into the fund shall be credited to the special fund.

(** *17) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, ** * 2028.

SECTION 10. The following shall be codified as Section 25-11-126, Mississippi Code of 1972:

25-11-126. (1) Any person who has at least thirty (30) years of creditable service, who was employed as a public school teacher at the time of his or her retirement, has been retired at least ninety (90) days and is receiving a retirement allowance, and holds a standard teaching license in Mississippi, may be employed as a teacher in a public school district after retirement, and choose to continue receiving the retirement allowance under this article during his or her employment as a teacher after retirement in addition to receiving the salary authorized under this section, along with the local contribution of the school district in which the retiree is employed, at the discretion of the school district. Any teacher who has retired with at least twenty-five (25) years of creditable service as of July 1, 2024, may also participate in this program if the teacher otherwise qualifies under this act.

(2) A retired teacher may only be hired to teach in a school district designated by the Department of Education as having critical shortages and/or critical subject-area shortages, and shall hold the related standard teaching license and/or endorsements to teach in the subject area. The base compensation authorized for returning retired teachers under Section 37-19-7 shall not be graduated annually in the same manner as teachers who are employed by a school district under traditional employment guidelines, but shall remain static for the entirety of his or her eligible teaching period as a retired teacher.

(3) (a) A retired teacher may be employed as a teacher, continue receiving his or her retirement allowance and be a contributing member of the system without accruing additional retirement benefits for a total of five (5) years, which may be performed consecutively or intermittently. This method is designed specifically to provide funding for the system to actuarially offset any pension liability created by this act. Each school district hiring retired teachers under the authority of this section, shall make a direct payment to PERS, which shall serve as pension liability participation assessment. The pension liability participation assessment and the retired teacher's salary for returning to work shall be determined as follows:

(i) A school district shall rely on the salary schedule in Section 37-19-7 in considering the salary for a retired teacher; provided, however, that the school district may allocate up to one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of

the amount provided under the salary schedule comparable to the teacher's years of service and license type as salary and assessment under the program.

(ii) After determining the retired teacher's compensation, the school district may pay no more than fifty percent (50%) of the retired teacher's compensation as salary to the retired teacher; and

(iii) The remaining fifty percent (50%) of the retired teacher's compensation as salary shall be paid by the school district to PERS as a pension liability participation assessment.

(b) If a retired teacher, reemployed under the authority of this section, works in a school district for any portion of a scholastic year less than a full contractual term of traditional teachers, the time worked by the retired teacher shall constitute one (1) of the five (5) years of post retirement teaching eligibility. A retired teacher, under the authority of this section, shall be entitled to work in any applicable school district and shall not be obligated to remain in any one (1) school district for the entirety of his or her post retirement teaching eligibility, but shall be cumulative in nature so as not to exceed five (5) years. The salary authorized under Section 37-19-7 for retired teachers shall be prorated for any period worked by the retired teacher that is less than one (1) full academic year.

(c) The State Department of Education shall transfer to the system the Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds of local school districts that on or after July 1, 2024, hire retired members as teachers under this section and other funds that otherwise would have been payable to the districts if the districts had not taken advantage of this section. The crediting of assets and financing shall follow the provisions of Section 25-11-123.

(d) Local educational agencies shall transfer to the system Mississippi Adequate Education Program funds of local school districts that on or after July 1, 2024, hire retired members as teachers under this section and other funds that otherwise would have been payable to the districts if the districts had not taken advantage of this section. The crediting of assets and financing must follow the provisions of Section 25-11-123.

(4) Under the authority of this section, school districts may employ retired teachers based on criteria established by the department of education for critical teacher shortage areas and critical subject-matter areas. A school district that is not within a critical teacher shortage area may employ teachers for critical subject-matter areas.

(5) A person may be hired under this section subject to the following conditions:

(a) The retired member holds any teacher's professional license or certificate as may be required in Section 37-3-2, and holds the related standard teaching license and/or endorsements to teach in the applicable subject area;

(b) The superintendent of the employing school district certifies in writing to the State Department of Education that the retired member has the requisite experience, training and expertise for the position to be filled;

(c) The superintendent of the school district certifies or the principal of the school certifies that there was no preexisting arrangement for the person to be hired;

(d) The person had a satisfactory performance review for the most recent period before retirement; and

(e) The person is hired to teach in a critical subject-matter area or in a critical teacher shortage area.

(6) The State Superintendent of Public Education shall report the persons who are employed under this section to the Executive Director of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

(7) The department of education shall promulgate regulations that prescribe a salary schedule that reflects the provisions of this act. Each school district shall create a policy, approved by the local school board, related to the hiring of retired teachers and including, but not limited to, the hiring of full- and part-time retired teacher employees under this section and Section 25-11-127.

(8) Any retired teacher who returns to work in accordance with this section shall not be eligible to return to work under the provisions of Section 25-11-127.

SECTION 11. Section 37-19-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-19-7. (1) The allowance in the Mississippi Adequate Education Program for teachers' salaries in each public school district shall be determined and paid in accordance with the scale for teachers' salaries as provided in this subsection. For teachers holding the following types of licenses or the equivalent as determined by the State Board of Education, and the following number of years of teaching experience, the scale shall be as follows:

2022-2023 AND SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEARS MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

Exp.	AAAA	AAA	AA	A
0	45,500.00	44,000.00	43,000.00	
41,500.00				
1	46,100.00	44,550.00	43,525.00	
41,900.00				
2	46,700.00	45,100.00	44,050.00	
42,300.00				
3	47,300.00	45,650.00	44,575.00	
42,700.00				
4	47,900.00	46,200.00	45,100.00	
43,100.00				
5	49,250.00	47,500.00	46,350.00	
44,300.00				
6	49,850.00	48,050.00	46,875.00	
44,700.00				
7	50,450.00	48,600.00	47,400.00	
45,100.00				
8	51,050.00	49,150.00	47,925.00	
45,500.00				
9	51,650.00	49,700.00	48,450.00	
45,900.00				
10	53,000.00	51,000.00	49,700.00	
47,100.00				
11	53,600.00	51,550.00	50,225.00	
47,500.00				
12	54,200.00	52,100.00	50,750.00	
47,900.00				
13	54,800.00	52,650.00	51,275.00	
48,300.00				
14	55,400.00	53,200.00	51,800.00	
48,700.00				
15	56,750.00	54,500.00	53,050.00	
49,900.00				
16	57,350.00	55,050.00	53,575.00	
50,300.00				
17	57,950.00	55,600.00	54,100.00	
50,700.00				
18	58,550.00	56,150.00	54,625.00	
51,100.00				
19	59,150.00	56,700.00	55,150.00	
51,500.00				
20	60,500.00	58,000.00	56,400.00	
52,700.00				
21	61,100.00	58,550.00	56,925.00	
53,100.00				
22	61,700.00	59,100.00	57,450.00	
53,500.00				

23	62,300.00	59,650.00	57,975.00
53,900.00			
24	62,900.00	60,200.00	58,500.00
54,300.00			
25	65,400.00	62,700.00	61,000.00
56,800.00			
26	66,000.00	63,250.00	61,525.00
57,200.00			
27	66,600.00	63,800.00	62,050.00
57,600.00			
28	67,200.00	64,350.00	62,575.00
58,000.00			
29	67,800.00	64,900.00	63,100.00
58,400.00			
30	68,400.00	65,450.00	63,625.00
58,800.00			
31	69,000.00	66,000.00	64,150.00
59,200.00			
32	69,600.00	66,550.00	64,675.00
59,600.00			
33	70,200.00	67,100.00	65,200.00
60,000.00			
34	70,800.00	67,650.00	65,725.00
60,400.00			

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& above 71,400.00 68,200.00 66,250.00 60,800.00
2024-2025 AND SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEARS MINIMUM SALARY SCHEDULE

The school district, with assistance from the Department of Education, shall consider the teacher's years of service and license type and determine the corresponding salary for the retired teacher. After determining the retired teacher's corresponding salary, the school district may allocate up to one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of the amount provided under the salary schedule for such teacher, as applicable, as salary and assessment under the program.

After determining the retired teacher's salary, the school district may pay no more than fifty percent (50%) of the retired teacher's compensation as salary to the retired teacher. The remaining fifty percent (50%) of the retired teacher's compensation as salary shall be paid by the school district to PERS as a pension liability participation assessment.

It is the intent of the Legislature that any state funds made available for salaries of licensed personnel in excess of the funds paid for such salaries for the 1986-1987 school year shall be paid to licensed personnel pursuant to a personnel appraisal and compensation system implemented by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall have the authority to adopt and amend rules and regulations as are necessary to establish, administer and maintain the system.

All teachers employed on a full-time basis shall be paid a minimum salary in accordance with the above scale. However, no school district shall receive any funds under this section for any school year during which the local supplement paid to any individual teacher shall have been reduced to a sum less than that paid to that individual teacher for performing the same duties from local supplement during the immediately preceding school year. The amount actually spent for the purposes of group health and/or life insurance shall be considered as a part of the aggregate amount of local supplement but shall not be considered a part of the amount of individual local supplement.

The level of professional training of each teacher to be used in establishing the salary allotment for the teachers for each year shall be determined by the type of valid teacher's license issued to those teachers on or before October 1 of the current school year. However, school districts are authorized, in their discretion, to negotiate the salary levels applicable to licensed employees who are receiving retirement benefits from the retirement system of another state, and the annual experience increment

provided above in Section 37-19-7 shall not be applicable to any such retired certificated employee.

(2) (a) The following employees shall receive an annual salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00), plus fringe benefits, in addition to any other compensation to which the employee may be entitled:

(i) Any licensed teacher or retired teacher employed by a school district under the authority of Section 25-11-126 who has met the requirements and acquired a Master Teacher certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a teacher and not as an administrator. Such teacher shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received prior to October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the teacher shall submit such documentation to the State Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(ii) A licensed nurse who has met the requirements and acquired a certificate from the National Board for Certification of School Nurses, Inc., and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a school nurse and not as an administrator. The licensed school nurse shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school nurse shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(iii) Any licensed school counselor who has met the requirements and acquired a National Certified School Counselor (NCSC) endorsement from the National Board of Certified Counselors and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as a counselor and not as an administrator. Such licensed school counselor shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the endorsement was received prior to October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed school counselor shall submit such documentation to the State Department of Education prior to February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year. However, any school counselor who started the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards process for school counselors between June 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004, and completes the requirements and acquires the Master Teacher certificate shall be entitled to the master teacher supplement, and those counselors who complete the process shall be entitled to a one-time reimbursement for the actual cost of the process as outlined in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

(iv) Any licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist who has met the requirements and acquired a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and any certified academic language therapist (CALT) who has met the certification requirements of the Academic Language Therapy Association and who is employed by a local school board. The licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate or endorsement was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed speech-language pathologist and audiologist and certified academic language therapist shall submit the documentation to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(v) Any licensed athletic trainer who has met the requirements and acquired Board Certification for the Athletic Trainer from the Board of Certification, Inc., and who is employed by a local school board or the State Board of Education as an athletic trainer and not as an administrator. The licensed athletic trainer shall submit documentation to the State Department of Education that the certificate was received before October 15 in order to be eligible for the full salary supplement in the current school year, or the licensed athletic trainer shall submit the documentation

to the State Department of Education before February 15 in order to be eligible for a prorated salary supplement beginning with the second term of the school year.

(b) An employee shall be reimbursed for the actual cost of completing each component of acquiring the certificate or endorsement, excluding any costs incurred for postgraduate courses, not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each component, not to exceed four (4) components, for a teacher, school counselor or speech-language pathologist and audiologist, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of the certificate or endorsement. A local school district or any private individual or entity may pay the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for any employee of the school district described under paragraph (a), and the State Department of Education shall reimburse the school district for such cost, regardless of whether or not the process resulted in the award of the certificate or endorsement. If a private individual or entity has paid the cost of completing the process of acquiring the certificate or endorsement for an employee, the local school district may agree to directly reimburse the individual or entity for such cost on behalf of the employee.

(c) All salary supplements, fringe benefits and process reimbursement authorized under this subsection shall be paid directly by the State Department of Education to the local school district and shall be in addition to its adequate education program allotments and not a part thereof in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education. Local school districts shall not reduce the local supplement paid to any employee receiving such salary supplement, and the employee shall receive any local supplement to which employees with similar training and experience otherwise are entitled. However, an educational employee shall receive the salary supplement in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for only one (1) of the qualifying certifications authorized under paragraph (a) of this subsection. No school district shall provide more than one (1) annual salary supplement under the provisions of this subsection to any one (1) individual employee holding multiple qualifying national certifications.

(d) If an employee for whom such cost has been paid, in full or in part, by a local school district or private individual or entity fails to complete the certification or endorsement process, the employee shall be liable to the school district or individual or entity for all amounts paid by the school district or individual or entity on behalf of that employee toward his or her certificate or endorsement.

(3) The following employees shall receive an annual salary supplement in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00), plus fringe benefits, in addition to any other compensation to which the employee may be entitled:

Effective July 1, 2016, if funds are available for that purpose, any licensed teacher or retired teacher employed by a local school district under the authority of Section 25-11-126 who has met the requirements and acquired a Master Teacher Certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and who is employed in a public school district located in one (1) of the following counties: Claiborne, Adams, Jefferson, Wilkinson, Amite, Bolivar, Coahoma, Leflore, Quitman, Sharkey, Issaquena, Sunflower, Washington, Holmes, Yazoo and Tallahatchie. The salary supplement awarded under the provisions of this subsection (3) shall be in addition to the salary supplement awarded under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section.

Teachers who meet the qualifications for a salary supplement under this subsection (3) who are assigned for less than one (1) full year or less than full time for the school year shall receive the salary supplement in a prorated manner, with the portion of the teacher's assignment to the critical geographic area to be determined as of June 15th of the school year.

(4) (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Mississippi Performance-Based Pay (MPBP)" plan. In addition to the minimum base pay described in this section, only after full funding of MAEP and if funds are available for that purpose, the State of Mississippi may provide monies from state funds to school districts for the purposes of rewarding licensed teachers, administrators and nonlicensed personnel at individual schools showing improvement in student test scores. The MPBP plan shall be developed by the State Department of Education based on the following criteria:

(i) It is the express intent of this legislation that the MPBP plan shall utilize only existing standards of accreditation and assessment as established by the State Board of Education.

(ii) To ensure that all of Mississippi's teachers, administrators and nonlicensed personnel at all schools have equal access to the monies set aside in this section, the MPBP program shall be designed to calculate each school's performance as determined by the school's increase in scores from the prior school year. The MPBP program shall be based on a standardized scores rating where all levels of schools can be judged in a statistically fair and reasonable way upon implementation. At the end of each year, after all student achievement scores have been standardized, the State Department of Education shall implement the MPBP plan.

(iii) To ensure all teachers cooperate in the spirit of teamwork, individual schools shall submit a plan to the local school district to be approved before the beginning of each school year beginning July 1, 2008. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, how all teachers, regardless of subject area, and administrators will be responsible for improving student achievement for their individual school.

(b) The State Board of Education shall develop the processes and procedures for designating schools eligible to participate in the MPBP. State assessment results, growth in student achievement at individual schools and other measures deemed appropriate in designating successful student achievement shall be used in establishing MPBP criteria.

(5) (a) If funds are available for that purpose, each school in Mississippi shall have mentor teachers, as defined by Sections 37-9-201 through 37-9-213, who shall receive additional base compensation provided for by the State Legislature in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per each beginning teacher that is being mentored. The additional state compensation shall be limited to those mentor teachers that provide mentoring services to beginning teachers. For the purposes of such funding, a beginning teacher shall be defined as any teacher in any school in Mississippi that has less than one (1) year of classroom experience teaching in a public school. For the purposes of such funding, no full-time academic teacher shall mentor more than two (2) beginning teachers.

(b) To be eligible for this state funding, the individual school must have a classroom management program approved by the local school board.

(6) Effective with the 2014-2015 school year, the school districts participating in the Pilot Performance-Based Compensation System pursuant to Section 37-19-9 may award additional teacher and administrator pay based thereon.

SECTION 12. Section 25-11-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-11-123. All of the assets of the system shall be credited according to the purpose for which they are held to one (1) of four (4) reserves; namely, the annuity savings account, the annuity reserve, the employer's accumulation account, and the expense account.

(a) Annuity savings account. In the annuity savings account shall be accumulated the contributions made by members to provide for their annuities, including interest thereon which shall be posted monthly. Credits to and charges against the annuity savings account shall be made as follows:

(1) Beginning July 1, 2010, except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-126, the employer shall cause to be deducted from the salary of each member on each and every payroll of the employer for each and every payroll period nine percent (9%) of earned compensation as defined in Section 25-11-103. Future contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation; however, any member earning at a rate less than Sixteen Dollars and Sixty-seven Cents (\$16.67) per month, or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per year, shall contribute not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) per month, or Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per year.

(2) The deductions provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be made notwithstanding that the minimum compensation provided by

law for any member is reduced by the deduction. Every member shall be deemed to consent and agree to the deductions made and provided for in paragraph (1) of this subsection and shall receipt for his full salary or compensation, and payment of salary or compensation less the deduction shall be a full and complete discharge and acquittance of all claims and demands whatsoever for the services rendered by the person during the period covered by the payment, except as to the benefits provided under Articles 1 and 3. The board shall provide by rules for the methods of collection of contributions from members and the employer. The board shall have full authority to require the production of evidence necessary to verify the correctness of amounts contributed.

(b) Annuity reserve. The annuity reserve shall be the account representing the actuarial value of all annuities in force, and to it shall be charged all annuities and all benefits in lieu of annuities, payable as provided in this article. If a beneficiary retired on account of disability is restored to active service with a compensation not less than his average final compensation at the time of his last retirement, the remainder of his contributions shall be transferred from the annuity reserve to the annuity savings account and credited to his individual account therein, and the balance of his annuity reserve shall be transferred to the employer's accumulation account.

(c) Employer's accumulation account. The employer's accumulation account shall represent the accumulation of all reserves for the payment of all retirement allowances and other benefits payable from contributions made by the employer, and against this account shall be charged all retirement allowances and other benefits on account of members. Credits to and charges against the employer's accumulation account shall be made as follows:

(1) On account of each member there shall be paid monthly into the employer's accumulation account by the employers for the preceding fiscal year an amount equal to a certain percentage of the total earned compensation, as defined in Section 25-11-103, of each member. The percentage rate of those contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation. Beginning January 1, 1990, the rate shall be fixed at nine and three-fourths percent (9-3/4%). The board shall reduce the employer's contribution rate by one percent (1%) from and after July 1 of the year following the year in which the board determines and the board's actuary certifies that the employer's contribution rate can be reduced by that amount without causing the unfunded accrued actuarial liability amortization period for the retirement system to exceed twenty (20) years. Political subdivisions joining Article 3 of the Public Employees' Retirement System after July 1, 1968, may adjust the employer's contributions by agreement with the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide service credits for any period before execution of the agreement based upon an actuarial determination of employer's contribution rates.

(2) On the basis of regular interest and of such mortality and other tables as are adopted by the board of trustees, the actuary engaged by the board to make each valuation required by this article during the period over which the accrued liability contribution is payable, immediately after making that valuation, shall determine the uniform and constant percentage of the earnable compensation of each member which, if contributed by the employer on the basis of compensation of the member throughout his entire period of membership service, would be sufficient to provide for the payment of any retirement allowance payable on his account for that service. The percentage rate so determined shall be known as the "normal contribution rate." After the accrued liability contribution has ceased to be payable, the normal contribution rate shall be the percentage rate of the salary of all members obtained by deducting from the total liabilities on account of membership service the amount in the employer's accumulation account, and dividing the remainder by one percent (1%) of the present value of the prospective future salaries of all members as computed on the basis of the mortality and service tables adopted by the board of trustees and regular interest. The normal rate of contributions shall be determined by the actuary after each valuation.

(3) The total amount payable in each year to the employer's accumulation account shall not be less than the sum of the percentage rate known as the "normal contribution rate" and the "accrued liability contribution rate" of the total compensation earnable by all members during the preceding year, provided that the payment by the employer shall be sufficient, when combined with the amounts in the account, to provide the allowances and other benefits chargeable to this account during the year then current.

(4) The accrued liability contribution shall be discontinued as soon as the accumulated balance in the employer's accumulation account shall equal the present value, computed on the basis of the normal contribution rate then in force, or the prospective normal contributions to be received on account of all persons who are at that time members.

(5) All allowances and benefits in lieu thereof, with the exception of those payable on account of members who receive no prior service credit, payable from contributions of the employer, shall be paid from the employer's accumulation account.

(6) Upon the retirement of a member, an amount equal to his retirement allowance shall be transferred from the employer's accumulation account to the annuity reserve.

(7) The employer's accumulation account shall be credited with any assets authorized by law to be credited to the account.

(d) Expense account. The expense account shall be the account to which the expenses of the administration of the system shall be charged, exclusive of amounts payable as retirement allowances and as other benefits provided herein. The Legislature shall make annual appropriations in amounts sufficient to administer the system, which shall be credited to this account. There shall be transferred to the State Treasury from this account, not less than once per month, an amount sufficient for payment of the estimated expenses of the system for the succeeding thirty (30) days. Any interest earned on the expense account shall accrue to the benefit of the system. However, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 25-11-15(10) and 25-11-105(f)(v)5, all expenses of the administration of the system shall be paid from the interest earnings, provided the interest earnings are in excess of the actuarial interest assumption as determined by the board, and provided the present cost of the administrative expense fee of two percent (2%) of the contributions reported by the political subdivisions and instrumentalities shall be reduced to one percent (1%) from and after July 1, 1983, through June 30, 1984, and shall be eliminated thereafter.

(e) Collection of contributions. The employer shall cause to be deducted on each and every payroll of a member for each and every payroll period, beginning subsequent to January 31, 1953, the contributions payable by the member as provided in Articles 1 and 3.

The employer shall make deductions from salaries of employees as provided in Articles 1 and 3 and shall transmit monthly, or at such time as the board of trustees designates, the amount specified to be deducted to the Executive Director of the Public Employees' Retirement System. The executive director, after making a record of all those receipts, shall deposit such amounts as provided by law.

(f) (1) Upon the basis of each actuarial valuation provided herein, the board of trustees shall biennially determine the normal contribution rate and the accrued liability contribution rate as provided in this section. The sum of these two (2) rates shall be known as the "employer's contribution rate." Beginning on earned compensation effective January 1, 1990, the rate computed as provided in this section shall be nine and three-fourths percent (9-3/4%). The board shall reduce the employer's contribution rate by one percent (1%) from and after July 1 of the year following the year in which the board determines and the board's actuary certifies that the employer's contribution rate can be reduced by that amount without causing the unfunded accrued actuarial liability amortization period for the retirement system to exceed twenty (20) years. The percentage rate of those contributions shall be fixed biennially by the board on the basis of the liabilities of the retirement system for the various allowances and benefits as shown by actuarial valuation.

(2) The amount payable by the employer on account of normal and accrued liability contributions shall be determined by applying the employer's contribution rate to the amount of compensation earned by employees who are members of the system. Monthly, or at such time as the board of trustees designates, each department or agency shall compute the amount of the employer's contribution payable, with respect to the salaries of its employees who are members of the system, and shall cause that amount to be paid to the board of trustees from the personal service allotment of the amount appropriated for the operation of the department or agency, or from funds otherwise available to the agency, for the payment of salaries to its employees.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-106:

(i) Constables shall pay employer and employee contributions on their net fee income as well as the employee contributions on all direct treasury or county payroll income.

(ii) The county shall be responsible for the employer contribution on all direct treasury or county payroll income of constables.

(4) Except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-106.1, chancery and circuit clerks shall be responsible for both the employer and employee share of contributions on the proportionate share of net income attributable to fees, as well as the employee share of net income attributable to direct treasury or county payroll income, and the employing county shall be responsible for the employer contributions on the net income attributable to direct treasury or county payroll income.

(5) Once each year, under procedures established by the system, each employer shall submit to the Public Employees' Retirement System a copy of their report to Social Security of all employees' earnings.

(6) The board shall provide by rules for the methods of collection of contributions of employers and members. The amounts determined due by an agency to the various funds as specified in Articles 1 and 3 are made obligations of the agency to the board and shall be paid as provided herein. Failure to deduct those contributions shall not relieve the employee and employer from liability thereof. Delinquent employee contributions and any accrued interest shall be the obligation of the employee and delinquent employer contributions and any accrued interest shall be the obligation of the employer. The employer may, in its discretion, elect to pay any or all of the interest on delinquent employee contributions. From and after July 1, 1996, under rules and regulations established by the board, all employers are authorized and shall transfer all funds due to the Public Employees' Retirement System electronically and shall transmit any wage or other reports by computerized reporting systems.

SECTION 13. Section 25-11-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-11-127. (1) (a) No person who is being paid a retirement allowance or a pension after retirement under this article shall be employed or paid for any service by the State of Mississippi, including services as an employee, contract worker, contractual employee or independent contractor, until the retired person has been retired for not less than ninety (90) consecutive days from his or her effective date of retirement. After the person has been retired for not less than ninety (90) consecutive days from his or her effective date of retirement or such later date as established by the board, he or she may be reemployed while being paid a retirement allowance under the terms and conditions provided in this section or in Section 25-11-126.

(b) No retiree of this retirement system who is reemployed or is reelected to office after retirement shall continue to draw retirement benefits while so reemployed, except as provided in this section or in Section 25-11-126.

(c) No person employed or elected under the exceptions provided for in this section shall become a member under Article 3 of the retirement system.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in Section 25-11-126, any person who has been retired under the provisions of Article 3 and who is later reemployed in service covered by this article shall cease to receive benefits under this article and shall again become a contributing member of the retirement system. When the person retires again, if the reemployment exceeds six (6) months, the person shall have his or her benefit recomputed, including service after again becoming a member, provided that

the total retirement allowance paid to the retired member in his or her previous retirement shall be deducted from the member's retirement reserve and taken into consideration in recalculating the retirement allowance under a new option selected.

(3) The board shall have the right to prescribe rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of this section.

(4) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit any retiree, regardless of age, from being employed and drawing a retirement allowance either:

(a) For a period of time not to exceed one-half (1/2) of the normal working days for the position in any fiscal year during which the retiree will receive no more than one-half (1/2) of the salary in effect for the position at the time of employment, or

(b) For a period of time in any fiscal year sufficient in length to permit a retiree to earn not in excess of twenty-five percent (25%) of retiree's average compensation.

To determine the normal working days for a position under paragraph (a) of this subsection, the employer shall determine the required number of working days for the position on a full-time basis and the equivalent number of hours representing the full-time position. The retiree then may work up to one-half (1/2) of the required number of working days or up to one-half (1/2) of the equivalent number of hours and receive up to one-half (1/2) of the salary for the position. In the case of employment with multiple employers, the limitation shall equal one-half (1/2) of the number of days or hours for a single full-time position.

Notice shall be given in writing to the executive director, setting forth the facts upon which the employment is being made, and the notice shall be given within five (5) days from the date of employment and also from the date of termination of the employment.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) of this section, the employer of any person who is receiving a retirement allowance and who is employed in service covered by subsection (4) of this section as an employee or a contractual employee shall pay to the board the full amount of the employer's contribution on the amount of compensation received by the retiree for his or her employment in accordance with regulations prescribed by the board. The retiree shall not receive any additional creditable service in the retirement system as a result of the payment of the employer's contribution. This subsection does not apply to persons who are receiving a retirement allowance and who contract with an employer to provide services as a true independent contractor, as defined by the board through regulation.

(6) (a) A member may retire and continue in municipal or county elective office provided that the member has reached the age and/or service requirement that will not result in a prohibited in-service distribution as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, or a retiree may be elected to a municipal or county office, provided that the person:

(i) Files annually, in writing, in the office of the employer and the office of the executive director of the system before the person takes office or as soon as possible after retirement, a waiver of all salary or compensation and elects to receive in lieu of that salary or compensation a retirement allowance as provided in this section, in which event no salary or compensation shall thereafter be due or payable for those services; however, any such officer or employee may receive, in addition to the retirement allowance, office expense allowance, mileage or travel expense authorized by any statute of the State of Mississippi; or

(ii) Elects to receive compensation for that elective office in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the retiree's average compensation. In order to receive compensation as allowed in this subparagraph, the retiree shall file annually, in writing, in the office of the employer and the office of the executive director of the system, an election to receive, in addition to a retirement allowance, compensation as allowed in this subparagraph.

(b) The municipality or county in which the retired person holds elective office shall pay to the board the amount of the employer's contributions on the full amount of the regular compensation for the elective office that the retired person holds.

(c) As used in this subsection, the term "compensation" does not include office expense allowance, mileage or travel expense authorized by a statute of the State of Mississippi.

(7) Any retired teacher who returns to work in accordance with this section shall not be eligible to return to work under the provisions of Section 25-11-126.

SECTION 14. Section 37-41-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-41-27. (1) The local school boards, subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education, may permit the use of publicly owned school buses for the transportation of participating students, teachers, coaches and sponsors in connection with athletic events, events of boys' and girls' clubs, events of Future Farmers of America or 4-H Clubs and special events in connection with the schools which the boards may consider a part of the educational program. The local school boards, subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education, may permit the use of publicly owned school buses for the transportation of citizens for grand jury and other jury functions upon order of the court or as considered necessary by the school board during natural or man-made emergencies, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and other acts of God. The local school boards, subject to rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education, may permit the use of publicly owned school buses for the transportation of citizens attending an air show or historic commemorative event held on a military base or military park located in the school district; provided that such determination shall be made upon the minutes of the school board and shall include an agreement with the military base or military park that it will indemnify and hold the school district harmless in any action regarding such transportation.

(2) (a) Local school boards may regularly permit the use of motor vehicles other than school buses when the transportation is for trips to and from school sites or * * * for school-related functions and activities; however, motor vehicles other than school buses may not be used for customary transportation between a student's residence and such sites.

(b) When the transportation of students is provided, as authorized in this subsection, in a vehicle other than a school bus that is owned, operated, rented, contracted, or leased by a school district or charter school, the following provisions shall apply:

(i) The vehicle must be a passenger car or multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck, as defined in 49 CFR Part 571, designed to transport fewer than * * * sixteen (16) students and which does not require a commercial driver's license with passenger endorsement. Students must be transported in designated seating positions and must use the occupant crash protection system provided by the manufacturer unless the student's physical condition prohibits such use.

(ii) An authorized vehicle may not be driven by a student on a public right-of-way. An authorized vehicle may be driven by a student on school or private property as part of the student's educational curriculum if no other student is in the vehicle.

(iii) The driver of an authorized vehicle transporting students must maintain a valid driver's license and must comply with the requirements of the school district's locally adopted safe driver plan, which includes review of driving records for disqualifying violations.

(iv) The local school board must adopt a policy that addresses procedures and liability for trips under this paragraph, including a provision that school buses are to be used whenever practical and specifying consequences for violation of the policy.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO REENACT SECTIONS 37-159-1, 37-159-5, 37-159-7, 37-159-9, 37-159-11, 37-159-13 AND 37-159-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH

CONSTITUTE THE MISSISSIPPI CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE ACT OF 1998 AND INCLUDE THE UNIVERSITY ASSISTED TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT PROGRAM, THE MISSISSIPPI EMPLOYER-ASSISTED HOUSING TEACHER PROGRAM, AND A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RENTAL HOUSING FOR TEACHERS IN THE WEST TALLAHATCHIE SCHOOL DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-159-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF THE REPEALER ON THE MISSISSIPPI CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE ACT OF 1998; TO AMEND SECTION 37-106-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE AWARD CRITERIA OF THE WILLIAM F. WINTER AND JACK REED, SR., TEACHER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE FINANCIAL AID BOARD SHALL DEVELOP RULES FOR ENSURING THAT EXPENSES OF THE PROGRAM IN A FISCAL YEAR DO NOT EXCEED FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM IN THAT FISCAL YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE FINANCIAL AID BOARD MAY LIMIT THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND MAY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AWARDS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 25-11-126, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO HAVE AT LEAST 30 YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, WHO WERE EMPLOYED AS PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AT THE TIME OF THEIR RETIREMENT AND WHO HAVE BEEN RETIRED AT LEAST 90 DAYS AND RECEIVING A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE, MAY BE EMPLOYED AS TEACHERS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AFTER THEIR RETIREMENT AND RECEIVE A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DURING THEIR EMPLOYMENT AS TEACHERS IN ADDITION TO A SET SALARY; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH RETIRED TEACHERS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN TO TEACHING AND CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A RETIREMENT BENEFIT FOR A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS; TO STIPULATE THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, WHICH AVAIL THEMSELVES OF REEMPLOYING RETIRED TEACHERS TO PERS; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TIME WORKED BY A RETIRED TEACHER IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS LESS THAN A FULL CONTRACTUAL TERM OF TRADITIONAL TEACHERS SHALL CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE FIVE YEARS OF POST-RETIREMENT TEACHING ELIGIBILITY AND THE SALARY AUTHORIZED FOR SUCH INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE PRORATED FOR ANY TIME WORKED LESS THAN A FULL ACADEMIC YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT A RETIRED TEACHER SHALL NOT BE RESTRICTED TO TEACHING IN ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR HIS OR HER PERIOD OF POST-RETIREMENT TEACHING ELIGIBILITY; TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY EMPLOY RETIRED TEACHERS BASED ON CERTAIN CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO AMEND SECTION 37-19-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MINIMUM SALARY FOR RETIRED TEACHERS RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM; TO ALLOW RETIRED TEACHERS WHO HAD RECEIVED NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION PRIOR TO RETIREMENT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT FOR SUCH CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-11-123 AND 25-11-127, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; TO AMEND SECTION 37-41-27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL BOARDS TO ALLOW MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN SCHOOL BUSES TO BE USED TO TRANSPORT SMALL GROUPS OF STUDENTS FOR SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Rob Roberson, Kent McCarty, Jansen Owen

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Blount, David Parker

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady,

Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Calvert, Hines, Holloway, K, Johnson. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-7-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-203. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (3) * * *, (4) and (5) of this section, the boards of trustees of all municipal separate school districts created under this chapter, either with or without added territory, shall consist of five (5) members, each to be chosen for a term of five (5) years, but so chosen that the term of office of one (1) member shall expire each year. In the event the added territory of a municipal separate school district furnishes fifteen percent (15%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then at least one (1) member of the board of trustees of such school district shall be a resident of the added territory outside the corporate limits. In the event the added territory of a municipal separate school district furnishes thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then not more than two (2) members of the board of trustees of such school district shall be residents of the added territory outside the corporate limits. In the event the added territory of a municipal separate school district in a county in which Mississippi Highways 8 and 15 intersect furnishes thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then the five (5) members of the board of trustees of such school district shall be elected at large from such school district for a term of five (5) years each except that the two (2) elected trustees presently serving on such board shall continue to serve for their respective terms of office. The three (3) appointed trustees presently serving on such board shall continue to serve until their successors

are elected in March of 1975 in the manner provided for in Section 37-7-215. At such election, one (1) trustee shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, one (1) for a term of three (3) years and one (1) for a term of five (5) years. Subsequent terms for each successor trustee shall be for five (5) years. In the event one (1) of two (2) municipal separate school districts located in any county with two (2) judicial districts, District 1 being comprised of Supervisors Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2 being comprised of Supervisors District 3, with added territory embraces three (3) full supervisors districts of a county, one (1) trustee shall be elected from each of the three (3) supervisors districts outside the corporate limits of the municipality. In the further event that the territory of a municipal separate school district located in any county with two (2) judicial districts, District 1 being comprised of Supervisors Districts 1, 2, 4 and 5, and District 2 being comprised of Supervisors District 3, with added territory embraces four (4) full supervisors districts in the county, and in any county in which a municipal separate school district embraces the entire county in which Highways 14 and 15 intersect, one (1) trustee shall be elected from each supervisors district.

Except as otherwise provided herein, the trustees of such a municipal separate school district shall be elected by a majority of the governing authorities of the municipality at the first meeting of the governing authorities held in the month of February of each year, and the term of office of the member so elected shall commence on the first Saturday of March following. In the case of a member of the board of trustees who is required to come from the added territory outside the corporate limits as is above provided, such member of the board of trustees shall be elected by the qualified electors of the school district residing in such added territory outside the corporate limits at the same time and in the same manner as is otherwise provided in this article for the election of trustees of school districts other than municipal separate school districts.

In the event that a portion of a county school district is reconstituted, in the manner provided by law, into a municipal separate school district with added territory and in the event that the trustees to be elected from the added territory are requested to be elected from separate election districts within the added territory, instead of elected at large, by the Attorney General of the United States as a result of and pursuant to preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended and extended, and in the event the added territory of a municipal separate school district of a municipality furnishes thirty percent (30%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district, then two (2) members of the board of trustees shall be residents of the added territory outside the corporate limits of such municipality and shall be elected from special trustee election districts by the qualified electors thereof as herein provided. The board of trustees of the school district shall apportion the added territory into two (2) special trustee election districts as nearly as possible according to population and other factors heretofore pronounced by the courts. The board of trustees of the school district shall thereafter publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within that school district for at least two (2) consecutive weeks; and after having given notice of publication and recording the same upon the minutes of the board of trustees of the school district, the new district lines shall thereafter be effective. Any person elected from the new trustee election districts constituted herein shall be elected in the manner provided for in Section 37-7-215 for a term of five (5) years. Any vacancy in the office of a trustee elected from such trustee election district, whether occasioned by redistricting or by other cause, shall be filled by appointment of the governing authorities of the municipality, provided that the person so appointed shall serve only until the next general election following his appointment, at which time a person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided in Section 37-7-215.

In any county organizing a countywide municipal separate school district after January 1, 1965, the trustees thereof to be elected from outside the municipality, such trustees shall be elected by the board of supervisors of such county, and the superintendent of such school district shall have authority to pay out and distribute the funds of the district. In the event a municipal separate school district should occupy territory in a county other than that in which the municipality is located and fifteen percent (15%) or more of the pupils enrolled in the schools of such district shall come from the territory of the district in the county other than that in which the municipality is located, the territory of such county in which the municipality is not located shall be

entitled to one (1) member on the board of trustees of such school district. The trustee shall be a resident of the territory of that part of the district lying in the county in which the municipality is not located and shall be elected by the qualified electors of the territory of such county at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for the election of trustees of school districts other than municipal separate school districts having territory in two (2) or more counties.

All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired terms by appointment of the governing authorities of the municipality; except that in the case of the trustees coming from the added territory outside the corporate limits, the person so appointed shall serve only until the next general election following his appointment, at which time a person shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner otherwise provided herein.

No person who is a member of such governing body, or who is an employee of the municipality, or who is a member of the county board of education, or who is a trustee of any public, private or sectarian school or college located in the county, inclusive of the municipal separate school district, or who is a teacher in or a trustee of the school district, shall be eligible for appointment to the board of trustees.

(2) In counties of less than fifteen thousand (15,000) people having a municipal separate school district with added territory which embraces all the territory of a county, one or more trustees of the school district shall be nominated from each supervisors district upon petition of fifty (50) qualified electors of that supervisors district, or twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of such district, whichever number shall be smaller. One (1) trustee must be elected from each supervisors district of the county. In such counties embraced entirely by a municipal separate school district, there shall be no county board of education after the formation of such district, and the county superintendent of education shall act as superintendent of schools of the district and shall be appointed by the board of trustees of that district, and the provisions of subsection (1) of this section and the first paragraph of Section 37-7-211 shall not apply to such districts.

(3) In municipalities designated as having a mayor-council form of government under Chapter 8, Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, and having a population in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the 2000 federal decennial census, the boards of trustees of the municipal separate school district located in the municipality may, if authorized by ordinance of the municipal governing authority, consist of seven (7) members residing in each of the seven (7) wards in the municipality, to be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council as follows: (a) each board member shall reside in the ward from which he is appointed; (b) members serving on March 31, 2010, shall continue to serve until a new term commences and new members shall be selected from wards not currently represented on the board; (c) one (1) of the two (2) additional appointments shall serve a term of five (5) years and one (1) for a term of four (4) years, with all subsequent appointments for a five-year term; and (d) each new appointment shall be made by the mayor and confirmed by the city council of the municipality at the first meeting of the governing authorities held in the month of June following March 31, 2010, and thereafter each year, and the term of office of each member so selected shall commence on the first Saturday of July following.

(4) (a) Beginning in 2017, in any municipal separate school district that is traversed by the Escatawpa River and in which Interstate Highway 10 and Mississippi Highway 63 intersect, the board of trustees of the municipal separate school district shall consist of five (5) members, each to be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner provided in this subsection. Within forty-five (45) days after July 1, 2017, the municipal governing authority shall apportion the municipal separate school district, including any added territory outside the corporate limits, into five (5) special trustee election districts as nearly equal as possible according to population, incumbency and other factors pronounced by the courts before August 8, 2017. The municipal governing authority shall place upon its minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) trustee election districts and shall publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district for at least three (3) consecutive weeks. After having given

notice of publication and recording the same upon the minutes of the municipal governing authority, the new district lines shall be effective.

(b) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2017, and every four (4) years thereafter, an election shall be held in the municipal separate school district for local school board members from trustee election districts 1, 3 and 5 in the same manner and at the same time as the general municipal election is held and conducted, for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of the municipal separate school district. All members of the board of trustees elected pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall take office on the first Monday of January immediately following the date of their election. However, in order to provide for an orderly transition, the term of each member of the board of trustees serving on July 1, 2017, which otherwise would expire after the first Monday in July 2018, shall expire on the first Monday of January 2018. If no individual qualifies for the elective office of school district trustee, the trustee for that specific trustee district shall be filled by appointment of the municipal governing authority; however, the person so appointed to fill the vacancy may serve only until the first Monday in January 2019, at which time the trustee elected pursuant to this subsection shall take office for the remainder of the unexpired initial term.

From and after January 1, 2018, any vacancy on the board of trustees shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board of trustees within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs. The appointee must be selected from the qualified electors of the trustee election district in which the vacancy occurs. The appointee shall serve until the first Monday of January succeeding the next general municipal election, at which election a member from that trustee election district shall be elected for a full term.

(c) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018, and every four (4) years thereafter, an election shall be held in the municipal separate school district for local school board members from trustee election districts 2 and 4 in the same manner and at the same time as the Congressional mid-term election is held and conducted, for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of the municipal separate school district. All members of the board of trustees elected pursuant to this paragraph (c) shall take office on the first Monday of January immediately following the date of their election. However, in order to provide for an orderly transition, the term of each member of the board of trustees serving on July 1, 2018, which otherwise would expire after the first Monday in July 2018, shall expire on the first Monday of January 2019. If no individual qualifies for the elective office of school district trustee, the trustee for that specific trustee district shall be filled by appointment of the municipal governing authority; however, the person so appointed to fill the vacancy may serve only until the first Monday in January 2020, at which time the trustee elected pursuant to this subsection shall take office for the remainder of the unexpired initial term.

From and after July 1, 2020, any vacancy on the board of trustees shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board of trustees within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs. The appointee must be selected from the qualified electors of the trustee election district in which the vacancy occurs. The appointee shall serve until the first Monday of July succeeding the next general municipal election, at which election a member from that trustee election district shall be elected for a full term.

(5) (a) Beginning in 2024, in any municipal separate school district in which Interstate Highway 20 and Mississippi Highway 15 intersect, the board of trustees of the municipal separate school district shall consist of five (5) members, each to be elected for a term of four (4) years in the manner provided in this subsection. Within forty-five (45) days after July 1, 2024, the municipal governing authority shall apportion the municipal separate school district, including any added territory outside the corporate limits, into five (5) special trustee election districts as nearly equal as possible according to population, incumbency and other factors pronounced by the courts before January 1, 2024. The municipal governing authority shall place upon its minutes the boundaries determined for the new five (5) trustee election districts and shall publish the same in a newspaper of general circulation within the school district for at least three (3) consecutive weeks. After having given notice of publication and recording the same upon the minutes of the municipal governing authority, the new district lines shall be

effective. Candidates for such positions shall file the intent to be a candidate not later than 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 2024, and shall qualify as otherwise provided by law.

(b) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2024, an election shall be held in the municipal separate school district for local school board members in the same manner and at the same time as the presidential election is held and conducted, for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of the municipal separate school district. All members of the board of trustees elected pursuant to this paragraph (b) shall take office on the first Monday of January immediately following the date of their election, and may serve until the first Monday in January 2028, at which time the trustee elected pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection shall take office. If no individual qualifies for the elective office of school district trustee, the trustee for that specific trustee district shall be filled by appointment of the municipal governing authority; however, the person so appointed to fill the vacancy may serve only until the first Monday in January 2028, at which time the trustee elected pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection shall take office.

From and after January 1, 2028, any vacancy on the board of trustees shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board of trustees within sixty (60) days after the vacancy occurs. The appointee must be selected from the qualified electors of the trustee election district in which the vacancy occurs. The appointee shall serve until the first Monday of January succeeding the next general election, at which election a member from that trustee election district shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) On the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2027, and every four (4) years thereafter, an election shall be held in the municipal separate school district for local school board members in the same manner and at the same time as the general elections are held and conducted in accordance with Section 23-15-193, for the purpose of electing the board of trustees of the municipal separate school district. All members of the board of trustees elected pursuant to this paragraph (c) shall take office on the first Monday of January immediately following the date of their election.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-7-203, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWTON MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BEGINNING WITH THE NOVEMBER 2024 ELECTION; TO SET CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS FOR VACANCIES IN OFFICE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Tyler McCaughn, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Rob Roberson, Dana McLean, Kent McCarty

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, McCarty, McGee. Total-3.

Present--Brown, Scott, Summers. Total--3.
Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-25-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-25-3. * * * Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the school board of any school district maintaining a secondary school which includes any of the grades nine (9) through twelve (12) inclusive, * * * shall establish and maintain driver education and training programs for pupils enrolled in the day secondary schools in that district.
* * *

SECTION 2. Section 37-25-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-25-5. On or before July 1, 2025, the State Superintendent of Public Education and the Commissioner of Public Safety shall jointly prepare and recommend to the State Board of Education, and the board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the establishment, conduct and scope of driver education and training programs in secondary schools of this state, subject to the requirements and exceptions set forth in this chapter. Said program shall be established and maintained only in accordance with such rules and regulations. Said program shall include both classroom instruction and behind-the-wheel instruction. The State Driver Education and Training Program in secondary schools of this state shall include a program of study for distracted driving, alcohol, drug and safety education as it pertains to driver and highway safety and shall also include instruction relating to organ and tissue donation and organ and tissue donation procedures, and shall include instruction on the litter laws of the state and the responsibilities of the driver and all passengers to dispose of litter in the proper container. The state driver education and training program in secondary schools of this state shall also include a program of study, developed by the Department of Public Safety under Section 37-25-29, on how persons should properly respond when stopped by law enforcement officers.

The State Superintendent of Public Education shall prepare an administrative budget from funds made available under this chapter which budget shall be approved by the State Board of Education. It shall be the responsibility of the State Superintendent of Public Education to administer this program in accordance with rules

and regulations established by the State Board of Education and to appoint the necessary supervisors of safety education and the necessary clerical personnel.

On or before July 1, 2025, the State Superintendent of Education and the Commissioner of Public Safety shall jointly prepare an estimated budget and fiscal report of the additional expenses and costs related to the implementation of mandatory drivers education programs and present the same to the Legislature.

SECTION 3. Section 37-25-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-25-7. * * * Any student receiving instruction under this chapter shall be:

- (a) Fourteen (14) years of age or above;
- (b) A regularly enrolled student in the ninth, tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade; and
- (c) A full-time student in the respective secondary school.

Any driver education student * * * shall not be required to possess a learner's permit or driver's license while the student is under the direct supervision of a driver education instructor and is actually enrolled in an approved course of driver education * * *.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 37-25-8, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-25-8. Upon satisfactory completion of the State Driver Education and Training Program, a driver's education student shall be issued a Certificate of Completion. A copy of said certificate shall be delivered by the school to the Driver Service Bureau of the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 37-25-14, Mississippi Code of 1972:

37-25-14. The Department of Public Safety shall report to the Department of Education annual statistics regarding crash and fatality data for the State of Mississippi and nationally, including, but not limited to, statistics involving teenage drivers.

SECTION 6. Section 63-1-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-1-9. (1) No driver's license or learner's permit shall be issued pursuant to this article:

- (a) To any person under the age of eighteen (18) years except as provided in this article.
- (b) To any person whose license to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of Mississippi has been previously revoked or suspended by this state or any other state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, if the revocation or suspension period has not expired.
- (c) To any person who is an habitual drunkard or who is addicted to the use of other narcotic drugs.
- (d) To any person who would not be able by reason of physical or mental disability to operate a motor vehicle on the highways with safety. However, persons who have one (1) arm or leg, or have arms or legs deformed, and are driving a car provided with mechanical devices whereby the person is able to drive in a safe manner over the highways, if otherwise qualified, shall receive an operator's license the same as other persons. Moreover, deafness shall not be a bar to obtaining a license.
- (e) To any person as an operator who has previously been adjudged to be afflicted with and suffering from any mental disability and who has not at time of application been restored to mental competency.
- (f) To any * * * person under the age of eighteen (18) years who does not at the time of application present a diploma or other certificate of high school graduation or a general educational development certificate issued to the person in this state or any other state; or on whose behalf documentation has not been received by the Department of Public Safety from that person or a school official verifying that the person:
 - (i) Is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a course leading to a general educational development certificate;
 - (ii) Is enrolled in school in this state or any other state;

(iii) Is enrolled in a "nonpublic school," as such term is defined in Section 37-13-91(2)(i); or

(iv) Is unable to attend any school program due to circumstances deemed acceptable as set out in Section 63-1-10.

(g) To any person under the age of eighteen (18) years who has been convicted under Section 63-11-30.

(h) Beginning on July 1, 2027, to any person who has not previously obtained a driver's license unless that person has successfully completed a Driver Education and Training Program certified by the State Board of Education or the Department of Public Safety; provided, however, a person under the age of eighteen (18) shall be able to receive a learner's permit as otherwise provided in this article.

(2) All permits and licenses issued * * * to an individual under the age of eighteen (18) shall be issued as follows:

(a) A learner's permit may be issued to any person who is at least fifteen (15) years of age who otherwise meets the requirements of this article.

(b) A driver's license may be issued to any person who is at least sixteen (16) years of age who otherwise meets the requirements of this article and who has held a learner's permit for at least one (1) year without any conviction under Section 63-11-30 or of a moving violation. Any conviction under Section 63-11-30 or of a moving violation shall restart the one-year requirement for the holding of a learner's permit before an applicant can qualify for a driver's license.

(c) An applicant for a driver's license who was unable to make timely application * * * for a learner's permit * * * may have the period in which he or she was eligible but unable to apply due to a hardship credited toward the one-year requirement for the holding of a learner's permit. The Department of Public Safety shall set forth the criteria for which a hardship exception may be granted, at the discretion of the department, to any individual who has completed a Driver Education and Training Program certified by the Board of Education or the Department of Public Safety.

(* * d) An applicant for a Mississippi driver's license who, at the time of application, is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who has held a valid motor vehicle driver's license issued by another state for at least six (6) months shall not be required to hold a learner's permit before being issued a driver's license.

(e) In addition to the restrictions set forth in Section 63-1-21(3), the commissioner may establish rules, regulations and restrictions for the operation of a motor vehicle during the first twelve (12) months that an individual under the age of eighteen (18) possesses a license.

(f) Beginning July 1, 2026, the Department of Public Safety shall establish a Driver Education and Training Program to be taught throughout the state and made available for home school students and adults who have not otherwise taken a driver's education course. Upon completion of the course, each participant shall be issued a Certificate of Completion and a record of the certificate shall be delivered to the Mississippi Driver Service Bureau.

(3) The commissioner shall ensure that the learner's permit and driver's license issued under this article are clear, distinct and easily distinguishable from one another.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-25-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTAINING A SECONDARY SCHOOL SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PUPILS ENROLLED IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THAT DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-25-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL JOINTLY PREPARE AND RECOMMEND TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE SCOPE OF DRIVER EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS; TO

PROVIDE THAT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025, THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL JOINTLY PREPARE AN ESTIMATED BUDGET AND FISCAL REPORT OF THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES AND COSTS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDATORY DRIVERS EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PRESENT THE SAME TO THE LEGISLATURE; TO AMEND SECTION 37-25-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT A DRIVER'S EDUCATION STUDENT SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO POSSESS A LEARNER'S PERMIT OR DRIVER'S LICENSE WHILE THE STUDENT IS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OR AN INSTRUCTOR; TO DELETE CERTAIN FEES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COULD CHARGE FOR A LEARNER'S PERMIT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-25-8, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF A DRIVER'S EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM, A DRIVER'S EDUCATION STUDENT SHALL BE ISSUED A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AND COPY OF SAID CERTIFICATE SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE DRIVER SERVICE BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 37-25-14, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ANNUAL STATISTICS REGARDING CRASH AND FATALITY DATA FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI AND NATIONALLY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, STATISTICS INVOLVING TEENAGE DRIVERS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-1-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO DRIVER'S LICENSE TRAINING PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER MAY ESTABLISH RULES, REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE DURING THE FIRST 12 MONTHS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 18 POSSESSES A LICENSE; TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL ESTABLISH A DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BE TAUGHT THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND MADE AVAILABLE FOR HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADULTS WHO HAVE NOT OTHERWISE TAKEN A DRIVER'S EDUCATION COURSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Robin Robinson, Chad McMahan
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Rob Roberson, Jimmy Fondren, Celeste Hurst

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Crawford. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett. Total-1.

Present--Read. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--72

At 2:15 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:53 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Yancey called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Hob Bryan, David Parker, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Lee Yancey, Billy Adam Calvert, Jonathan McMillan

On motion of Rep. Yancey the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, Jackson, L, Karriem, McCray, Osborne, Sanders, Taylor. Total-7.

Necessary for passage--58

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses.

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program.

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 4130: "Mississippi Student Funding Formula"; create to provide funding mechanism for public schools.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. C. R. No. 64: Legislature; extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 96: Workers' Memorial Day; recognize upon occasion of 25th anniversary.

H. R. No. 135: SFC Clyde Williams; commend upon winning 2023 Army National Guard Director's 54 Award for State of Mississippi.

H. R. No. 142: Bridgette Whiting; commend upon being named 2023-2024 Star Teacher for the Ocean Springs School District for the second nine weeks.

H. R. No. 143: Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 5A State Championship.

H. R. No. 144: South Panola High School Varsity Cheerleaders; commend on winning MHSAA Game Day Cheer Division.

H. R. No. 145: Greater Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) USA; commend on 160th anniversary.

H. R. No. 146: Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant; commend upon becoming the first African-American woman to attain the rank of admiral.

H. R. No. 149: Joe Trotter Dockins; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing.

H. R. No. 150: Madison Central High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning Class 7A State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2174: Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for.

S. B. No. 3059: Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025.

S. B. No. 3163: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3164: Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds.

S. B. No. 3165: Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Mattox moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Bobby Pete Thrasher, William Hull Davis, Tootsie Parks, Roy L. Raines, Jr. , Brenda Lee Kilgo, John William Lentz, Tony Vaughn Parker, Jonathan Lawrence Rider, Susan Young, Luther Ladron Mattox, Patrick Timbes, Dimple Faye Caldwell, Frieda Ross Gardner, Kathryn Fowler, Donnie White, Ray Crow, Jr. , and Vernon Lee Wooten, which motion prevailed.

Representative Hawkins moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Frances Elizabeth "Liz" Browning, which motion prevailed.

Representative Steverson moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Dr. Jimmy Arnold Meeks, which motion prevailed.

At 2:58 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

EIGHTY-NINTH DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Gene Newman.

Rep. Newman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments.

Adopted: 04/30/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

S. B. No. 2424: Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organization to receive and administer.

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation; Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

Adopted: 04/30/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

Adopted: 04/30/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1725: Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act.

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. C. R. No. 65: (Representatives Hood, Hurst) Suspend deadline for introduction; governmental buildings; regulate. Rules.

H. C. R. No. 66: (Representative Sanford) Suspend deadlines for further consideration of Senate Bill 2753; revisions to the SAFER ACT. Rules.

H. R. No. 154: (Representatives Hawkins, Deweese) Lafayette High School Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 155: (Representative Boyd (19th)) Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon the passing of. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY B

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

S. B. No. 3083: Suffrage; restore to Larry Sills. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3222: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Robert Maxwell. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3223: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Dewitt Cooperwood. Title Sufficient. Do Pass.

S. B. No. 3228: Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes. Title Sufficient. Do Pass As Amended.

KEVIN HORAN, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

H. C. R. No. 65: Suspend deadline for introduction; governmental buildings; regulate. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 12,580,718.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Archives and History which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 26,678,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 155

Time-Limited: 10

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Archives and History shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of

detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Archives and History shall charge the maximum amount allowable for services rendered, consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the museum and public space in the State Historical Museum, Old Capitol Restoration.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided to the Department of Archives and History from the Mississippi Landmark Grant Fund in accordance with Section 39-5-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, to help support the preservation of Mississippi Landmark Properties.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the purpose of capital development and maintenance of Beauvoir Shrine, the last home of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederate States of America, subject to approval by the Department of Archives and History. The expenditure of funds available in this section shall be subject to prior approval by the Department of Archives and History.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of supporting the Statewide Oral History Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) is provided from Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasury fund created in Section 27-19-56.69(8), Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying the costs of repair and renovation of the New Capitol, the Old Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, and the War Memorial Building, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of funds.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made to provide the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the Vicksburg Military Park Interpretive Center. As a condition of expending these funds, the department shall enter into a memorandum of agreement or similar document with the U.S. Government National Park Services reflecting a plan for building an interpretive center and a lease agreement for lease space therein.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made to provide the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the Crigler Park project.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made to provide the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for Grand Village in Natchez.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Archives and History for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1612, 2023 Regular Session to defray expenses of the Department of Archives and History for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 17,346,271.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

(a) De la Pointe-Krebs House \$ 86,271.00.

(b) Repair, renovation, and construction projects undertaken by the Department of Archives and History \$ 9,700,000.00.

(c) Vicksburg Military Park Interpretive Center \$ 5,900,000.00.

(d) Eudora Welty Library Project \$ 1,660,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. Of the funds provided in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Historic Site Preservation Fund, for the purpose of making grants to nonprofit organizations in accordance with Section 39-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 500,000.00.

SECTION 18. Of the funds provided in Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund, for the purpose of grant assistance to Historic County Courthouses, School Buildings and Other Historic Buildings as in Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,000,000.00.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created in Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office and Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Atlas Fund, as created in House Bill 1, 2nd Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for expediting services needed for Project Poppy and Project Atlas.

SECTION 20. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

SECTION 21. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the

State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,077,245.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. Of the funds provided herein, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be provided in grants for ABET-accredited engineering programs

and Board-approved surveying programs of any college or university in the State of Mississippi, after application to and subject to approval by the Board. The Board will develop guidelines for application, award, and disbursement of these grants. The Board will issue a written report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees as to how the grants were awarded not later than August 1, 2025.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Randy P. Boyd

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Turner-Ford, Joseph M. Seymour (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes, Horan, Powell, Yancey. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Environmental Quality for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 16,759,476.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Environmental Quality which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 255,174,061.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 212
Time-Limited: 165

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Pollution Control	
Percent of Days with Air Advisories	5.00
Percent of Air Permits Modified/Issued in a Timely Manner	50.00
Percent of Counties That Meet NAAQ Standards	75.00
Percent of Air Facilities Inspected	35.00
Percent of Air Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	85.00
Percent of Waste Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner	60.00
Percent of Waste Facilities Inspected	60.00
Percent of Inspected Waste Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	65.00
Percent of Citizens who Have Access to Recycling Programs	55.00
Percent of Underground Storage Tanks in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	60.00
Percent of Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Assessment	50.00
Percent of Contaminated Sites That Have Completed Remediation	5.00
Percent of Waters That Have Acceptable Quality for Their Designed Use	56.00
Percent of NPDES Permits Issued/Modified in a Timely Manner	70.00
Percent of NPDES Majors in Compliance	66.00
Percent of Staff with Expertise in the National Incident Management System	70.00
Percent of NPDES Majors Inspected per Year	50.00
Construction Grants	
Percent of SRF Loan Recipients in Compliance with Loan Agreements	90.00
Land & Water	
Percent of Annual Prioritized Water Resource Areas Adequately Characterized	80.00
Percent of Groundwater Use Permits Issued/Modified	90.00
Percent of Surface Water Use Permits	

Issued/Modified	90.00
Percent of Water Use Reported	80.00
Percent of High Hazard Dams with Emergency Action Plans	98.00
Geology	
Percent of Mining Facilities Inspected	95.00
Percent of Inspected Mining Facilities in Compliance with Regulatory Requirements	85.00
Administrative Services	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	5.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 6. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Administrative Services for support of Legal Division environmental protection activities.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount no greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality - Office of Pollution Control for support of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grants Program.

SECTION 9. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, Five Million Five Hundred Forty-one Thousand Forty-eight Dollars (\$5,541,048.00) is provided for the support of the Clean Water Grant Program match.

Of the funds in this section, Two Million Six Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$2,635,000.00) is provided in Section 1 of this act, and Two Million Nine Hundred Six Thousand Forty-eight Dollars (\$2,906,048.00) is provided in Section 2 of this act.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Nine Hundred Six Thousand Forty-eight Dollars (\$2,906,048.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the Clean Water Grant Program match referenced in Section 9 of this act.

SECTION 11. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may request that the Mississippi Development Authority (MDA) staff shall provide an economic viability assessment for any complete application or group of related complete applications submitted to DEQ after July 1, 1999, for which DEQ estimates that DEQ will be required to devote extraordinary effort to process the application or group of related applications within the one hundred eighty (180) days required by Section 49-17-29(3)(c). For purposes of this paragraph, "extraordinary effort" means the constant dedication of more than three (3) full-time equivalent positions for a period of at least one hundred eighty (180) days. The economic viability assessment shall include, but not be limited to: (i) an analysis of the current and future market viability of the project concerning which application(s) has been made to DEQ; and (ii) an analysis of the applicant's economic ability to construct, develop, maintain and operate the project as described in the application(s) submitted to DEQ. If the economic viability

assessment concludes that the project is not economically viable for any reason, DEQ shall suspend processing the permit application(s), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49-17-29(3)(c). Within thirty (30) days of the decision of MDA staff, the permit applicant may present any additional information on its behalf to the Executive Director of MDA, and the Executive Director shall review the MDA staff assessment. If additional information is received in writing from the applicant, the Executive Director of MDA shall make a decision in review of the MDA staff decision within sixty (60) days of the staff decision, and the decision of the Executive Director of MDA shall be the final administrative action of MDA in the matter.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Environmental Quality. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated herein, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Quality shall pay debt service on bonds issued to provide state matching funds for the State Revolving Loan Fund with interest earnings derived from the fund.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, an amount not greater than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from the Pollution Emergency Fund within the Pollution Operating Fund for transfer to the Department of Environmental Quality to be used for dam and reservoir inspections, inventory, and reporting.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agreements with Mississippi state agencies, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the purpose of assessment, remediation, operation and maintenance, cost-sharing, oversight, and administration of water, land, and air contamination projects within the State of Mississippi pursuant to the 2020 settlement in The State of Mississippi ex rel. Lynn Fitch, Attorney General vs. EnPro, Inc., et.al.; Cause No. CV-2017-19-JMY2.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Dam Safety Grant Program.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created in Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office and One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Atlas Fund, as created in House Bill 1, 2nd Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for expediting services needed for Project Poppy and Project Atlas.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a

manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the replacement of IT servers for the agency.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 22. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Environmental Quality shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 23. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Environmental Quality is authorized to make payment to certain vendors for expenses incurred during 2021 and 2022 to certain vendors in the total amount \$ 843,890.00.

SECTION 24. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Powell. Total-1.

Present--Summers. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Forestry Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 17,347,147.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Forestry Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the support and maintenance of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 14,220,094.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 326

Time-Limited: 7

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

With the funds appropriated herein, it shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that no employee in a job classification with a minimum salary of \$70,000 or greater shall receive an in-range adjustment through progression, equity, or immediate labor market increases.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Forestry Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Forest Protection & Information	
Average Suppression Time (Hrs from Detection to Control)	2.00
Number of Acres Burned Under a Prescribed Burn Program	15,000
Percent of Fires Suppressed at 100 Acres or Less	95.00
Forest Management	
Forest Resource Development Program	
Acres Regenerated or Improved	35,000
Acres Monitored for Insect, Storm or Disease	19,800,000
Re-Inventory 20% of State's Forest Lands (% of Regions)	20.00
Percent Increase of Re-Inventory of State Forest Land	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 7. Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within the funds available.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of

their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STATE FORESTRY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Bill Pigott

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 327,956.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission in the operation and maintenance of the Grand Gulf Military Monument for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 519,160.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 7

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level

of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer.

These funds are provided for repairs and renovations to park facilities and the purchase of equipment.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund, not otherwise appropriated for Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1618, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 497,245.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE GRAND GULF MILITARY MONUMENT COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 68,428,304.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 39

Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated herein, One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport shall only expend funds on activities directly related to the operation of the state port.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PORT AUTHORITY AT GULFPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Richard Bennett

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Jenifer B. Branning, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Oil and Gas Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 4,987,969.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	35
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of

Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Oil and Gas Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. The State Oil and Gas Board shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend funds from any source not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the Comprehensive Data Management Program in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), or so much thereof as may necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Emergency Plugging Fund, as created in Section 53-1-77, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to plug, remediate, and restore well project sites that are outside the scope of the Federal Orphan Well Plugging Program.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Jeff Hale

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Jeff Tate

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-

Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Pat Harrison Waterway District, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 8,055,463.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 55

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Pat Harrison Waterway District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The funds herein approved for expenditure, except and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations, shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray the cost of park facilities repairs only. These repairs are to include bath houses and cabins and to exclude any Flint Creek Horse Trail repairs.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Four Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$480,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray the cost of dam repairs.

SECTION 8. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide a report on completed park facilities repairs. This report shall be provided to the Legislature by December 1, 2024, and shall include photos of stated repairs. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

SECTION 9. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide an annual five-year plan containing a prioritized list detailing the purposes, goals and projected costs of projects which it intends to implement or is in the process of implementing. This report shall be provided to the Legislature on or before July 15 of each year as required in Section 51-15-119(2). The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the current year's budget submission.

SECTION 10. The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide an annual audit of the district operations. This report shall be provided to the Legislature as required in Section 51-15-119(3). The Pat Harrison Waterway District shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a copy of this report with the current year's budget submission.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PAT HARRISON WATERWAY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Charles Young, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Jenifer B. Branning, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Morgan, Pigott, Tubb. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any special source funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 25,191,367.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	109
Time-Limited:	1

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of

detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The funds herein approved for expenditure, except and less an amount approved by the State Fiscal Officer which shall be sufficient to cover disbursements for current operations, shall be deposited at interest with any official depository of the state at a rate of interest numerically not less than one percent (1%) below the bank discount rate on United States Treasury bills of comparable maturity as determined by the State Treasurer.

SECTION 6. None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following condition: the District shall waive traffic control fees for any vehicle displaying a "REZ" tag.

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated for expenditure under this act may be expended by Pearl River Valley Water Supply District until the district agrees to comply with the following conditions: (1) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open, these events shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events at the reservoir and given priority of any and all date options available. (2) If any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for such events, the district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open. (3) The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be held on the first Sunday in May unless any local governmental or nonprofit entity wins the bid for the ESPN Bass Masters Classic or the FLW Major Open on that date. The Catch A Dream Foundation Bass Classic shall be exempt from the district's lottery system for host events at the reservoir and given priority for the first Sunday in May. The district shall waive the daily launch fees or any other special event fees for the Classic.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.

These funds are provided for dredging and other related activities to remove sediments and debris from the bottom of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

SECTION 10. Funds are provided herein out of the Ross Barnett Reservoir Dredging Fund for dredging and other related activities to remove sediments and debris from the bottom of the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund, not otherwise appropriated for Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1631, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,352,364.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is provided for the construction of a new office building.

SECTION 13. The funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 14. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law or in accordance with the provisions of a valid trust indenture.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Jenifer B. Branning, Reginald Jackson

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Kinkade. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Public Service Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 5,017,322.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Public Service Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 464,494.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 51
Time-Limited: 6

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Utility Regulatory Services	
Number of Utility Docket Cases	169
Number of Utility Complaints	4,600
Electric Complaints as a Percent of Total	58.00
Telecommunication Complaints as a Percent of Total	26.00
Water Complaints as a Percent of Total	12.00
Gas Complaints as a Percent of Total	3.00
Sewer Complaints as a Percent of Total	1.00
Average Cost per Utility Complaint	638.00
Time To Resolve Utility Complaints (Days)	3
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type:	
Investor-Owned Utilities (Cents/kWh)	0.13
Average Price of Electricity per Kilowatt Hour in MS for Residential Customers, by Utility Type: Electric Cooperatives (Cents/kWh)	0.13
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percent of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Investor Owned Utilities	86.89
Average Price of Electricity for Residential Customers in MS as a Percent of the April 2016 National Average, 12.43 Cents/kWh - Electric Cooperative	95.14
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS (kWh)	1,200
Average Monthly Residential Electric Usage in MS as a Percent of the 2015 National Average, 909 kWh	135.00
Number of Pipeline Inspections	900
Average Cost per Pipeline Inspection	883.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 5. None of the funds herein appropriated by this act to the Public Service Commission shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Mississippi Public Service Commission that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in

the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Service Commission shall compile the amount of time that is expended on each regulated entity during Fiscal Year 2024. On or before August 1, 2024, the Public Service Commission shall report these findings to the House of Representatives' Public Utilities Committee, the Senate's Energy Committee, and the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Morgan. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Public Utilities Staff for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.....

..... \$ 2,666,616.00.
SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Utilities Staff which is comprised of special source funds for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the agency for the Atlas Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 80,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 27
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for

salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Atlas Fund, as created in House Bill 1, 2nd Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for expediting services needed for Project Atlas.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Public Utilities Staff shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES STAFF FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Sam C. Mims, V

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Yates. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the commission and carrying out the provisions of Section 69-27-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 588,548.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 37,674,607.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 9
Time-Limited: 6

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the

agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Ninety-two Thousand Dollars (\$92,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer.

These funds are provided for the purchase and installation of river gauges to measure erosion and flooding along the Pearl River.

SECTION 6. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to retain all funds generated from the sale of equipment. Any funds made available from the sale of equipment shall be deposited into the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing equipment.

SECTION 7. The State Soil and Water Conservation Commission is authorized to receive, budget and expend any proceeds derived from the sale of bonds authorized in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. All expenditures shall be in accordance with conditions provided in Section 69-27-331 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of

their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Jeff Tate

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bell, C, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 28,692,399.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 17

Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) is provided for capital projects.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated herein, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding overtime, callback or standby pay.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE YELLOW CREEK STATE INLAND PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, William Tracy Arnold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Jenifer B. Branning, Reginald Jackson

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Brown. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is authorized and approved for expenditure out of any funds which are received by or otherwise become available to the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District, for the purpose of paying bond maturities, accrued interest, maintenance expenses, project development costs, and any other authorized expenses of the water management district, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 9,078,819.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 17

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or

positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. All monies in possession of the district in excess of necessary operating funds shall be deposited with a bank or banks selected by the board of directors of the district. These funds shall be deposited in such bank or banks and in such manner that interest earned shall be at least equal to interest earnings on state funds deposited by the State Treasury.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein approved for expenditure shall be disbursed upon bank checks signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE TOMBIGBEE RIVER VALLEY WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, William Tracy Arnold
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Jenifer B. Branning, Reginald Jackson

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Registered Professional Geologists for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 143,189.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Board of Registered Professional Geologists shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or

funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Sollie B. Norwood, Angela Burks Hill

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Jeff Hale

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support, Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, and Trade Mart Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 9,805,062.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds, which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, including the Divisions of Support and Plant Industry, Farmers Central Market, Fair Commission, Livestock Coliseum, Industrial Showcase, Agriculture Museum, the Fairgrounds, Dixie National Rodeo and Trade Mart Building for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 19,581,171.00.

The funds authorized for expenditure under the provisions of this section include subscription fees produced from the Market Bulletin and admission fees produced from the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 219

Time-Limited: 13

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Beaver Control Program or from any other special

source funds made available to the Beaver Control Program, to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the support of the Beaver Control Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,100,000.00.

Of the special funds authorized in this section, Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the Mississippi Department of Transportation and from fees charged private persons/organizations, and Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) shall be derived from funds received from the State Forestry Commission. A county in order to participate must pay up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00), and if any county wishes to pay any additional funds than provided, those funds may be used only in said county.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived from the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce - Fruit and Vegetable Revolving Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department \$ 600,000.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seventy-four Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$74,805.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi Egg Marketing Board.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Plant Industry	
Number of Pesticide Related Inspections	2,000
Number of Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance	205
Number of Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance	110
Number of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance	1,200
Number of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Record Inspections in Full Compliance	350
Percent of Marketplace Inspections in Full Compliance	85.00
Percent of Dealer Inspections in Full Compliance	96.00
Percent of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Pesticide Application Inspections in Full Compliance	93.00
Percent of Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Record Inspections in Full Compliance	95.00
Museum	
Total Attendance	100,000
Number of Students in School Groups	16,000
Number of Private Revenue Generating Functions	400
Percent Change in Number of Private Revenue Generating Functions	1.00
Percent Change in Revenue from Private Functions	1.00
Percent Increase in Attendance from Prior Year	1.00
Percent Increase of School Students in	

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	Attendance from Prior Year	1.00
	Revenue Generated from Functions	275,000
Regulatory		
	Number of Retail Motor Fuel Devices Inspected	64,000
	Number of Food Sanitation Inspections	4,700
	Percent of Total Retail Motor Fuel Devices Inspected	100.00
	Percent of Total Retail Food Sanitation Inspections	100.00
	Percent of Consumer Complaints Answered within 48 Hours	100.00
Marketing		
	Number of Persons Reached by Marketing Means	1,138,150
	Percent Increase of Persons Reached by Marketing Means	3.00
Administration		
	Maintain Administrative Cost at 18% of Total Budget	25.00
Livestock Theft		
	Number of Cases Investigated	200
	Number of Cases Cleared	60
	Percent of Cases Prosecuted	25.00
Farmer's Market		
	Number of Retail Spaces Rented (Average Per Week)	35
	Amount of Revenue Generated through Rental Space Rented	45,000.00
Seed Testing Lab		
	Number of Days to Run Cool Test	7
	Number of Official Samples Collected	2,350
	Number of Days for Germination Test (Average Depending on Type of Seed)	20
	Number of Hours to Evaluate TZ Test	1
Mississippi State Fairgrounds		
	Number of Event Days	315
	Estimated Total Attendance	938,176
Egg Marketing Promotion		
	Percent Increase in the Number of Eggs Purchased	2.00
	Cost of Outreach in Relation to Consumers Reached. (This Number is the Percent of the Budget Dedicated to Advertising)	80.00
	Percent Increase of Consumption of Eggs	2.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 8. The funds appropriated and authorized to be expended under the provisions of this act shall be expended for the purpose of defraying all expenses incurred by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce in the operation of all programs and activities (except operation of the State Lime Plants, Veterinary Laboratory, Pink Bollworm-Plant Quarantine Inspection Stations and Fire Ant Program) authorized to be conducted and carried on by said department; including, but not limited to: the administration of the Feed, Fertilizer and Dairy Act; the Weights and Measures Act; the Meat Inspection Act of 1968; the Mississippi Pure Seed Law; and the following additional programs and activities: enforcement of the egg law; publication and distribution of the Mississippi Market Bulletin, agricultural statistics, market news service

at Stoneville, Mississippi; and inspection, grading and certifying of fruits, vegetables, hay, grain, meat and meat products, milk and dairy products, pecans, seed and syrup.

SECTION 9. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, with the assistance of the State Department of Audit and the Department of Finance and Administration, shall establish a budgeted enterprise funds for all "for-profit" activities related to the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum. The funds shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and regulations prescribed by the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided by the provisions of this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that not more than Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) shall be expended for the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program, which shall be established by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce to serve senior citizens above sixty (60) years of age who fall within one hundred thirty percent (130%) of the poverty level. The Commissioner of Agriculture may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the Mississippi Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00), is provided for matching funds required for the Mississippi Healthy Food and Families Program as established in Senate Bill No. 2077, 2022 Regular Session.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Agriculture and Commerce shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce from the proceeds collected from surety bonds posted under the "Mississippi Grain Warehouse Law" as provided by Section 75-44-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 and the "Mississippi Grain Dealers Law of 1978" as provided by Section 75-45-301 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 for the purpose of paying claimants under such laws from the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
June 30, 2025 \$ 1,100,000.00.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for roof replacement and other maintenance for Barn number (14) fourteen.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Six Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty (\$685,350.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purchase of a freightliner and (3) three vehicles for Livestock Theft.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for wireless capabilities at the Fairgrounds.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$750,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for operational expenditures at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry

Museum. The department may expend these funds for improvements to the museum and for marketing and promotion programs for the museum in a manner consistent with the museum's historical purpose.

SECTION 19. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

The Commissioner of Agriculture shall notify, in writing, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairman of the House Appropriations A Committee, and the Legislative Budget Office of any escalation. The written notification shall include the justification for the escalation of funds, the amount, and how the funds will be used. This written notification shall be sent on or before the fifteenth day of the month prior to the effective date of the escalation.

SECTION 20. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Bill Pigott

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Bell, C, Brown. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Hood, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Hines, Karriem, McMillan. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Pigott called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce's special fund account to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the purposes of defraying the costs of prizes, premiums, judges and other actual and necessary costs of putting on the Dixie National Livestock Show at the State Fairgrounds in Jackson, Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,200,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce as follows:

(a) For the support of annual roundup shows for junior exhibitors of junior steers, junior breeding cattle, beef cattle, dairy cattle, hogs, sheep and goats, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 64,890.00.

(b) To supplement the funds paid by the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for livestock premiums at the State Fair, all livestock premiums to be paid on the American system of judging (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.) on all classes entered in the senior division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 22,000.00.

(c) For the county livestock shows in offering and paying prizes or awards to competitors in the approved county livestock shows of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 15,000.00.

Provided, however, that of the amount herein appropriated in paragraph (c) of this section, not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be expended or used in any one (1) county of the state during each fiscal year. Provided, further, that none of the monies herein appropriated in paragraph (c) of this section shall be used in offering or paying prizes or awards for any livestock show that is not held where there are adequate barns, pens and other facilities available for such a show.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) of this section that the management of such shows shall be in the hands of a county livestock association, and such association shall guarantee a minimum amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be used in the paying of prizes, premiums or awards, and after said county show has been held and premiums paid, fifty percent (50%) of the amount, not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), shall be paid upon requisition to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Provided, further, in paragraph (c) of this section that in any county which has two (2) shows with proper facilities, and a contiguous county has no such fair and desires to participate in a fair to be held in an adjoining county, each of the two (2) fairs in one (1) county may receive an equal proportion of the funds hereby appropriated, provided, both shows shall not receive an aggregate sum of more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(d) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) district livestock shows, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 65,000.00.

(e) For the purpose of offering awards and prizes to competitors in the five (5) state dairy shows as provided in Section 69-5-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 8,500.00.

Provided, further, that no part of the money herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section shall be used for any other purpose than to pay premium awards at said shows and state shows and expositions receiving legislative appropriation shall not conflict in dates in order that livestock exhibitors may make the circuit of shows. Provided, further, that none of the above-mentioned funds shall be paid to any district shows unless shows are held prior to roundup.

Not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section shall be used in awarding prizes or premiums to 4-H Club members and Smith-Hughes School members and other boys and girls having entries in said shows.

All funds herein appropriated under the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section for the five (5) district livestock shows and the five (5) fall state dairy shows shall be distributed in such manner that the livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each of the said five (5) district spring shows and the five (5) fall state shows. The management of each district spring show and each state fall show shall submit to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, within fifteen (15) days after the close of each said show, a full report on the number of exhibitors at each said show, with the grades and placings of the different classes of livestock exhibited.

The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, together with a committee of three (3) to be named by the President of the Mississippi Livestock Council from that organization, shall summarize and prepare a unified list of awards for like classes in all spring district livestock shows and fall state dairy shows receiving state premium money, as authorized in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section. The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce shall approve and present a requisition to the State Fiscal Officer for the payment of the amount of funds in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section due each show and said State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrant thereon, and it shall be paid by the State Treasurer.

Provided, however, as a condition of expenditure of the funds appropriated in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section, that the board of directors of any district livestock show may, in its discretion, choose to hold its show in the fall instead of the spring. If district shows are held in both spring and fall, then all funds herein appropriated for the five (5) district livestock shows shall be distributed in such a manner that the spring livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district spring show, and the fall livestock exhibitors will each draw equal premium awards for comparable grades and placings at each district fall show.

(f) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 14,150.00.

(g) For promotion and expenses of the winners of the Mississippi Junior High School Rodeo for attending the national finals, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 12,000.00.

(h) For the support of the Southern Cutting Futurity Championship, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, any funds that are remaining at the end of the fiscal year may be transferred between the different show awards and prize monies, with the exception that no county show in Section 2(c) of this act shall receive more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and

service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations, or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

The Commissioner of Agriculture shall notify, in writing, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairman of the House Appropriations A Committee, and the Legislative Budget Office of any escalation. The written notification shall include the justification for the escalation of funds, the amount, and how the funds will be used. This written notification shall be sent on or before the fifteenth day of the month prior to the effective date of the escalation.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DIXIE NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW; A ROUNDUP FOR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS OF LIVESTOCK AND GOATS; SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR LIVESTOCK PREMIUMS; COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS IN OFFERING AND PAYING PRIZES OR AWARDS TO COMPETITORS IN APPROVED COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOWS; THE FIVE STATE DAIRY SHOWS; THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL RODEO; AND TO PROVIDE HOW SAID MONEY SHALL BE PAID OUT OF THE STATE TREASURY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Bill Pigott

On motion of Rep. Pigott the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Butler-Washington, James-Jones. Total-2.

Present--Hines. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,801,395.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Board of Animal Health, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,248,118.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 23
Time-Limited: 5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary

actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Board of Animal Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. The Mississippi Board of Animal Health is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations, contributions, and any carryover funds shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided from the Animal Health Disaster Response Fund. These funds are provided for expenses incurred by the Board of Animal Health in responding to animal disease outbreaks as outlined in Section 69-15-21, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Michael McLendon

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Bill Pigott

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Gaming Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 9,237,934.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Gaming Commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,662,486.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 120
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, a portion shall be derived from the amount of forfeited property that is seized by the Gaming Commission, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the specific purpose of increasing law enforcement resources as outlined in Section 41-29-185, Mississippi Code 1972.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, a portion shall be derived from the amount that is received by the Gaming Commission under the Gaming Control Act, which shall be deposited into a special fund created by the Department of Finance and Administration and may be expended by the commission for the purpose of investigating, permitting, interagency fees, and providing fingerprint analysis by the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Gaming Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to

the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Riverboat Gaming	
Annual State Riverboat Gaming Revenues (Billions)	2.00
Number of Casinos Regulated	26
Average Cost per Employee to Total State Riverboat Gaming Revenues	18,476,000.00
Charitable Bingo	
Number of Bingo Applications Received	30
Number of Bingo Halls Regulated	50
Average Cost per Employee to Total State Charitable Bingo Revenues	4,676,905.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) is authorized to be transferred to the nonprofit organization, Mississippi Council on Compulsive Gambling, which provides crisis intervention and support services.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Bart Williams, J. Walter Michel

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Casey Eure

On motion of Rep. Bounds the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean,

McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggins, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Evans. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Crudup, Sanford. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Child Protection Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 136,336,290.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Child Protection Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 184,408,641.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1,517

Time-Limited: 417

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments

or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Child Protection Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. The Department of Child Protection Services is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, herein to the Department of Child Protection Services, it is the intention of the Legislature that Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$93,601.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for maintaining a 24-hour hotline that is to be manned at all times, and for a coordinator to work with the Department of Public Safety, and to contract with outside agencies or service providers to organize for the provision of specialized services, including counseling services and other appropriate care to children who have been victims of commercial and sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2, an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) may be expended for the Department of Child Protection Services for Kinship Care Payments as authorized by Section 43-15-17, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Child Protection Services for the purpose of

reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as reappropriated in HB 1625, 2023 Regular Session, for information technology system developments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,789,259.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Eleven Million Eighty-six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$11,086,239.00) is appropriated to maintain the Adoption Assistance and Congregate Care Homes Maintenance Payments and One Million Seven Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,711,959.00) is provided to maintain the Foster Home Maintenance Payments. It is the intent of the Legislature that these funds be expended for said purpose.

SECTION 12. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Kevin Blackwell, Sollie B. Norwood

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology and Barbering, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,454,080.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds approved for expenditure under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 17
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. The State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering shall not be authorized to expend any funds appropriated by this act after October 1, 2019, unless the board has adopted and implemented each of the following policies, which shall be conditions upon the receipt and expenditure of those funds:

(a) A policy that the board will not issue any licenses for the practice of wigology and will issue licenses and certifications only as provided under the cosmetology or barbering licensure law; and

(b) A policy that allows any person who holds a wig specialist license issued by the board before July 1, 2014, to continue his or her practice as it existed before July 1, 2014, and allows any person who holds a wig salon license issued by the board before July 1, 2014, to continue operating a wig salon under the statutory requirements as they existed before July 1, 2014, and provides that any such person will be eligible to receive a certificate of registration issued by the board.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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Performance Measures

Target

Examination & Licensure

Number of Barber Examinations	425
Average Cost per Barber & Instructor License	55.00
Number of Cosmetology Examinations	1,500
Cost Per Cosmetology Licensing Examination	290.00
Number of School Permits	75
Cost Per School License	100.00
Number of Working Days Between Examination & Distribution of Results	1
Percentage of Candidates that Passed the Exam	85.00
Average Number of Workdays to Issue License	14
Average Number of Workdays to Issue Permit	3

Regulation

Number of Inspections Conducted (Annually)	2,879
Number of Formal Complaints Received (Annually)	11
Number of Disciplinary Actions Taken	10
Average Number of Days to Resolve Valid Complaints	30
Percentage of Documented Complaints Resolved Within Six Months	95.00
Percentage of Deficiencies Noted During Inspections are Addressed Within the Allotted Timeframe	90.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of this legislation to provide the funds for the board to meet when necessary, but under no circumstances shall it meet more than sixty-two (62) days a year.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that until the board members of the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering are appointed and executive director is hired:

(1) A Twenty-five percent (25%) share of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act is provided for the expenses associated with the former State Board of Barbering; and

(2) A Seventy-five percent (75%) share of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act is provided for the expenses associated with the former State Board of Cosmetology.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Turner-Ford, Juan Barnett

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers,

Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Scott. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 61,297,497.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Health which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 538,620,467.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Seven Million Twenty-six Thousand One Hundred Two Dollars (\$7,026,102.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Eleven Million Five Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-three Dollars (\$11,578,783.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund, created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the State Department of Health. The funds provided in this section shall be allocated as follows:

Magnet Community Health Disparity Program \$ 2,000,000.00

Early Intervention Program for

increased reimbursements \$ 2,000,000.00

Breast and Cervical Cancer Program \$ 100,000.00

Maternal and Child Health Care Program \$ 1,242,943.00

Defibrillators in Public Places \$ 250,000.00

Mississippi Health Care Alliance for the ST

Elevated Myocardial Infarction Program

(STEMI), Sepsis, and the Stroke System

of Care Plan \$ 250,000.00

Health Department Programs \$ 12,761,942.00

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in this act, Thirty-four Million Dollars (\$34,000,000.00) is allocated to the Trauma Care System. Of the General Fund court assessments provided in Section 1, Thirteen Million Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars (\$13,023,197.00) shall be allocated for Trauma Care Systems and One Million Eight Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$1,805,859.00) shall be allocated for Emergency Medical Services. All additional funds are appropriated in Section 2. The State Department of Health may transfer a portion of Trauma Care System funds to the Division of Medicaid for the development and implementation of an enhanced reimbursement fee program related to trauma care and services, used to match federal funds, under a cooperative agreement between the State Department of Health and the Division of Medicaid.

It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds authorized herein for the Trauma Care System shall be expended to the benefit of any hospital located outside the boundaries of the State of Mississippi, unless otherwise excepted in this paragraph. Funds shall be expended by the Mississippi Department of Health for distribution to the Regional Medical Center or Le Bonheur Children's Hospital at Memphis, located in Memphis, Tennessee, or the University of South Alabama Medical Center located in Mobile, Alabama, or the Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., located in Augusta, Georgia, or any affiliates or any other Level 1 Trauma Center, or Tertiary Pediatric Trauma Center that participates in the Mississippi Trauma Care System, as determined by the Mississippi Department of Health.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Tobacco Control Program Fund, created in Section 41-113-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be allocated as follows:

University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer
Institute \$ 4,250,000.00
Department of Education - Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell -
Mary Sprayberry Public School
Nurse Program \$ 3,060,000.00
Attorney General's Office - Alcohol and
Tobacco Enforcement Unit \$ 680,000.00
University of Mississippi Medical Center -
A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT)
Center \$ 595,000.00
Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI),
Sepsis, and Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 595,000.00
Mississippi Qualified Health
Center Grant Program \$ 3,400,000.00
Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 7,420,000.00

Of the funds appropriated in this section, the State Department of Health is authorized to expend funds to create and administer the Office of Tobacco Control within the department as outlined and created in Section 41-113-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Million One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$1,102,915.00) shall be allocated as follows:

Mississippi Health Care Alliance - ST Elevated
Myocardial Infarction Program (STEMI), Sepsis,
and Stroke System of Care Plan \$ 279,400.00
Mississippi Qualified Health Center
Grant Program \$ 600,000.00
Mississippi Health Department Programs \$ 223,515.00

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:
Permanent: 688
Time-Limited: 1,413

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

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Performance Measures

Target

Health Services

State Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)	8.60
Percent of Women who Received Prenatal Care in First Trimester	74.20
Percent of Live Births Delivered Prior to 37 Weeks of Gestation	14.80
Teenage Live Birth Rate Age 15-19 Years (per 1,000 Women Age 15-19)	23.40
Percent of Newborns with Positive and	

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Inconclusive Genetic Screens who Received Recommended Follow-Up	100.00
Percent of Adults who are Obese (Body Mass Index of 30 or More, Regardless of Sex)	39.10
Health Protection	
Percent of Mississippi Population Receiving Water From a Public Water Supply	92.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Receiving Optimally Fluoridated Water	50.00
Transfer Time of Level III and IV Trauma Centers to Appropriate Facilities for Treatment (Minutes)	129.00
Communicable Disease	
Primary and Secondary Syphilis: Case Rate per 100,000	27.50
Tuberculosis: Number of Cases	51
Tuberculosis: Case Rate per 100,000	1.70
HIV Disease: Number of Cases	400.00
HIV Disease: Case Rate per 100,000	13.60
Rate of Two Year Old Children Fully Immunized (National Immunization Survey: 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series - 19 to 35 months)	74.00
Tobacco Control	
Percent of Current Smokers Among Public Middle School Students	1.70
Percent of Current Smokers Among Public High School Students	2.10
Percent of Current Smokers Among Adults 18 Years and Older	19.40
Public Health Emerg Prep/resp	
Time Required for Command Staff to Report to Emergency Operations Center in Response to a National or Man-Made Disaster (Minutes)	30.00
Admin & Support Services	
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Mental Health	60.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Dental	45.00
Percent of Mississippi Population Living in an Area Designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area: Primary Care	49.00
Medical Cannabis	
Number of Conditions Added to the List of Debilitating Medical Conditions	2
Number of Qualifying Patients Approved	50,000
Number of Designated Caregivers Approved	54
Number of Registry Identification Cards Revoked	25
Total Number of Patients with a Registry Identification Card	50,000
Number of Licensed Medical Practitioners	400
Number of Licensed Cannabis Cultivation	

Facilities	150
Number of Licensed Cannabis Processing Facilities	30
Number of Licensed Cannabis Testing Facilities	5
Number of Licensed Cannabis Waste Disposal Entities	8
Number of Licensed Cannabis Transportation Entities	40
Percent of Applications Approved	95

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the State Department of Health may provide and administer without charge, Hepatitis B vaccinations to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel who are in need of such vaccinations through job related exposure.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 4,300,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide funds necessary to match projected federal funds available through the following federal fiscal year from the annual Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.

SECTION 12. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Emergency Loan Fund, and the Local Governments and Rural Water System Improvements Revolving Loan Fund as authorized in Chapter 521, Laws of 1995, to the State Department of Health for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 178,420,730.00.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under Sections 11 and 12 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 8

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal

Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 12 of this act, Three Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$3,370,600.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. The purpose of these funds is to provide funds necessary to match projected federal funds available through the following federal fiscal year from the annual Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) appropriations and from the supplemental Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) appropriations.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from the Department of Human Services, Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special funds for the purpose of child care licensure. These funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than July 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health shall expend not more than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) of the funds appropriated herein for providing the oil known as "Lorenzo's Oil" for the treatment of the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), to children and Mississippi residents over the age of twenty-one (21) who have the genetic disorder adrenoleukodystrophy and for whom Medicaid does not reimburse the cost of providing the oil. The department may also provide needed pathology and biannual MRI exams.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) are provided for the purpose of purchasing AIDS drugs and other necessary AIDS related medical services.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program.

SECTION 19. In addition to all other funds heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act at the Department of Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 7,787,845.00.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 18 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	34

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi

Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 21. In addition to all other funds heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Burn Care Fund which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of funding reimbursement for uncompensated medical care to Mississippi burn victims through the trauma care system at in-state burn facilities including the Baptist Medical Center, the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and any designated Burn Center associated with a Level I Trauma Center in the Mississippi Trauma Care System or for uncompensated aero medical transportation to out-of-state qualified United States Burn Care facilities, and such other provisions necessary to provide burn care for Mississippi residents, including reimbursement for travel, lodgings, meals and other reasonable travel-related expenses incurred by burn victims, family members and/or caregivers, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$
1,000,000.00.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health shall implement same day service to receive birth and death certificates.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a report of all grants received by September 15, 2024. This notification will consist of the name of the grant and agency or nonprofit making the award, the award amount, and a short list of goals to be achieved.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall be the fiscal agent in all allowable grants awarded.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall come from the Department of Education for the purpose of maintenance of effort for the Early Intervention Program. These funds are to be transferred to the State Department of Health no later than December 31, 2024. The State Department of Health shall make a complete accounting of the uses of these funds to the Department of Education.

SECTION 27. The Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to obtain a line of credit through the State Treasurer from the Working Cash-Stabilization Fund or any other special source funds maintained in the State Treasury in an amount not exceeding Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) to fund shortfalls which, from time to time, may occur due to insufficient working cash spent in anticipation of receiving federal reimbursement. The length of indebtedness under this provision shall not carry past the end of the quarter following the loan origination. Loan proceeds shall be received by the State Treasurer and shall be placed in a Mississippi Department of Health designated special fund account. The division may pledge as security for such interim financing future funds that will be received by the division. Any such loans shall be repaid from the first available funds received by the department in the manner of and subject to the same terms provided in this section.

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 29. With the funds appropriated herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Health is authorized to set the compensation of all nurse PINs, Epidemiologists and Disease Intervention Specialist Series based on the education and experience of the incumbent not to exceed the end salary as established by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 30. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Chairman of the Board of Health may appoint an official replacement or representative with voting privileges to the Advisory Board of the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce.

SECTION 31. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Health. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Health Officer shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,382,250.00) is provided for the Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce as described in Section 41-123-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$859,903.00) shall be allocated to the Domestic Violence program that is supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 34. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Department of Health shall have authority to escalate the various budgets in both funds and positions, with the approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from any special funds collected or available for HIV medical or support services, clinical quality management, and administrative expenses not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to the agency for expenditure. Upon such approval, the Mississippi State Department of Health may expend such funds in the manner authorized by law. Funds may be made available to local HIV/AIDS service providers.

The Executive Director of the Mississippi State Department of Health shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a certified statement providing a detailed explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing positions.

SECTION 35. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Health shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 36. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Health is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds for salaries and positions, with the approval of the State Fiscal Officer, from fund numbers 5331400000, 5331500000 and 5820130100, for the purpose of operating the State Department of Health programs as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulation of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds and when grant requirements have changed that result in staffing needs but do not result in new or additional funds.

The Executive Director of the State Department of Health or designee shall submit to the Department of Finance and Administration a certified statement providing a detailed explanation for any escalation, including a justification for the establishment of any new positions or reclassification of existing positions.

SECTION 37. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds, as authorized in HB 1626, 2023 Regular Session, to the Department of Health, to defray the expense of the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) at the Department of Health, Office of Interpersonal Violence for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 2,400,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twelve Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,300,000.00) is allocated for the purpose of providing reimbursable grants from the Office of Interpersonal Violence as described in this section.

The funds appropriated under this section shall be expended by the State Department of Health as a reimbursable grant. In determining reimbursable expenses, the State Department of Health shall use allowable costs as defined by the Office of Interpersonal Violence. Of the funds in this section, a minimum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is to be distributed to Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for the purpose of conducting additional forensic interviews. Of the funds in this section, up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) may be used by the department for administration of these funds.

SECTION 39. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Department of Health for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the State Department of Health, as authorized in HB 1626, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. \$ 2,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds to defray the expense of establishing and equipping a burn center for the State of Mississippi.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a

manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Health for the design, construction and maintenance of an Emergency Medical Services Memorial.

SECTION 41. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 42. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Burks Hill, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 78,502,047.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Human Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,748,522,136.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Department of Human Services that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 4. With the funds appropriated in this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	1,296
Time-Limited:	Full Time	455

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be

in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 herein to the Department of Human Services, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Health, Child Care Licensure Program from the Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special fund. These funds are to be transferred to the Board of Health no later than July 31, 2024. The Department of Health shall make a complete accounting to the Department of Human Services detailing the uses of these funds in accordance with federal and state regulations.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. The Department of Human Services is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Support Services	
Percent of Referred/Directed	
Investigative Audits Conducted	100.00
Percent of Special Investigations Conducted	95.00
Percent of Referred/Obtained Fraud	
Investigations Conducted Timely	100.00
Percent of Referred Administrative	
Disqualification Hearings & Fair	
Hearings Conducted Timely	99.00
Percent of Monitoring Reviews Conducted	
within Acceptable Timeframes	98.00
Total Amount of Funds Recovered	3,500,000.00
Aging & Adult Services	
In-Home Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	32,680
Community Services - Age 60 + (Persons Served)	193,617
Number of Congregate Meals	468,272
Number of Home Delivered Meals	2,700,000
Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of	
Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population	0.17
Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction	
of Persons on Waiting list	5.00
Child Support Enforcement	

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Number of Paternities Established	15,500
Percent Change in Paternities Established	3.30
Number of Obligations Established	16,000
Percent Change in Obligations Established	12.50
Total Collections (\$)	378,000,000.00
Percent Change in Total Collections	-2.50
Number of Absent Parents Located	68,000
Percent of Child Support Cases Current on Payments	-2.53
Community Services	
Number of Elderly Served by CSBG & LIHEAP	20,352
Number of Disabled Served CSBG/LIHEAP	26,762
Number of Households Achieving Self-Sufficiency CSBG/LIHEAP	0
Percent Increase in Rate of Households Attaining Self-Sufficiency	0.00
Number of Households Stabilized CSBG/LIHEAP	0
Percent Increase in the Number of Households Stabilized	0.00
Number of Households Weatherized	516
Early Childhood Care & Dev	
Number of Children Served	30,138
Assistance Payments	
Dollar Amount of Assistance	6,240,877.00
Food Assistance	
Number of Average Monthly Households Supplement Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP (\$)	225,000
Percent of Mississippi Households Receiving SNAP Benefits	716,413,100.00
22.51	
Tanf Work Program	
Number of Average Monthly TANF Households	8,864
Number of Average Monthly Persons Served in TANF Work Program	1,107
TANF Work Program Participation Rate (%)	60.00
Number of Persons Employed Through the TANF Work Program for the Year	832
Number of Households Receiving TANF Benefits During the Year	9,969
Percent of Households Receiving TANF During the Year	49.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Trng Who Enter Employment	30.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Enter Employment at A Salary Sufficient to Be Ineligible for TANF	19.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Remain Employed For: One Year After Leaving the Program	75.00
Percent of TANF Participants in Job Training Who Remain Employed For: Five Years After Leaving the Program	65.00
Social Services Block Grant	
Number of Clients Served, Division of Family & Children's Services	75,611
Number of Clients Served, Aging & Adult Services	21,178
Number of Clients Served, Youth Services	12,880

Youth Services

Community Services (Children Served)	15,000
Institutional Component (Children Served)	300
Number of Volunteers - Community Services/Institution	0
Number of Children Placed in Alternative Placement	0
Percent of Children Diverted from Institutional Care	95.00
Recidivism Rate (%)	20.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement, make a concentrated effort to increase collections of past due child support payments. On or before January 1, 2025, the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall submit a report to the Legislative Budget Office detailing year-to-date performance measures in the Child Support Enforcement Program compared with the prior year.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to spend such additional funds as it shall receive from the federal government in incentives or the federal match on those incentives for the purpose of child support enforcement.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of Public Safety no later than July 31, 2024.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated herein, to the Department of Human Services One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), is provided for the support of the Home Delivered Meals Program and any additional funds that may be appropriated to this program.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided in Section 1, herein to the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided to fund the Senior Olympics Program.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement Section 43-12-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 17. As a condition of receiving and expending any funds appropriated under this act, the Department of Human Services:

(a) Shall use a competitive procurement process for entering into all TANF subgrant agreements with non-state entities when the federal government does not direct to whom the funds must be subgranted;

(b) Upon awarding of a grant to any subgrantee of the department, shall require the subgrantee to submit a monthly report to the department that contains, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(i) A listing of all costs incurred by the subgrantee during the previous month;

(ii) A listing of all clients served by the subgrantee, with an explanation of which services were provided to the clients;

(iii) A listing of all lower-tier subgrantees, who must be approved by the department before the execution of any such agreement by the prime subgrantee; and

(iv) Any other data required by the department to provide sufficient evidence of budgetary compliance;

(c) Shall not advance funds to a subgrantee for more than sixty (60) days; and

(d) Shall reimburse a subgrantee for expenses only after the required documentation is provided and is approved by the department.

SECTION 18. It is the intent of the Legislature, that within the funds available, the Department of Human Services may provide any qualifying grants of CARES Act or American Rescue Act funding in an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to the three (3) regional food banks that serve Mississippi, including Feed the Gulf Coast, Mid-South Food Bank, and Mississippi Food Network.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,100,000.00), or so much thereof as may be provided, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Human Services for a new computer system.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Human Services for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1622, 2023 Regular Session to defray expenses of the Department of Human Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
June 30, 2025 \$ 58,327,806.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

(a) To defray the Department's computer expenses \$ 4,327,806.00.

(b) To secure federal funding for a new computer system \$ 54,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated herein, no more than Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-two Dollars (\$4,452.00) may be used to pay invoices to certain vendors for expenses incurred in FY 2022.

SECTION 22. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Kevin Blackwell, Sarita Simmons

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty,

McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Fire Academy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 7,017,923.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Fire Academy which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,075,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 62
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the

Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Training	
Number of Students Trained	12,000
Average Cost per Student Trained	781.07

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Fire Academy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the replacement of the heat building components.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the replacement of the auditorium roof.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Fire Academy for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of a state match to purchase a specialty rescue truck, as authorized in House Bill No. 1606, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 75,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the State Fire Academy for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of the completion of dorm rooms at the State Fire Academy, as authorized in HB 1606, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 160,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Jerry R. Turner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Albert Butler

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp,

Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Evans. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 13,913,556.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Insurance which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department, for the support of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 8,155,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 131

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Lic & Reg MS Ins Co's & Agents	
Number of (Producer, Etc) Licenses Issued	218,000
Average Cost per License Issued	100.00
Number of Agent's C/A's Issued	580,000
Average Cost per Agent C/A Issued	25.00
Number of Requests for Assistance	24,500
Average Cost per Customer I/C Addressed	55.00
Number of Fire Marshal Fire Investigations	538
Cost per Fire Marshal Investigation	900.00
Number of Fire Marshal Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Fire Marshal Inspection	60.00
Liquefied Compressed Gas	
Number of Accidents/Injuries/Deaths Due to Incidents Involving LCG	0.00
Number of Inspections	8,000
Average Cost per Inspection	60.00
Number of Safety Training Schools/Seminars	170
Average Cost per Safety Training School	145.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Fifteen Thousand Seventy-nine Dollars (\$15,079.00) is provided for the Mississippi Fire Personnel Minimum Standards and Certification Board.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) is provided and shall be expended to pay the annual dues for the National Conference of Insurance Legislators.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding any project for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or project shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Comprehensive Hurricane Mitigation Program Trust Fund, as created in House Bill 1705, Regular Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to the Department of Insurance. The Department of Insurance shall utilize these funds for the purpose of administering the Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program created in Section 83-1-191, Mississippi Code of 1972. As a condition of expending the funds provided in this section, the Department shall limit the amount of grants provided to any individual as provided in House Bill 1705, Regular Session of 2024.

SECTION 11. Within the limits of the funds available to the Mississippi Insurance Department for such purpose, the Commissioner of Insurance for the Mississippi Insurance Department may grant a paid internship to students pursuing junior or senior undergraduate level year coursework toward a bachelor's degree in risk management insurance or graduate level coursework towards a master's degree in business administration. Those applicants deemed qualified by the Mississippi Department of Insurance shall receive funds that may be used to pay for tuition, books and related fees to pursue their degree. It is the intent of the Legislature that the paid internship program shall be used as incentive for risk management insurance careers at the Mississippi Insurance Department.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the State Fire Marshal's Office for fire safety prevention and services, including, but not limited to, fire protection supplies and materials, smoke alarms, and public service announcements providing fire prevention information.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Propane Education and Research Program Fund, for the purpose of research and development of more cost effective uses of propane and on educational programs, safety programs, and market development of propane for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 130,000.00.

SECTION 14. Of the funds provided in Section 2, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) is provided from the Mississippi Volunteer Firefighter Length-of-Service Awards Program Fund. These funds are provided for the Mississippi Length-of-Service Award Program (LOSAP) established in Section 45-11-271 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purchase of smoke alarms.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$120,500.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purchase of vehicles.

SECTION 17. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Annual Fire Fund to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the purposes allowed in Section 17-23-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 9,000,000.00.

SECTION 18. In addition to all other funds appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund which was created in Section 17-23-1 (4), Mississippi Code of 1972 to the Mississippi Department of Insurance for the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Jerry R. Turner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, J. Walter Michel

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Newman, Tubb. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Bell, C, Hines. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Medical Licensure, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 4,435,126.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 30
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Licensure	
Percent of Licensees who Renew Online	100.00
Percent of Individual License Renewals Issued within Seven Business Days	100.00
Investigative	
Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Actions	4.00
Number of Documented Complaints Received	400
Percent of Documented Complaints Resolved within Seven Business Days	15.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Medical Licensure shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, and as approved by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the Board), at the direction of the Board the Executive Director may negotiate and enter into a grant agreement to provide funding in an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) for the Mississippi Physician Health Program.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) may be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expense of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) is provided for computer repairs, replacement, and upgrades.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Sixty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$69,000.00) is provided for the purchase and installation of a new audio system.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds are appropriated here in accordance with a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Health to assist with the implementation of the Medical Cannabis Act for registering and monitoring compliance with the rules and regulations of the Act.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that, for Fiscal Year 2025, the board shall be allowed to recover all costs from a holder of a license who has been found by the board in violation of statute after notice and a hearing as provided by law.

The expenses must be direct costs associated with the investigation and conduct of a proceeding for licensure revocation, suspension or restriction.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Currie. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 208,007.00.

SECTION 2. With the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators deposit all revenue generated into a special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Nursing Home Administrators and that all interest earned or deposited to the fund shall remain in the fund and not be paid into the State General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Board of Nursing, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,586,080.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	40
Time-Limited:	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds provided for herein, One Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,560,000.00) shall be provided for the Office of Nursing Workforce (ONW). In accordance with Section 73-15-18(1), Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Nursing is designated as the state agency responsible for the administration and supervision of the Nursing Workforce Program as an educational curriculum. The mission of the Office of Nursing Workforce is to carry out the scope of service and leadership tasks required of the profession by promoting a strong educational infrastructure between nursing practice and nursing education.

SECTION 4. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000.00) may be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 5. As a condition of receiving the funds appropriated in this act, the Mississippi Board of Nursing shall develop a plan to revise the nursing licensure laws to provide eligibility for licensure to those who have completed the Air Force 4N Training Program or possess a practical nursing degree from the Community College of the Air Force, alongside individuals who completed the Army's practical nurse program and Navy Corpsman course, and present the plan to the Legislature not later than the first day of the 2025 Regular Session for consideration by the Legislature. The purpose of authorizing such licensure eligibility is to acknowledge the value of military training in nursing, expedite licensure procedures for those persons, and efficiently integrate qualified military-trained individuals into the nursing workforce which will help in addressing the state's healthcare needs effectively and economically.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds are appropriated here in accordance with a signed Memorandum of Understanding with the Mississippi Department of Health to assist with the implementation of the Medical Cannabis Act for registering and monitoring compliance with the rules and regulations of the Act.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Board of Nursing shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Albert Butler

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Optometry, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 257,659.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Optometry shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Turner-Ford, Reginald Jackson

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi

State Board of Physical Therapy for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 353,517.00.

SECTION 2. With the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Physical Therapy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett. Total-1.

Present--Steverson. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Psychology, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 161,982.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Psychology shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Twenty-six Thousand Dollars (\$26,000.00) is provided for the administrative support of the Mississippi Autism Board as prescribed by Section 73-75-11, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Real Estate Appraisal License Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 793,207.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized for the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$259,000.00) is provided for the Home Inspector Board as created in SB 2788, Regular Session 2024.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board shall maintain complete accounting

and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese. Total-1.

Present--Barnett. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Real Estate License Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,816,725.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized for the Mississippi Real Estate Commission:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 16
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Real Estate Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Deweese. Total-1.

Present--Barnett, Felsher, Ford, J, McKnight, Powell, Tubb. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes of defraying the expenses of the Department of Rehabilitation Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 32,796,819.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Rehabilitation Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support of the various offices of the department, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 223,272,721.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Six Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,681,802.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972. The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

Fully match all available federal	
funds	\$ 2,826,899.00.
Independent Living Program which	
includes the State Attendant	
Care Program	\$ 854,903.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	875
Time-Limited:	201

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal

services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Rehabilitation Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind shall remain accredited by using not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) of the funds appropriated along with matching funds for payment of fees to an accreditation agency recommended by the Rehabilitation Services Administration.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services through the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the National Federation for the Blind (NFB) News line service to allow blind and visually impaired persons to access newspapers through toll-free telephone calls.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2025 Target
Performance Measures	
Disability Determination Services	

Number of Dispositions	60,000
Processing Time (Days)	150
Voc Rehabilitation For The Blind	
Blind & Visually Impaired Served (Persons)	2,050
Number of Persons Rehabilitated	295
Independent Living (Number Served)	720
Percent Change in Persons Employed	
Compared to Persons Served	14.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	
Number of Clients Served	15,050
Number of Clients Rehabilitated	2,545
Percent Change of Persons Employed	
Compared to Persons Served	16.00
Persons Employed with Pay Rate Greater	
than Federal or State Minimum Wage	2,545
Persons with Significant Disabilities	
Leaving VR With Competitive, Self, or	
BEP Employment, Wage = or > Than Minimum	1,588
Spinal Cord & Head Injury Program	
Number of Clients Served	1,050
Percent Change in Number of Spinal Cord	
& Brain injuries per Year	3.00
Special Disability Programs	
Number of Clients Served	3,100
Percent Change in Persons Receiving HCBW	
Services Compared to Waiting List	25.00
Ratio of Cost to HCBW Services per	
Person Compared to an Institutional	
Setting	38.00
Support Services	
Percent of Total Budget	2.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Five Hundred Sixty-three Thousand Thirty-nine Dollars (\$1,563,039.00) shall be allocated to the Spinal Cord & Head Injury Trust supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that continued funding at or above the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriated amount shall be provided for up to Forty-one Hundred (4,100) slots in the Home and Community Based Waiver programs for Independent Living and Spinal Cord/Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver programs.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION
SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Kevin Blackwell, Sarita Simmons

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by
the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks,
Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd,
R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,
Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,
Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,
Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-
Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K,
Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar,
Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty,
McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,
Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak,
Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith,
Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace,
Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved
that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family
Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to
the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists,
Board of Examiners for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof
the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is appropriated
out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of
Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists for the purpose of
defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
ending June 30, 2025

\$ 272,876.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following
positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) is provided for the upgrade and maintenance of the Board's Licensing and Regulatory System (LARS) to a CLOUD based system.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Becky Currie

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Turner-Ford, Joseph M. Seymour (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 193,774,571.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized and approved for expenditure out of the proceeds derived from patient fees, student fees or any other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,718,569,436.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the University of Mississippi Medical Center shall maintain the School of Medicine, the School of Dentistry, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Related Professions, the School of Population Health, the Teaching Hospital and the Medical Center Service Area. The University of Mississippi Medical Center shall prepare and make available to the Legislature an accounting of expenditures for each of the divisions listed in this section at the beginning of the legislative session.

SECTION 4. Due to critical nurse shortages and staffing, it is the intention of the Legislature to enhance recognition of excellence and expand the experience factor in attracting qualified registered nurses.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, and the funds authorized to be expended in Section 2 of this act, none may be used to provide medical services on behalf of any state agency, institution or political subdivision, except to the extent that such agency, institution or political subdivision reimburses the hospital for the cost of the services provided. Upon the rendering of medical services to any such agency, institution or political subdivision, the hospital shall issue an invoice for the charges which shall be paid within ninety (90) days. In the event that payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the hospital shall discontinue providing services to that agency, institution or political subdivision until all outstanding charges have been paid.

SECTION 6. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the University of Mississippi Medical Center's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

- (a) Education activities or scholarships \$ 6,888,029.00.
- (b) Rural Physicians Scholarship Program \$ 340,000.00.
- (c) Rural Dentists Scholarship Program \$ 105,000.00.

TOTAL \$ 7,333,029.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Two Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,380,431.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program as described in Section 37-146-1, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Two Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$2,170,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program as described in Section 37-141-1, Mississippi Code of 1972. Of this amount, Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) is provided for a Psychiatrist Scholarship as described in Section 37-144-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$280,848.00) is provided for the administration of the Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and the Rural Dentists Scholarship Program.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Four Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,750,000.00) shall be derived from the State General Fund and Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$4,250,000.00) shall be derived from any special source funds collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the University of Mississippi Medical Center Cancer Institute.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Five Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$595,000.00) is hereby appropriated for A Comprehensive Tobacco (ACT) Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research that kills or destroys an existing human embryo.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$1,349,998.00) shall be provided from General Funds and shall be provided to the Center of Excellence at the Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children for the care of abused and neglected children, and expended to improve, enlarge and/or construct the physical facilities of the Children's Safe Center and for support and maintenance of the center.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be provided to the MIND Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that any cash balances at the Office of Physician Workforce, the Children's Safe Center, and the MIND Center shall only be spent in support of those divisions.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) shall be provided for the Child Health and Developmental Promotion (CHDP) Fellowship Program.

SECTION 22. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Asylum Hill Project, as authorized in SB 3008, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 2,292,839.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount

authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to create the Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council as described in SB 2156, 2024 Regular Session.

SECTION 24. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Blackwell. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 173,016,709.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 113,449,615.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1,693
Time-Limited: 78

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of Public Safety may, on a case-by-case basis, within funds available, recommend that corrective salary adjustments be made to the

compensation of employees of the Department of Public Safety where an inequity was created between employees of equivalent capacity by previous application of the agency appropriation acts. Any such corrective salary adjustment plan must have prior approval by the State Personnel Board. Such adjustments will not be retroactive.

Any funds in the Salary, Wages and Fringe Benefits major object of expenditure may be used to purchase accumulated compensatory time within funds available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature, that the Department of Public Safety shall receive Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Department of Transportation, for the operations of the Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division that is authorized in Section 77-7-330, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. It is the intent of the Legislature that the local governments pay for part of the computer cost of the Mississippi Justice Information Center by maintaining their contribution to the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety designate certain employees to aid the Office of Forensics Laboratories in the billing and collecting of all fees charged for services rendered by the Office of Forensics Laboratories.

SECTION 8. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid with funds appropriated herein be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity, or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall not issue citations for violations of speed limits on a quota basis. No funds expended under this act shall be used for such quota-based citations for violations of speed limits.

SECTION 10. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Enforcement	
Percent Increase in Enforcement Citations	7.50
Percent Decrease in Fatalities	4.00
Percent Increase in DUI Arrests (includes felony DUI)	5.00
Number of Criminal Investigations	68,000
Number of Highway Fatalities per 100 Million Vehicle Miles of Travel	0.80
Number of Alcohol Impaired Driving Fatalities per 100,000 Population	1.60
Number of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Arrests per 100,000 population	230
Percent Increase in Seatbelt/Child Restraint Citations	7.00
Driver Services	
Number of Driver's License/ID Cards Issued	635,250
Cost per License Document Produced	24.00
Number of Driver's Suspended	24,300
Number of Accident Reports Processed	1,650
Average Wait Time (Minutes)	20.00
Number of Documented Complaints	24
Percent Change in Wait Time	-5.00
Percent Change in Complaints	1.10

Percent Increase in Regular and Commercial Driver Licenses Issued	10.00
Support Services	
Number of Financial Transactions Processed	45,402
Number of Employees Supported	1,776
Forensic Analysis	
Number of Reports Issued (Cases)	25,000
Number of Court Testimonies (Cases)	200
Cost per Case Analyzed	450.00
Cost per Testimony	550.00
Percent of Days for Reports Issued	40.00
Dna Analysis	
Number of Known Felony Offender Samples in Database	165,000
Number of Proficiency Samples	950
Number of Casework Samples Examined	12,500
Cost per Sample	750
Maintain the Integrity of the CODIS Database	99.00
Forensic Pathology	
Number of Deaths Investigated	26,500
Number of Autopsies Performed SME Office	1,400
Cost per Autopsy Performed	2,000.00
Percent Change in the Number of Deaths Investigated	3.00
Percent of Coroners Educated by ME's Office	45.00
Percent Change in the Number of Autopsies Performed at SME Office	2.00
Training Academy	
Number of Basic Students to Graduate	200
Number of Basic Refresher Students to Graduate	10
Number of In-Service and Advanced Students to Graduate	850
Percent of Law Enforcement Officers Trained	100.00
Drug Enforcement	
Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1,300
Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	600
Number of Drug Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	4
Percent Change in Number of Drug Suspects Arrested	1.00
Percent Change in Number of Drug Cases Prosecuted	1.00
Percent Change in Number of Drug Organization Disrupted and/or Dismantled	1.00
Jail Officer Training	
Number of Jail and Youth Detention Officers Certified	250
Number of Certification Transactions	2,750
Number of Administrative Review Actions	5
Percent of Appointed Jail and Youth Detention Officers Obtaining Certification	60.00
Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken Within One Year	1.00
Law Enforcement Training	
Number of Basic Law Enforcement Officers Certified	500
Number of Certification Transactions	2,500

	Number of Training Quality Monitoring Actions	1,000
	Percent of Appointed Law Enforcement Officers Obtaining Certification	75.00
	Percent of Appointed Part-Time, Reserve, Auxiliary Officers Obtaining Certification	80.00
	Percent of Administrative Disciplinary Actions Taken Within One Year	3.50
Highway Safety		
	Number of Federal Applications Funded and Statewide Pgms Supported	10
	Percent Decrease in the Number of Unrestrained Passenger Vehicle Occupant Fatalities by 5%	2.00
	Percent Decrease in the Number of Fatalities in Crashes Involving a Driver or Motorcycle Operator with a BAC of .08 and Above	1.00
Justice		
	Number of Juvenile Jail/Detention Alternatives	4
	Number of Hot Spots Policing Programs Funded	3
Emerg Telecommunications Tng		
	Number of Emergency Telecommunicators Certified	500
	Number of Certification Transactions	2,000
	Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Certification	75.00
	Percent of Appointed Emergency Telecommunicators Obtaining Recertification	75.00
	Percent of Administrative Review Actions Taken Within One Year	1.00
Council On Aging		
	Number of Triad Programs Established	2
	Number of Training Programs Conducted	0
	Provide On-Site-Training	0
	Percent Change in Number of Operational Triad Programs	3.00
	Percent Increase in Funding to Counties to Educate Senior Citizens	0.00
Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit		
	Number of Facilities Inspected	125
	Number of Strategic Plans Implemented	20
	Percentage of Admin Review Actions Taken Within One Year	80.00
Homeland Security		
	Number of OHS Grants for Jurisdictions	325
	Number of First Responder Classes	210
	Percent Increase in Emergency Task Force Responder Training and Exercises	2.00
	Percent Increase in Citizen and Community Preparedness Training and Exercises	10.00
	Percent Increase in Requests for Information	3.08
	Percent Increase in National Incident Mgmt Training and Exercises	1.49

Investigations

Number of Human Trafficking Cases Initiated	250
Number of Human Trafficking Arrests	50
Number of Human Trafficking Child Recoveries	25

Capitol Police

Number of Patrols	65
Number of Emergencies (Medical, Weather, Active Shooter, etc.)	4,500
Average Time to Respond to an Emergency (Minutes)	5.00

Motor Carrier

Number of Compliance Reviews	50,000
Number of On-site Examinations at Scales	32,000
Number of Trucks Weighed	5,800,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that all divisions within the Mississippi Department of Public Safety shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 15. Of the funds provided herein, and in addition to the One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) authorized in Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, Department of Public Safety Officers who are licensed commercial pilots shall receive an additional Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), for a total of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), additional compensation for such service.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to the Mississippi Legislature detailing any elected official or any other person who is not an employee of the Department of Public Safety who was transported in Highway Patrol aircraft during the fiscal year. The report shall be provided to each member of the Mississippi Legislature on or before January 15, 2025.

SECTION 17. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall have the authority to transfer any funds from any division within the Department of Public Safety to any other division of the Department of Public Safety Special Funds, including, but not limited to, Funds 3711, 371C, 371E, 3713, 3714, 3715, 3740, 3741, 3742, 3744, 3747 and 3718, not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) collectively during Fiscal Year 2025. However, none of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended unless the Department of Public Safety provides prior written notification of any transfer of funds provided in this section.

SECTION 18. The Bureau of Narcotics is authorized to expend a sum, not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from account No. 3371800000, for purposes of effectuating the provisions of Section 41-29-179, Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 1 of this act. Expenditures authorized by this section may include, but not be limited to, costs associated with contracting with one or more vendors, contractors or other persons or entities to create, operate and maintain the forfeiture website and to provide continuing support in relation thereto. In the event an amount less than Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00) is required to effectuate the purposes of this section, the Bureau is authorized to expend the remainder of such authorized funds for the purchase of commodities, vehicles and/or other equipment necessary in the furtherance of the needs of the Bureau.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Million Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Two Dollars (\$4,312,602.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Crime Stoppers Fund	\$ 99,003.00.
Adult Driver Training	\$ 75,794.00.
Information Exchange Network Fund	\$ 264,007.00.
Forensics Laboratory of MS – Implied	
Consent Law Fund	\$ 404,795.00.
Forensics Laboratory of MS – DNA	
Identification Fund	\$ 629,543.00.
Law Enforcement and Firefighters Death	
Benefits Trust Fund	\$ 191,361.00.
Law Enforcement Standards Training – Law	
Enforcement Officers Training Fund	\$ 2,276,404.00.
Drug Abuse/Driver's License Reinstatement	\$ 13,573.00.
Federal – State Alcohol Program Fund	\$ 160,431.00.
MS Leadership Council on Aging Fund	\$ 197,691.00.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Mississippi Department of Public Safety, shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend special funds from the Drug Evidence Disposition Funds (3372000000), not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00).

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to Section 97-3-54.9, Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) is provided for the duties and operations of a Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinator and a data analyst within the Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Public Safety, who shall coordinate all statewide activities and work with the Department of Child Protection Services for all victims recovered.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated by this act, pursuant to Section 45-1-2(7), Mississippi Code of 1972, Two Hundred Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred Three Dollars (\$242,603.00) is provided for the duties and operations associated with the Mississippi School Safety Act of 2019.

SECTION 23. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Department of Public Safety for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3012, 2023 Regular Session, to the Department of Public Safety for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending

June 30, 2025 \$ 6,208,815.00.

This reappropriation is for the following purposes:

- (a) Forensics Case Backlog \$ 432,815.00.
- (b) Driver Services Bureau IDEMIA System. \$ 5,610,000.00.
- (c) Driver Services Bureau to upgrade and maintain the IDEMIA System and any equipment necessary to implement requirements under Section 63-1-16, Mississippi Code of 1972

\$ 166,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance

of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 24. The department may subgrant a portion of the funds appropriated herein to the Jackson Police Department for eligible activities contingent upon the execution of an operational agreement between the Capitol Police and Jackson Police Department on roles and responsibilities within the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purchase of Forensics lab equipment.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the repair and renovation to facilities at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy excluding preplanning for the new MLEOTA Campus.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Thirty-five Thousand (\$1,535,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the building lease for Driver Services Bureau and for building improvements and equipment.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Five Hundred Eighty-three Thousand (\$1,583,00.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purchase of vehicles for Capitol Police.

SECTION 29. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to make payment to certain vendors for expenses incurred during Fiscal Years 2017 through 2023 in the following total amount \$ 29,305.00.

SECTION 30. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 31. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Sollie B. Norwood

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J,

Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 255,633,716.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 435,994,712.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Twenty Million Nine Hundred Fifty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$20,951,886.00) shall be derived from the Health Care Expendable Fund created in Section 43-13-407, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Mental Health. The funds provided for in this section shall be allocated as follows:

\$ 16,797,843.00 Expenses of the Department of Mental

Health, payment of Medicaid state

share,

or prepayment of Medicaid state

share.

\$ 379,417.00 Alzheimer's disease services

development and implementation of
Senate
Bill No. 2100, 1997 Regular
Session.

\$ 636,374.00 Crisis Centers
\$ 2,000,000.00 Fentanyl and drug abuse education program
pursuant to Section 41-29-323,
Mississippi Code of 1972, and the
Mississippi

Collaborative Response to
Mental Health Act established in House
Bill No. 1222, 2023 Regular Session
\$ 1,138,252.00 Physician services at community mental
health centers.

\$ 20,951,886.00 TOTAL

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1
and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5,827
Time-Limited: 422

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to
make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not
exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or
positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi
Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services
appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal
services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal
Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the
agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to
increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments
or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the
Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary
established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the
projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the
responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal
Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the
agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary
actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires
determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms,
conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth
within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written
approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of
Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for
salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above
the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace
federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the
provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal
Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract
employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and
Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided
herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve
the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall
make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2025

Performance Measures	Target
Services Management	
Number of On-Site Reviews Conducted by the Division of Audit	40
Number of On-Site Reviews Conducted for DMH Certified Provider Agencies	193
Mental Health Services	
Percent of Population Lacking Access to Community-Based Mental Health Care	30.00
Percent of DMH Clients Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	98.00
Increase by at Least 25% the Utilization of Alternative Placement/Treatment Options for Individuals who have had Multiple Hospitalizations & Do Not Respond to Traditional Treatment	25.00
Number served by PACT Teams and intensive case management teams	2,300
Number of Individuals Employed Through Supported Employment	441
Increase Access to Crisis Services by Tracking the Number of Calls to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	10,648
Number Referred from Mobile Crisis Response Teams to a Community Mental Health Center and Scheduled an Appointment	2,100
Number Diverted from a More Restrictive Environment Due to Mobile Crisis Response Teams	160
Increase the Number of Certified Peer Supt Specialists in the State	210
Idd Services	
Number of Individuals on Planning List for Home and Community-Based Services	2,700
Percent of DMH Institutionalized Clients who Could be Served in the Community	100.00
Percent of DMH Clients Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	89.00
Number of People Added from Planning List to ID/DD Waiver Services	300
Children & Youth Services	
Percent of Children with Serious Mental Illness Served by Local Multidisciplinary Assessment & Planning (MAP) Teams	1.20
Number Served by MAP Teams	810
Number of Children & Youth that are Served by Wraparound Facilitation	1,736
3% Alcohol Tax-alcohol/drug Prg	
Number of Residential Beds Made Available Statewide due to the Three Percent Tax Supplements	226
Number Receiving Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment	1,529
Crisis Stabilization Units	
Average Length of Time from Mental	

Health Crisis to Receipt of Community Mental Health Crisis Service (Minutes)	1.50
Percent of People Receiving Mental Health Crisis Services who were Treated at Community Mental Health Centers vs. Institutions	98.00
Diversion Rate of Admissions to State Hospitals (% of People)	90.00
Number of Involuntary Admissions	1,600
Number of Voluntary Admissions	1,700
Mi - Institutional Care	
Number Served Adult Acute Psychiatric	1,246
Maintain Readmission Rates within National Trends	3.95
Mi - Support Services	
Support as an Overall Percent of Total Budget	5.30
Idd - Institutional Care	
Number of People Served in Residential IID Programs	687
Number of People Transitioned from Facility to ICF/IID Community Home	28
Idd - Group Homes	
Number of People Served in the 10-bed ICF/IID Community Homes	573
Percent of People Served in the Community vs. in an Institutional Setting	67.00
Idd - Community Programs	
Number of People Added from Planning List to ID/DD Waiver Services	115
Number of People Enrolled in the 1915i	531
Idd - Support Services	
Support as a Percent of Total Budget	4.30

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 6. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to transfer funds to the Division of Medicaid in payment of Medicaid match and designate that the funds thus transferred shall be applied to Medicaid match obligations arising in the subsequent fiscal year.

SECTION 7. Any person within the Department of Mental Health who must work on a statutory holiday or any holiday proclaimed by the Governor may, at the discretion of the Director of the Institution and the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health and within available personnel funds, be paid "call-back pay" in lieu of "compensatory time credit."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the "Service Budget," funds are included for the support of community mental health services for Fiscal Year 2025.

Provided, however, that none of the funds appropriated for the support of community mental health services shall be made available to any Regional Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Center which does not receive from each of its participating counties a dollar amount equivalent to what the proceeds of a three-fourths (3/4) mill tax on all taxable property in the county in Fiscal Year 1982 would have been or the amount of funds contributed to the center by the county in Fiscal Year 1984, whichever shall be greater. By means of performance contracts, the Department of Mental Health shall disburse the funds appropriated in this section for services for the mentally ill, intellectually disabled and alcohol/drug abusers. The State Board of Mental Health and the Department of Mental Health shall be responsible for selecting the types of services

which shall be provided with the funds appropriated in this section, for developing and monitoring performance contracts and for holding contractors accountable for utilization of funds.

SECTION 9. Ellisville State School is authorized to draw up to Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) from interest earned on funds invested in Ellisville State School Client's Trust Fund for the purpose of supplementing the cost related to supplies, property, and equipment in direct care.

SECTION 10. The Department of Mental Health and its facilities shall have the express legal authority, within funding and spending authority appropriated under the provisions of this act to purchase land for use by residential facilities operated by the department, either directly or by means of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, and to transfer such funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds, and Real Property Management for the purposes of constructing and equipping group homes for persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; constructing and equipping such other buildings as may be required for treatment of persons with mental illness, intellectual disability, and/or substance abuse; repair and renovate existing buildings; and to construct, repair and/or renovate employee housing. Any intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) constructed with funds authorized in this section shall be authorized to participate in Medicaid funding available for such services.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall have authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Mental Health. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. None of the funds transferred with this section may be transferred to the Central Office for Personal Services.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, Twenty-nine Million Eight Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty-nine Dollars (\$29,897,169.00) is provided to the Department of Mental Health to expand those community-based services that will improve the State of Mississippi's compliance with the Olmstead decision of the United States Supreme Court. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall have the authority to transfer such sums from this source as are necessary to implement or improve those community services that are more appropriately addressed by the Mississippi Department of Education and/or the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services to those agencies for that purpose. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that any sums received from this source that are not expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, by the Mississippi Department of Mental Health shall be reappropriated for the same purpose during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health shall account for the expenditure of these funds in sufficient detail to clearly show the purposes for which such funds were

expended. The Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health shall report any such reappropriation to the Legislative Budget Office no later than fifteen (15) days after the effective date of the reappropriation.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health, with approval by the board, may contract with Community Mental Health Centers, or suitable entities, for the purpose of operating the Crisis Intervention Centers at Grenada, Batesville, Brookhaven, Cleveland, Corinth, Laurel and Newton. The department shall provide quarterly progress reports on the operation of the crisis intervention centers to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Public Health and Appropriations Committees.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. The Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) shall transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health, upon the request of the Department of Mental Health, where the funds received by DFA from the Department of Mental Health were special funds (neither general funds or bond funds) and where those funds are not required for the payment of costs already incurred on a building or repair project. For the purposes of this section, the term "special funds" includes any state source special funds, including, but not limited to, funds from the Health Care Expendable Fund. The duty of DFA to transfer funds back to the Department of Mental Health under this section applies to any funds described in this section that were transferred to DFA, regardless of the year that the transfer was made by the Department of Mental Health.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Mental Health may provide, upon the availability of funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) to the Hope Village for Children Program.

SECTION 19. None of the funds provided in Section 1, 2, or 3 of this act shall be used to pay Medicaid match for the eleven (11) Community Mental Health Centers.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars (\$3,910,702.00) shall be allocated to the Crisis Intervention Mental Health Fund supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the Department of Mental Health shall fund ten (10) Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Teams and provide supportive employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

SECTION 22. Notwithstanding any other provision, the Department of Mental Health shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that One Million Three Hundred Ninety-two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-four Dollars (\$1,392,944.00) is provided as an increase over and above the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriation level of funding for One Hundred (100) ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver slots for an estimated total of Three Thousand (3,000) slots in the ID/DD Home and Community Based Waiver program.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purpose of naloxone grants.

SECTION 25. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Mental Health is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 as follows:

Vendor	Fiscal Year	Amount

Covington County Hospital	2021	\$ 91,800.00
Personal Pharmacy Care	2022	\$ 12,827.00
Mississippi State University	2022	\$ 15,443.00

SECTION 26. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Burks Hill, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 377,775.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2
Time-Limited: 0

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is allocated for expenses related to updating the Licensing Management System.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Sollie B. Norwood, Rod Hickman

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Becky Currie

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners, for the support of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,202,005.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 8

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services

appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Board of Dental Examiners shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Sam Creekmore IV

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 3,943,666.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:

Permanent: 20
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Licensure	
Percent of Licenses Issued within Ten Business Days	100.00
Percent of Renewals Issued within Two Business Days	100.00
Compliance	
Number of Written Complaints Received	80
Percent of Written Complaints Resolved within Six Months	100.00
Number of Investigations Conducted Due to the Diversion of Prescription Drugs, Impaired	20
Number of Investigations Conducted Due to the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians	30
Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Actions (% Avg of Three	

Years)	20.00
Prescription Monitoring Prg	
Percent of In-State Physicians	
Registered to PMP	100.00
Percent of Licensed APRNs Registered to PMP	100.00
Percent of Pharmacists Registered to PMP	100.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Pharmacy shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. In accordance with the Pharmacy Benefit Prompt Pay Act, Sections 73-21-151 through 73-21-163, Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy may escalate the appropriate funds not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) of its budget during the fiscal year for the purposes of conducting compliance examinations and regulatory oversight as authorized by the act.

SECTION 8. In accordance with Section 73-21-127(h), Mississippi Code of 1972, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy may accept and expend funds from any other state agency to defray the expenses of the Prescription Monitoring Program.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Missy McGee

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G,

Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Byrd, Cockerham, Jackson, L. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Department of Corrections for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 424,349,537.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Corrections which is collected by or otherwise becomes available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 38,680,127.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended:

CENTRAL OFFICE

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 28,355,046.00

Special Funds 13,143,827.00

Total \$ 41,498,873.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 183

Time-Limited: 8

FARMING OPERATIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	0.00
Special Funds		4,082,419.00
Total	\$	4,082,419.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	4
Time-Limited:	0

PAROLE BOARD

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	788,844.00
Special Funds		0.00
Total	\$	788,844.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	8
Time-Limited:	0

PRIVATE PRISONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	68,467,753.00
Special Funds		0.00
Total	\$	68,467,753.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	0

MEDICAL SERVICES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	109,132,784.00
Special Funds		375,447.00
Total	\$	109,508,231.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	1
Time-Limited:	2

REGIONAL FACILITIES

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	50,331,765.00
Special Funds		0.00
Total	\$	50,331,765.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	0
Time-Limited:	0

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds	\$	27,472,229.00
Special Funds		13,194,048.00
Total	\$	40,666,277.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	513
Time-Limited:	83

LOCAL CONFINEMENT

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 10,064,537.00
Special Funds 0.00
Total \$ 10,064,537.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 0
Time-Limited: 0

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 35,055,511.00
Special Funds 1,605,799.00
Total \$ 36,661,310.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 622
Time-Limited: 5

PARCHMAN

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 37,924,237.00
Special Funds 2,513,634.00
Total \$ 40,437,871.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 628
Time-Limited: 9

SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CORRECTIONAL

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 26,554,105.00
Special Funds 1,514,953.00
Total \$ 28,069,058.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 495
Time-Limited: 4

Marshall County Correctional

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 11,695,023.00
Special Funds 750,000.00
Total \$ 12,445,023.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 153
Time-Limited: 0

Walnut Grove Correctional

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 11,464,324.00
Special Funds 750,000.00
Total \$ 12,214,324.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 170

Time-Limited: 0

Delta Correctional

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following funding and positions are authorized:

FUNDING:

General Funds \$ 7,043,379.00

Special Funds 750,000.00

Total \$ 7,793,379.00

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 122

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections is hereby authorized to transfer spending authority between and within budgets, both positions and funds, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer. The department shall provide a report of all transfers made under this section to the Chairmen of Senate and House Appropriations and Corrections Committees and the Legislative Budget Office by December 15 of each fiscal year which shall contain the required information from the previous and current fiscal years.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve

the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
General Administration	
Support as a Percent of Total Budget	10.00
Number of state prisoners per 100,000 population (includes only inmates sentenced to more than a year)	656
Average annual incarceration cost per inmate	53.26
Percentage of offenders returning to incarceration with 3 years of release	34.60
Farming Operations	
Annual Income from Farm Sales	1,354,805.00
Parole Board	
Number of inmates paroled	4,000
Private Prisons	
Number of ABE program slots available	397
Number of VOC-ED program slots available	147
Number of A&D program slots available	148
Medical Services	
Number of total inmate days in a hospital	5,247
Regional Facilities	
Number of ABE program slots available	495
Number of VOC-ED program slots available	700
Number of A&D program slots available	445
Probation/parole	
Recidivism rate within 12 months of release to field supervision	10.50
Recidivism rate within 36 months of release to field supervision	17.00
Community Work Centers	
Recidivism rate within 12 months of release	10.30
Recidivism rate within 36 months of release	20.00
Restitution Centers	
Recidivism rate within 12 months	10.30
Recidivism rate within 36 months	17.00
Local Confinement	
Number of days offenders held in county jails	381,425
Institutional Security	
Number of assaults on inmates per 100 inmates	3.60
Number of assaults on officers per 100 officers	3.80
Youthful Offender School	
Recidivism rate within 12 months of release	21.00
Recidivism rate within 36 months of release	45.00
Evidenced Based Intervention	
Recidivism rate for inmates who complete the ABE program	29.70
Recidivism rate for inmates who complete a vocational program	12.60
Recidivism rate for inmates who complete the A&D program	31.30
Percent of offenders possessing GED certificate or high school diploma at time of release	59.60
Percent of offenders obtaining	

marketable job skills during
incarceration

5.80

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, none shall be expended for personnel housing under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections unless the department shall collect a reasonable rent, after a finding of fact as to what is a reasonable rent, and/or the cost of utilities furnished to said housing. The Department of Corrections shall not pay for the installation or monthly service of any telephone installed in a staff residence under its jurisdiction.

It is further the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane and cable services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, and authorized for expenditure in Section 3 of this act, payment may be authorized for court-ordered attorney fees and any accrued interest subject to the approval of the Office of the Attorney General.

SECTION 8. None of the money herein appropriated shall be paid to any person who by the provision of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, is prohibited from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The State Department of Finance and Administration shall at least annually make a report to the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review and to the Attorney General stating the name of any person prohibited under the provisions of Section 47-5-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, from being an employee of the Mississippi Department of Corrections who has during the preceding year received any money herein appropriated. In the event that any such person prohibited as hereinabove provided from receiving funds herein appropriated should receive any of said funds, the Attorney General shall immediately commence action to recover the monies so paid to said person and to enjoin the further employment of said person at the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

SECTION 9. It is the intent of the Legislature that all prisoners at Parchman shall work a minimum of eight (8) hours per day, excluding prisoners with a physical disability or those incarcerated in maximum security.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the per diem rates paid to regional facilities shall not exceed Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$32.71) per inmate. All regional facilities shall continue to receive the annual three percent (3%) increase in the per diem rate as authorized in Section 47-5-933, Mississippi Code of 1972; however, in no event shall any regional facility's per diem rate exceed Thirty-two Dollars and Seventy-one Cents (\$32.71) per inmate.

SECTION 11. The department or its contracted medical provider will pay to a provider of a medical service for any and all incarcerated persons from a correctional or detention facility an amount based upon negotiated fees as agreed to by the medical care service providers and the department and/or its contracted medical provider. In the absence of a negotiated discounted fee schedule, medical care service providers will be paid by the department or its contracted medical service provider an amount no greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate. This limitation applies to all medical care services, durable and nondurable goods, prescription drugs and medications provided to any and all incarcerated persons outside of the correctional or detention facility. None of the monies appropriated herein may be used to pay for cosmetic medical procedures for any prisoner. Cosmetic medical procedure means any medical procedure performed in order to change an individual's appearance without significantly serving to prevent or treat illness or disease or to promote proper functioning of the body.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall provide a report on all funds clawed back due to a company or individual not meeting the contractual obligations to the department. This report shall contain the name of the entity, the reason why the funds were clawed back, the amount of funds clawed back, and how the department utilized the funds received. As used in this section, the term funds clawed back shall include direct receipt of funds from an entity not meeting their contractual obligation and the reduction of funds owed by the department to an entity due to the entity not meeting their contractual obligation. The report shall be provided to the Chairmen of Senate and House Appropriations and Corrections Committees and the Legislative Budget Office by December 15 of each fiscal year and shall contain the required information from the previous and current fiscal years.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall have the authority to transfer cash from one special fund treasury fund to another special fund treasury fund under the control of the Department of Corrections. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Corrections shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer. The department shall provide a report of all transfers made under this section to the Chairmen of Senate and House Appropriations and Corrections Committees and the Legislative Budget Office by December 15 of each fiscal year which shall contain the required information from the previous and current fiscal years.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds held by the Inmate Welfare Fund, as created in Section 47-5-158, Mississippi Code of 1972, be placed in a treasury fund. Of the amounts appropriated in Section 2, an amount not exceeding Nine Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$9,250,000.00) shall be available for expenditure in the Inmate Welfare Fund. Of these funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be used to provide for transitional housing and post release reentry programs.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that all funds held by the Inmate Incentive to Work Program Fund, as created in Section 47-5-371, Mississippi Code of 1972, be placed in a treasury fund. Of the amounts appropriated in Section 2, an amount not exceeding One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be available for expenditure in the Inmate Incentive to Work Program Fund. The following funds shall be utilized to pay inmates who are participants in the Inmate Incentive to Work Program.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Corrections shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Mississippi Department of Corrections to manage funds budgeted and allocated. In so doing, the commissioner of the department shall have the authority to amend, extend and/or renew the term of any lease agreement or any inmate housing agreement in connection with a correctional facility. Notwithstanding any statutory limits to the contrary, such amendment, extension and/or renewal may be for a length of time up to and including ten (10) years as is necessary for the continued operations of such facilities and

implementation of the department's duties and responsibilities in accordance with Title 47 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

SECTION 19. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature that upon vouchers submitted by the board of supervisors of any county housing offenders in county jails pending a probation or parole revocation hearing, the department shall pay the reimbursement costs as provided for in Section 47-5-901, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 585, 2014 Regular Session.

SECTION 20. With the funds herein appropriated, it is the intent of the Legislature, that for Fiscal Year 2025, the Department of Corrections shall reimburse municipalities, up to Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) a day, for the cost incurred of housing inmates in any jail facility based on time served for the conviction of larceny, shoplifting, or related convictions where the value of the property taken is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more but is equal to or less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). A copy of the court abstract of record and the jail docket shall be provided to show the total number of days an individual was incarcerated in said jail facility. The reimbursement shall be payable back to the municipality upon receipt of required documentation and an invoice. Total reimbursements resulting from this section shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds may be expended to defray the costs of clothing for sworn nonuniform law enforcement officers in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) annually per officer.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Hundred Ten Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-one Dollars (\$510,261.00) shall be allocated to Victim's Notification Programs supported by General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,400,000.00) is provided for monitoring technology for probation and parole officers in an effort to increase operational efficiencies and reduce recidivism.

SECTION 24. With the funds appropriated herein, the Department of Corrections is authorized to make payments for expenses incurred during prior fiscal years for an amount not to exceed One Million Two Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Four Dollars and Twenty-three Cents (\$1,267,004.23). For any medical expenses authorized to be paid within this section, the amount paid shall not be greater than the reimbursement rate applicable based on the Mississippi Medicaid reimbursement rate for these services.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purchase and repairs of doors and locks at Walnut Grove Correctional Facility and East Mississippi Correctional Facility. Once these repairs are completed, the Department may use any remaining funds to repair doors and locks at other Correctional Facilities upon approval by the Department of Finance and Administration Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management.

SECTION 26. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Tyler McCaughn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Clay Deweese, Becky Currie

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--111.

Nays--Anthony, Bell, C. Brown, Rosebud. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Crudup, Hulum, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Porter. Total--6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-15-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,623,870.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency which is comprised of special source

funds collected by or otherwise available to the agency, for the support and maintenance of the agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 21,698,472.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 114

Time-Limited: 68

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 585,056.00.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Fund Nos. 33703, 3725, 3728, 372U, 3729, 37AH, 53730, 6820174300, and 58202 for the purpose of defraying certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including, but not being limited to, public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 459,375,172.00.

SECTION 6. The funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 of this act are provided to defray certain administrative expenses and the state and federal share of the cost of disaster assistance programs, including public assistance programs, individual and family grant programs, and mitigation programs resulting from, but not being limited to, the following:

1604	Hurricane Katrina
4175	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - Cities of Louisville & Tupelo
-	Hazard Mitigation
-	Other Needs Assistance
-	Mississippi Temporary Housing Program
-	Pre-Disaster Response
-	Emergency Preparedness Programs
4429	Feb 22-March 29, 2019 Flooding
4450	Severe Weather April 13, 2019
4470	Severe Weather October 26, 2019
4478	Severe Weather January 10-11, 2020
4528	Coronavirus Pandemic
4536	Severe Weather April 12, 2020 Easter Tornadoes
4538	Flooding Feb 10-18, 2020 (Pearl River Flood)
4248	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Flooding - North Mississippi/Holly Springs
4268	Delta Flooding
4295	Pine Belt Tornado/Flooding
4314	Severe Storms, Flooding in Adams, Calhoun, Carroll, Claiborne, Holmes, Jefferson, Montgomery, Webster & Yazoo Counties
4350	Hurricane Nate
4415	Severe Storms, Flooding & Tornado in Clarke, Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Marion, Newton, Perry & Wayne Counties
4551	Severe Weather April 22-23, 2020
3544	Hurricane Sally
3548	Hurricane Delta
4576	Hurricane Zeta
4598	2021 Winter Storm
3582	Water Crisis EM Dec.
4697	Severe Weather March 24-25, 2023

SECTION 7. None of the funds appropriated in Section 4 of this act shall be used to establish a special reserve fund in the State Treasury for disaster relief except as provided for in Section 33-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency may, upon the request of a local public emergency management organization in an area which has suffered a natural disaster, supply equipment to rural water associations to enable their continued operation when the local emergency management organization determines that such private entities provide services essential to the welfare of the community.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall provide enhanced training to local governments, supervisors, mayors, civil defense groups and municipal associations in disaster management.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 11. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2025 Target
Performance Measures	
Emergency Mgmt Preparedness	
Percent of the Affected Population Informed	100.00
Average Time to Deliver Goods & Services	48
Recovery	
Number of Ongoing Projects	22
Number of Meetings Conducted	6,000
Average Cost per Project	20,000,000.00
Percent of Recovery Objectives Complete	100.00
Mitigation	
Number of Workshops Conducted	14
Number of Ongoing Projects	15
Average Cost per Project	100,000.00
Percent Reduction in Damage Due to Natural and Man-Made Incidents	5.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall have authority to transfer not more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from any general or special fund treasury fund and major object budget category to another special or general fund treasury fund and major object budget category accordingly under the control of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency. The purpose of this authority is to more efficiently use available cash reserves. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency shall submit a notification and summary of all state support funding on all disasters that require general funds or state support special funds to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that from any funds appropriated in this act, the agency shall maintain a minimum of nine (9) Area Coordinators to provide daily assistance to local jurisdictions with emergency management activities as well as to provide quicker response to incidents and/or disasters. In addition, it is the intent of the Legislature that these Area Coordinators shall reside in or within fifty (50) miles of their assigned districts.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. With funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is authorized to make reimbursement payments directly to individual Mississippi citizens who have been or will be approved to participate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Safe Room Grant Program. All funds paid by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency under this program will be reimbursed to the Agency by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise

appropriated, to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the purpose of defraying the expenses for vehicle purchases, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3016, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.
\$ 78,238.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 18. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is authorized to make payment for expenses incurred during Fiscal Year 2021 to Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. in an amount not to exceed Fifty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$57,699.13).

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purchase of vehicles.

SECTION 20. The expenditure of the funds appropriated by this act shall be under the direction of the Governor and shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A DISASTER RELIEF RESERVE FUND AND DEFRAYING THE COSTS RELATED TO CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Michael McLendon
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the operation of the Mississippi National Guard for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 9,490,876.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Mississippi National Guard, out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund No. 3700, as created by Chapter 187, Laws of 1954, as amended; the Army National Guard Programs Fund No. 3701; the Camp Shelby Base Operations Fund No. 3705; and the Air National Guard Programs Fund No. 3709, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of applicable statutes and federal/state agreements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 171,632,613.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 886

Time-Limited: 27

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, funds in the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Education Assistance Program.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. All funds authorized to be expended herein shall be expended and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-104-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972. If not needed for other purposes, the Adjutant General is hereby expressly authorized to invest any part of or all monies herein appropriated

out of the Camp Shelby Timber Fund at the highest rate of interest obtainable and credit interest accruing on such investments to the respective fund. Such monies may be invested in any short-term bonds, notes or other direct obligations of the United States of America or the State of Mississippi or any county or municipality of this state, which said county or municipal bonds have been approved by a reputable bonds attorney or have been validated by a decree of the court, and in any event the said bonds, notes or obligations in which such funds are invested shall mature or be redeemable prior to the time the funds so invested will be needed for the refund or refunds herein provided for.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Two Million Three Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$2,325,999.00) shall be provided for the support of the Youth Challenge Program at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 8. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, Six Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Ten Dollars (\$658,510.00) is provided for the Armed Forces Military Museum located at Camp Shelby.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated to be expended in this act, no General Funds shall be used to reimburse members and personnel of the Mississippi National Guard for the costs associated with attending authorized training. Any expenditure of funds for the purpose of compensation of such personnel and members for per diems and travel expenses shall be expended from any federal funds which are made available to the Mississippi National Guard for ancillary purposes.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Sonny Montgomery Center for America's Veterans at Mississippi State University.

SECTION 11. Of the funds provided in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is provided for the purchase of uniforms for the Youth Challenge Program staff.

SECTION 12. The Adjutant General of Mississippi is hereby authorized to transfer any part of appropriated funds, including general funds or capital expense funds, to special funds within the Mississippi Military Department, to facilitate federal grant matching requirements. Prior written notification of transfer shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. The Military Department shall provide an annual report of all transfers to the Chairmen of the Appropriations Committees and the Legislative Budget Office by October 1 each year, summarizing the status of projects funded by transfers to special funds over the prior fiscal year.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for renovations, repairs, general operating upgrades and additions at Youth Challenges Academy facilities or for the 2023 Mississippi Military Department Readiness Centers Fund created in Section 33-3-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, for costs of planning, repairs, renovations, expansions, upgrades, and furnishing and equipping of Readiness Centers.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of

any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the Southaven Armory facility.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the Corinth Armory facility.

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Bart Williams, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the State Veterans Affairs Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 5,640,041.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Veterans Affairs Board which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the board, for the support and maintenance of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,688,035.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	40
Time-Limited:	26

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the operating expenses and paying salaries of the Mississippi State Veterans Homes as established in Section 35-1-19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,357,359.00.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Veterans Affairs Board, which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses and paying salaries of the Mississippi State Veterans Homes as established in Section 35-1-19 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 74,231,360.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 4 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provision of Section 5 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 308

Time Limited: 389

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of the State Veterans Affairs Board has the authority to transfer spending authority between and within the budgets of the State Veterans Affairs Board and the Mississippi State Veterans Homes, in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the authorized budgets in the aggregate. The purpose of this authority is to use available cash reserves more efficiently. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board shall submit written justification for the transfer to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration on or before the fifteenth of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) are provided to defray the cost of providing care to indigent/low-income Mississippi veterans and the nonveteran surviving spouses of Mississippi veterans if the surviving spouse was a resident of a state veterans home at the time of the veteran's death and who, subsequent to the veteran's death, meets the indigent/low-income criteria established by the State Veterans Affairs Board in the state veterans homes. It is the intention of the Legislature that the provision pertaining to use of indigent/low-income surviving spouses be retroactive for any such period, prior to the effective date of this act, that a current surviving spouse may have met the criteria. This section and its provisions shall be known and cited as the "Hilton R. 'Jack' Vance Act of 1997."

SECTION 9. The State Veterans Affairs Board shall have continued authority for all actions related to the planning, development, construction, and outfitting of the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, pursuant to Section 35-1-41.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year

2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Veterans Affairs Board and the Mississippi State Veterans Homes are hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from fund number 3373200000, in an amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), for the purpose of operating the state veterans homes as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi State Veterans Affairs Board for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3018, 2023 Regular Session, to defray operational expenses related to stand-up operating costs at the Tradition State Veterans Home for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending

June 30, 2025 \$ 3,200,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.

It is the intention of the Legislature, with the funds appropriated in this section, to fund the construction of a new Veteran's Home in Rankin County to replace the Jackson Home and fund this move over three years.

SECTION 15. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD AND
THE MISSISSIPPI STATE VETERANS HOMES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Bart Williams, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Jerry R. Turner

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J. Ford, K. Foster, Gibbs, J. Gibbs, K. Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G. Holloway, K. Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K. Jackson, L. James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1618: PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition.

Rep. Deweese moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Athletic Commission Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Athletic Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 168,026.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi

Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Athletic Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. With the funds appropriated herein, the Chairman of the Commission shall be the ex officio recorder of permits and licenses and for his service as such shall receive an annual salary equal to Forty-three Thousand Sixty Dollars (\$43,060.00).

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ATHLETIC COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Jay McKnight

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Turner-Ford, Juan Barnett

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bailey, Mattox, Shanks. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 31,355,444.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Attorney General which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the office, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 9,733,030.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	88
Time-Limited:	Full Time	210

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the Attorney General shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures

FY2025
Target

Supportive Services		
Cost of Support Services as Percent of Budget, 2011-2012 Baseline: 5.10%		6.00
Training		
Ratings of Continuing Legal Education Training Presentation by Participants		95
Ratings of CRIMES System Training Presentation by Participants		0
Litigation		
Minimum Affirmations of Criminal Convictions 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%		95.00
Minimum Affirmations of Death Penalty Appeals 2011-2012 Baseline: 83.33%		85.00
Minimum Denial of Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus 2011-2012 Baseline: 86.96%		97.00
Minimum Pos Results of Civil Cases 2011-2012 Baseline: 96.00%		96.00
Percent Change of Affirmations of Criminal Convictions Attained		0.00
Percent Change of Death Penalty Review Cases Affirmed		0.00
Percent of Change of Appeals for Relief in Federal Habeas Corpus Cases Denied		0.00
Percent Change of Positive Results from Civil Cases		0.00
Opinions		
Percent Assigned to Attorneys in 3 Days or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%		100.00
Percent of Opinions Completed in 30 Days or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 76.00%		75.00
Percent Change of Opinion Requests Assigned to Attorneys within 3 Days or Less		0.00
Percent Change of Opinion Requests Completed within 30 Days or Less		5.00
State Agency Contracts		
Percent of Good and Excellent Ratings for Legal Services, 2011-2012 Baseline: 94.00%		100.00
Percent Change of Good/Excellent Ratings for Legal Services		0.00
Insurance Integrity Enforcement		
Minimum Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Cases 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%		99.00
Minimum Positive Results of Insurance Cases 2011-2012 Baseline: 90.00%		99.00
Percent Change of Positive Results of Workers' Compensation Insurance Fraud		5.00
Percent Change of Positive Results of Other Insurance Cases		0.00
Other Mandated Programs		
Medicaid Fraud Convictions vs Dispositions 2011-2012 Baseline: 100.00%		100.00
Medicaid Abuse Convictions vs Dispositions 2011-2012 Baseline: 95.00%		95.00
Minimum Defendants Convicted after Indictments (PID) 2011-2012 Baseline:		

96.00%	90.00
Response to Consumer Complaints (Days)	
2011-2012 Baseline: 3.14%	5.00
Average Number of Days to Respond to	
Consumer Complaints	5
Percent Change of Medicaid Fraud	
Convictions vs Dispositions	0.00
Percent Change of Medicaid Abuse	
Convictions vs Dispositions	0.00
Percent Change of Defendants Convicted	
After Indictment	0.00
Crime Victims Compensation	
Percent of Claims Processed in 12 Weeks	
or Less, 2011-2012 Baseline: 67.97%	75.00
Percent Change of Claims Processed Timely	0.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, funds included therein which are derived from penalties and/or other funds collected by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shall be available for the purpose of providing the state match for federal funds available for the support of the unit, or for other lawful purposes as deemed appropriate by the Attorney General. Further, it is the intent of the Legislature that any penalties and/or other funds collected and/or expended shall be accounted for separately as to source and/or application of such funds.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be made available for expenditure by the Prosecutors Training Division.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$680,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health for the Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Unit.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Five Million Six Hundred Ninety Thousand Three Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$5,690,346.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

State Prosecutor Education	\$ 662,582.00
Crime Victims Compensation	\$ 1,901,332.00
Vulnerable Persons Training, Invest and	
Prosecution Trust	\$ 565,165.00
Child Support Prosecution Trust	\$ 128,475.00
Law Enforcement & Firefighters Disability	
Benefits Trust	\$ 133,666.00
Cyber Crime Unit	\$ 944,722.00
Domestic Violence Training	\$ 376,580.00
Children's Advocacy Centers	\$ 554,489.00
Crime Victims Compensation Admin	\$ 347,547.00
Motorcycle Officer Training	\$ 62,763.00
District Attorney Operations	\$ 13,025.00

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Attorney General's Office shall prepare and submit a quarterly report to the Chairmen of the Appropriation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that details the expenditures made for programs supported from General Fund court assessments allocated in this section. This report shall be submitted no later than the 15th day of the month succeeding the end of each calendar quarter.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), or so much thereof, is provided for the purpose of providing funds to the Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Attorney General's Office to administer the Mississippi Telephone Solicitation Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 243,392.00.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 11 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	Full Time	3
Time-Limited:	Full Time	0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 13. No part of the money herein appropriated shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 14. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Attorney General that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in this act, funds are provided to defray the expenses of litigation defending the constitutionality of Mississippi statutes.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Angela Cockerham
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Crudup, Nelson, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Scott. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

...\$ 2,039,800.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 215,258.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 9

Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of Capital Post-Conviction Counsel shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF CAPITAL POST-CONVICTION COUNSEL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Hood. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and travel expenses of district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, criminal investigators, tort claims assessments, and paying office expenses of district attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 31,554,631.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Prosecutor Compensation Fund, referred to in Section 99-19-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of paying salaries of assistant district attorneys of the state as authorized in Section 25-31-5(1) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 486,932.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds authorized in this section shall be used to reimburse district attorneys or their staff for taxable meals incurred within their geographical district.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated herein, office expenses of district attorneys as authorized by Section 25-31-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Dollars (\$1,674,000.00).

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the district attorneys and assistant district attorneys of the state shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. Of the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided to defray the costs of the Twenty-third Circuit Court District Attorney's Office.

SECTION 7. Of the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-nine Dollars (\$371,679.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for two (2) full-time assistant district attorneys and (1) full-time criminal investigator pursuant to House Bill 1020, 2023 Regular Session, and engrossed in Section 25-31-37, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds provided herein, the district attorneys shall submit their Five-Year Strategic Plan(s) as required in Section 27-103-129(1), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING SALARIES AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OF THE STATE AND PAYING OFFICE EXPENSES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp,

Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Gibbs, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries, mileage, insurance, matching funds and the daily expense allowance of the members of the Legislature for the Regular Session of 2025 and providing contingent funds for the House of Representatives and Senate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

For salaries, mileage, insurance,
matching funds and daily
expense allowance of members
of the House of Representatives \$ 4,594,746.00.

For Contingent Fund for the
House of Representatives \$ 8,844,451.00.

Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund for the House of Representatives, not more than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

For salaries, mileage, insurance,
matching funds and daily
expense allowance of members
of the Senate \$ 2,039,306.00.
For Contingent Fund for the Senate \$ 6,698,539.00.

Out of the above amount appropriated for the Contingent Fund for the Senate, not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be expended for defraying the expenses of and for the use of the members of the Mississippi Commission on Interstate Cooperation, as created under Section 5-5-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

For the joint legislative operations of the House of
Representatives and the Senate \$ 1,252,149.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative

Budget Committee \$ 4,953,639.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative
Committee on Performance Evaluation

and Expenditure Review \$ 2,767,768.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative

Reapportionment Committee \$ 303,162.00.

For the expenses of the Joint Legislative

Code Committee \$ 400,000.00.

The Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall prepare, publish and provide semiannual reports to each member of the Legislature and such reports shall provide a line-by-line detailed accounting of all receipts and expenditures of any and all monies appropriated by the Legislature to the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee. Any meetings of the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee shall be held in state offices or at publicly owned facilities.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the monthly expense allowance of the members of the Legislature, as provided in Section 5-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

For the House of Representatives \$ 2,682,317.00.

For the Senate \$ 1,164,718.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the state's share of various assessments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 471,211.00.

Of the funds authorized in this section, the following distribution shall be made:

Southern States Energy Board \$ 29,077.00.

Interstate Cooperation \$ 361,899.00.

National Conference of Commissioners

on Uniform State Laws \$ 41,835.00.

The Energy Council \$ 38,400.00.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 250,000.00.

SECTION 6. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,000,000.00.

SECTION 7. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the House of Representatives for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the

unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the joint operations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Reapportionment Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 20,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 300,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, to defray expenses of the Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 2,838,800.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 13. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 100,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1610, 2023 Regular Session, to defray expenses of the Committee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 105,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this Legislature for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act may be used to pay or reimburse any expenses of out-of-state travel for any member or employee of the House of Representatives without prior approval of the House Management Committee or for any member or employee of the Senate without prior approval of the Senate Rules Committee.

SECTION 17. Of the funds provided herein, the Clerk of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Mississippi Senate may transfer funds between accounts for their respective chambers which are administered by the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Mississippi Senate.

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE EXPENSES AND PROVIDING CONTINGENT FUNDS FOR THE LEGISLATURE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT LEGISLATIVE REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE, THE EXPENSES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON COMPILATION, REVISION AND PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION, PAYING THE MONTHLY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, PAYING THE STATE'S SHARE OF VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS, AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Manly Barton

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Dennis DeBar, Jr.

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Remak, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Expense Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System, or out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Retirement System Building Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System for the purpose of maintenance and general operation of the Retirement System Building, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 20,968,462.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 167
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. In accordance with the purposes of this article, there shall be established in the State Treasury the Public Employees' Retirement System Building Repair and Maintenance Fund, into which shall be deposited all funds collected as rental income from the building owned by the system located at 301 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. At the end of each fiscal year, any and all unexpended funds shall be transferred to the Administrative Budget Fund of the system.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Million Five Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$3,538,000.00) is provided for the purpose of defraying those expenses associated with maintaining, upgrading and operating the computer system.

SECTION 7. As a condition of expending the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall:

a. Purchase equipment to live webcast board and committee meetings; and
b. Live webcast and record all board and committee meetings, excluding any executive sessions of the board under the provision of the Mississippi Open Meetings Act. Archived footage or a weblink to the archived footage shall be posted on the agency website within Forty-eight (48) hours of the date and time the meeting was held.
SECTION 8. The Public Employees' Retirement System is further authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds for the purchase of service pins for employees of the Public Employees' Retirement System.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, no more than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided, only for the explicit purpose of building maintenance and repair.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, David Parker, Michael McLendon

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Public Defender of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 4,554,947.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of State Public Defender which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the office, to defray the expenses of the office for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 60,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 25
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Capital Defense	
Percent of Trial Cases Opened Less Than One Year 75.00	
Percent Change in Running Average of Reversals Due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	0.10
Average of Reversals Due to Ineffective Assistance of Counsel	8

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 5. Of the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, Four Hundred Forty-six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-one Dollars (\$446,521.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for three (3) full-time assistant public defenders pursuant to House Bill 1020, 2023 Regular Session, and engrossed in Section 25-32-4, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Public Defender shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. Of the funds provided in Section 1, Two Hundred Seventy-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$278,500.00) shall be provided for the Indigent Parental Representation for the purpose of contracting with trained and certified attorneys to represent indigent parents or guardians in abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceedings as provided under Sections 43-21-201 and 99-18-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. Of the funds provided in Section 1, Two Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$235,926.00) is provided for the establishment of a Youth Defender Program for the purpose of hiring an experienced Youth Defender and legal assistant to support training and technical services and provide appellate representation as provided under Section 43-21-201, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the support of the Hinds County Public Defender's Office.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Angela Cockerham
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Newman. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Hood, Scoggin. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 7,608,682.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 997,779.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 70
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 37,203,759.00.

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the trial judges, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 4,192,368.00.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under Sections 4 and 5 of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of special judges, chancellors and circuit judges, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 109
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated under Sections 4 and 5 of this act, Fourteen Million One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$14,170,000.00) is provided for the purpose of employing support staff in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000.00) per fiscal year per judge.

SECTION 8. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 17,464,222.00.

SECTION 9. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Administrative Office of Courts for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Administrative Office of Courts and the Board of Certified Court Reporters for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 27,530,762.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Administrative Office of Courts, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 48
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Continuing Legal Education Fund, a special fund hereby created in the State Treasury, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of providing continuing legal education programs to lawyers in Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 171,252.00.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Continuing Legal Education Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Continuing Legal Education Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of providing continuing legal education programs, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2
Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi State Supreme Court for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,476,546.00.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Supreme Court, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,672,707.00.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Court of Appeals, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 58

Time-Limited: 0

SECTION 17. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Board of Bar Admissions, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 369,916.00.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that interest earned from any investment or deposit to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund made pursuant to Section 27-105-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Board of Bar Admissions Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund of Mississippi.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the purpose of funding the Board of Bar Admissions, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3

Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 20. No part of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of such funds be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; however, when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 21. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall charge the maximum amount allowable by law for services rendered where charges for such services are provided for by statute, and for any other services rendered, shall charge an amount consistent with the cost of providing such services. The funds derived from these charges shall be deposited into a special fund account in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of the Mississippi State Supreme Court.

SECTION 22. It is the intent of the Legislature that no part of the funds herein appropriated shall be required to be used for the payment of rent for the public space in the Law Library.

SECTION 23. In accordance with Section 9-21-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, the Director of the Administrative Office of Courts is authorized to direct expenditures of state monies appropriated to the Administrative Office of Courts or any courts of the state for any and all functions or projects directly or indirectly affecting the operation of any court and may transfer monies appropriated for the office or any account to any one or more other accounts or office. The Director of the Administrative Office of Courts shall notify, in writing, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Chairman of the House Appropriations A Committee, and the Legislative Budget Office of any transfer. The written notification shall include the justification for the transfer of funds, an explanation of need, the amount, and where the funds will be used. This written notification shall be sent on or before the fifteenth day of the month prior to the effective date of the transfer.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 8 of this act, Seven Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$732,539.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for two (2) full-time CCID inferior court judges, one (1) part-time judge for the CCID inferior court and the support staff of the judges pursuant to Senate Bill 2180, 2024 Regular Session, and engrossed in Section 9-12-1, Mississippi Code of 1972. These employees shall be utilized for the Capitol Complex Improvement District established in Section 29-5-203, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, an amount not to exceed Two Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,460,500.00) may be provided for the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 27. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi State Supreme Court shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be provided for the Youth Court Support Fund administered by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated in Section 8, Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000.00) is provided to defray the costs of the Drug Court Program.

SECTION 30. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the event there are not sufficient funds in the Judicial System Operation Fund created under Section 9-21-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, in any given year with which to pay the annual salary supplements set forth in Section 25-3-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, then the county treasury shall not be obligated to fund such salary supplements and the salary of county court judges shall be that in place prior to the passage of Section 9-9-11, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated in Section 8, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount of Six Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,700,000.00) may be allocated for the programs supported from General Fund court assessments as follows:

Drug Courts	\$ 6,500,000.00
Civil Legal Assistance	\$ 200,000.00

SECTION 32. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of Courts, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1640, 2023 Regular Session, for programmers, trainers and operations for the Mississippi Electronic Courts (MEC) System to meet the mandate to bring all the courts into the MEC System for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 362,686.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 33. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of Courts, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1640, 2023 Regular Session, for IT equipment and Youth Court computers for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 310,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 34. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of Courts, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1640, 2023 Regular Session, for temporary Intake Officers for the Supreme Court – Administrative Office of Courts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 35. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 36. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAISING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE SUPREME COURT WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THE SUPREME COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE SUPREME COURT CLERK AND THE STATE LAW LIBRARY AND TO PAY EXPENSES OF SPECIAL JUDGES, CHANCELLORS AND CIRCUIT JUDGES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAISING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS AND CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS, CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION, COURT OF APPEALS AND THE BOARD OF BAR ADMISSIONS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Angela Cockerham

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Rod Hickman

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Dewese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney,

Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Butler-Washington, Crudup, Gibbs, J, Hulum, Luther-Waldo. Total--5.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board's revolving fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Veterans' Home Purchase Board and making new home loans as authorized by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 84,682,355.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 19

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the

Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Veterans' Home Purchase Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. The funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The Veterans' Home Purchase Board is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source, not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), for the purpose of making new home loans as authorized by law, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE
STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE

VETERANS' HOME PURCHASE BOARD AND MAKING NEW HOME LOANS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, John G. Faulkner

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Angela Turner-Ford, Juan Barnett

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Ethics Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 750,319.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:

6

Time-Limited:

0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Ethics Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature, that of the funds provided in Section 1 of this act, the Ethics Commission is hereby authorized to purchase and pay premiums for casualty insurance on passenger vehicles owned and operated by the agency.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Sollie B. Norwood

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 714,784.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Judicial Performance, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Commission on Judicial Performance of the State of Mississippi for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 79,286.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Judicial Performance Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,

quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, Sollie B. Norwood
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--113.

Nays--Ladner, Newman, Osborne, Taylor, Thompson. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Evans, Holloway, G. Total-3.

Present--Gibbs, J. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 362,783.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Architecture shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to

the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Sollie B. Norwood, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Funeral Services for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 329,091.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Funeral Services Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the

expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Sollie B. Norwood, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Percy W. Watson

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Oliver. Total-1.

Present--Banks. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission, as provided by Section 63-17-51 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 376,531.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Motor Vehicle Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Sollie B. Norwood, Angela Burks Hill

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Percy W. Watson (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.
Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 750,674.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 5
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth

within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Forty-two Thousand Dollars (\$42,000.00) shall only be expended for investigation, testimony, and administrative hearings related to matters under the jurisdiction of the board.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANCY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Sollie B. Norwood, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi State Board of Public Contractors, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of said board, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 4,310,050.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNTS:

Permanent: 18
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Board of Public Contractors shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Contractors may expend funds not to exceed Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,300,000.00) for the purpose of defraying the cost of (1) enforcement as set forth in Section 31-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, (2) enlisting of any private collection firm(s) to locate and collect any uncollected fines, and (3) administrative costs associated with collections. Any funds spent for this purpose shall be subject to a performance audit if requested by the Appropriations Chairmen in either the House or Senate.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC CONTRACTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Sollie B. Norwood, Angela Burks Hill

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark,

Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Keen. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 26,715,410.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying expenses of the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services as established in Section 27-104-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 25,187,878.00.

The funds in this section are provided to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Information Technology Services for providing telecommunication services, data center services, and/or other information technology services to state agencies.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 132

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Director of Information Technology Services (ITS) shall have authority to transfer an amount not to exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) to the ITS Revolving Fund (3360900000). The purpose of this authority is to provide operating cash to alleviate cash flow problems in the ITS Revolving Fund. Any funds transferred during the fiscal year shall be transferred back to the State General Fund before the end of the lapse period for the fiscal year.

SECTION 5. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Wireless Communication Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 11,968,985.00.

The Wireless Communication Commission shall follow all state procurement and bid laws for all contracts and consultants.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 10

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services

appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Wireless Communication Commission (WCC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose, directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, WCC member, or person who has been a member of the WCC within the last year.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Information Technology Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 11. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Wireless Communication Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Fund, as appropriated in SB 3045, 2023 Regular Session, for the statewide refurbishment of the Mississippi Wireless

Information Network (MSWIN) system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending

June 30, 2025 \$ 8,638,705.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,700,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services for upgrades, maintenance, and refresh of the Statewide Payroll and Human Resource System (SPAHRs).

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Bart Williams, J. Walter Michel

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the State Personnel Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 5,374,870.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 46
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended until the State Personnel Board, based on data provided by the Legislative Budget Office, determines and publishes the projected annual cost to fully fund all appropriated positions for all agencies with compliance language in their appropriation bills.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Personnel Board shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Bart Williams, Joseph M. Seymour
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackmon. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 9,146,453.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any special funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Audit's special fund account for the purpose of paying salaries and defraying the expenses of the State Department of Audit in making the audits and investigations of public offices of the state and counties as provided by Section 7-7-201 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,038,458.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 156
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the

agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Finance & Compliance	
County Government Audits- Percent Audited by CPA Firms	65.00
County Government Audits- Percent Audited by OSA	35.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage - Percent Audited by CPA Firms	35.00
Single Audit Federal Program Coverage - Percent Audited by OSA	65.00
ACFR Opinion Units - Percent General Fund Assets	75.00
ACFR Opinion Units - Percent General Fund Reserves	75.00
Technical Assistance	
Number of Technical Assistance Inquiries	6,400
Cost per Technical Assistance Inquiry	15.00
Percent Customer Satisfaction Rating of 70% or Higher	75.00
Investigations	
Recovered Embezzled and/or Misspent Funds as a Result of Investigations Conducted by this Office	600,000.00
Recovered Funds as a Percent of Total Misspent Funds	18.00
Performance Audits	
Number of Performance Audit Reports Completed	10
Number of Positive Changes Recommended in Performance Audits or Bond Monitoring Reports	25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,

quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) is provided for the purpose of paying fees for a CPA Review Course for the Office of the State Auditor's employees to be reimbursed over a 12-month period by the employee taking the course.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Auditor is hereby authorized to escalate, budget and expend funds from any source made available to comply with the Single Audit Act of 1984 for the purpose of employing staff, paying related expenses, or to engage private accountants, as necessary, to comply with the provisions of the act, in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 8. No more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) may be provided to defray expenses incurred by the Office of the State Auditor pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Justice Federal Equitable Sharing Program. These funds may only be used for nonbudgeted law enforcement purposes by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Department of Audit shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is provided for the purpose of the Accountancy Fellowship Program as provided by Section 7-7-204, et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Rod Hickman

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, including the Homestead Exemption Division, the Motor Vehicle Comptroller functions, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division Liquor Distribution Center, and The Enforcement Division for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 57,136,029.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 22,881,874.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 668

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments

or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, and he is hereby empowered to select in the manner provided by Section 27-3-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, such employees as may be necessary to the administration of all acts relating to the exemption of homesteads and the reimbursement of tax losses to the several taxing units of the state, and to assign them to the use of the Mississippi Department of Revenue.

SECTION 5. The money herein appropriated may be used for any expenses which the commission may legally incur. Provided, however, that no part of the money herein appropriated shall be used for the payment of attorney's fees, except upon recommendation of the Governor with the approval of the Attorney General, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other employee who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rule of civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof, except that when the relationship is by affinity and the person is dead through whom the relationship was established, this rule shall not apply. In the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making such payment shall be liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund three (3) times any such amount so paid to be recovered at suit by the Attorney General.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Tax Administration	
Cost per Unit of Work (Item/Case/Call)	17.48
Cost per Call Center Call Answered	5.07
Audit	
Cost per Audit	1,703.77
Tax Production per Audit	5,147.06
Tax Enforcement	
Cost per Dollar Collected in Recovery Actions	0.05
General Administration	

Average Cost per Return Processed	5.63
ROI - Revenue Collected per Dollar of Expense	137.99
Property & Motor Vehicle Services	
Cost per Homestead Exemption Application	3.71
Cost per Title Issued	2.95
Abc Liquor Distribution Center	
Cost per Case Shipped	3.40
ROI - GF Dollars Returned per Dollar of Cost	8.08
Enforcement	
Number of Permits-Alcohol	2,400
Number of Permits-Medical Cannabis	150
Number of Violations-Medical Cannabis	20
Average Number of Days to Issue Permit-Alcohol	15
Average Number of Days to Issue Permit-Medical Cannabis	20
Enforcement and Permitting Cost-Alcohol	1,327.89
Enforcement and Permitting Cost-Medical Cannabis	3,632.25
Percent Of Medical Cannabis Permits Receiving Administrative Action	5.00
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits Receiving Criminal Action	5.00
Percent of Medical Cannabis Permits Inspected	100.00
Percent of Permit Applications Approved-Medical Cannabis	90.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Department of Revenue for the purpose of reimbursing the counties of the state, the road districts and school districts therein and the municipal separate school districts, for tax losses incurred by reason of the exemption of homes from certain ad valorem taxes under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 92,000,000.00.

SECTION 8. Each county, road district, school district and municipal separate school district which has incurred a tax loss that is reimbursable under Section 7 of this act shall be reimbursed a sum which is equivalent to the amount of tax loss produced by the application of tax rates annually fixed for maintenance and current expenses to the assessed value of homes, or so much thereof as has been lawfully authorized under the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

The disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act shall be based upon the certificates required of the clerks of the county boards of supervisors and of the clerks of the municipalities, which certificates shall conform strictly in every respect to the requirements of the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972.

All disbursements from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act shall be made strictly in accordance with the provisions of Section 27-33-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, and no disbursements other than those clearly authorized by those sections shall be made, the provisions of any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 9. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 7 of this act may be distributed to any county, municipality, school district or other taxing district in which the assessed valuation of the taxing district has increased as a result of reappraisal of the property of the taxing district unless the governing board of the taxing

district has published a notice in a newspaper having a general circulation in the taxing district, stating the lower millage rate that would produce the same amount of revenue from ad valorem taxation on property of the taxing district that was produced in the fiscal year before the property of the taxing district was reappraised.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Revenue – License Tag Commission from any other special source funds made available to the License Tag Commission, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 6,000,000.00.

SECTION 11. None of the funds appropriated in Section 10 of this act shall be expended to purchase motor vehicle license tags made or manufactured by any department, agency or instrumentality of a state other than the State of Mississippi. None of the funds appropriated in this section shall be used for the purchase of bolts, nuts or other fastening devices for attaching said motor vehicle license tags. Provided further, that all motor vehicles belonging to any state department, agency, commission, institution or any other division of state government shall have license tags which shall bear the words "Government" at the bottom of such license tags.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Revenue shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that up to Eight Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Dollars (\$811,740.00) shall be allocated as follows: to the Municipal Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) and to the Justice Court Collections Program Four Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$405,870.00) to be supported from General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Revenue for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, to defray the expenses of the Department of Revenue, as authorized in SB 3022, 2023 Regular Session for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 3,239,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

- (a) IT infrastructure, facility repairs, and equipment upgrades
\$ 829,000.00.
- (b) Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act operational expenses \$ 380,000.00.

(c) Provisions pursuant to Section 67-1-205(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, related to contracting with a third-party entity to operate the Alcohol Beverage Control Liquor Distribution Center

\$ 930,000.00.

(d) Computer hardware and equipment \$ 1,100,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$615,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Department of Revenue for data storage and firewall protection.

SECTION 18. With the funds herein appropriated, the Mississippi Department of Revenue is authorized to make payments for expenses incurred during prior fiscal years for an amount not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty-five Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$855.60).

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, INCLUDING THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION DIVISION, THE MOTOR VEHICLE COMPTROLLER FUNCTIONS, THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION LIQUOR DISTRIBUTION CENTER, THE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSING THE COUNTIES, COUNTY DISTRICTS AND MUNICIPAL SEPARATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TAX LOSSES INCURRED BY REASON OF THE EXEMPTION OF HOMES FROM CERTAIN AD VALOREM TAXES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, John G. Faulkner

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 13,371,056.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 18,295,640.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 96
Time-Limited: 12

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary

actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the Secretary of State shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Office of the Secretary of State that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used, either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy, or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Secretary of State may use funds appropriated for the purposes of defraying litigation expenses associated with the enforcement of the Mississippi Securities Act, the Regulation of Charitable Solicitations Act, and the administration of the Public Trust.

SECTION 8. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Business Services	
Percent of Business Services Customer Phone Calls Answered	95.00
Elections	
Number of Poll Workers to Successfully Complete the Online Training Program	82
Number of Voter Registrations Updated on Secure Online Website	6,400
Percent of Poll Workers who Successfully Complete the Online Poll Manager	

Publications	60.00
Training on Their First Attempt	
Number of Visits to the Secretary of State's Website	9,000,000
Public Lands	
Number of Tax-Forfeited Properties Sold	2,000
Support Services	
Support Services as a Percent of Total Agency Expenditures	25.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, no more than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for paying principal and interest on bond issues for county voting systems.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Records Maintenance Fund, for the purpose of making distributions to local governments for taxes owed during the fiscal year.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Four Million Two Hundred Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$4,215,393.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Elections Support Fund, for the purpose of acquiring, upgrading, maintaining, or repairing voting equipment, systems, and supplies, hiring temporary technical support, conducting elections using such voting equipment or systems and training election officials during the fiscal year.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Public Trust Tidelands Fund, and is authorized to be transferred by the Secretary of State to the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is for the purpose of expenses related to cybersecurity and election integrity.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Secretary of State for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of State General Funds as authorized in SB 3049, 2023 Regular Session, to provide for disaster data recovery, publication and technology support, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
June 30, 2025 \$ 460,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance as of June 30, 2024.

SECTION 16. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Secretary of State for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in SB 3049, 2023 Regular Session, to at the Secretary of State for the purpose of the Mississippi Voting Modernization Act, Section 23-15-533.2, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending
June 30, 2025 \$ 1,200,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, Eight Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the State Treasurer. These funds are provided to the Secretary of State for the purpose of updates, enhancements, and maintenance to the Statewide Elections Management System.

SECTION 18. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Tyler McCaughn
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Banks, Harness. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Board of Tax Appeals for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 662,799.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Tax Appeals shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the

intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Robin Robinson
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,111,983.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Second Injury Fund (Fund Number 3352300000) for the purpose of making payments under the provisions of Section 71-3-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 3. With the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 55
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that with the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission shall enter into a contract with the industrial private sector for the purpose of implementing a safety education and training program.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Adjudication	
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 3 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 6 Months	950
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 9 Months	900
Number of Cases Resolved at the Administrative or Commission Level within 1 Year	900
Self-insurance	
Percent of Individual Self-Insurers Reviewed in the Past Fiscal Year	34.00
Percent of Individual Self-Insurer Reviews Conducted in the Past Fiscal Year Showing That Reserves are Insufficient to Cover Claims	5.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Groups Reviewed	100.00
Percent of Self-Insurance Group Reviews Conducted Showing That Reserves are Insufficient to Cover Claims	0.00
Medical Cost Containment	
Fee Schedule Adjustments (Cost in Millions)	35.00
Medical Cost Savings to Payers (as a % of Total Billings)	46.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price,

quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the salary of the Workers' Compensation Commission members shall be equal and the salary of the commission chairman shall exceed these salaries as approved by the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Robin Robinson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Treasurer's office which are collected by or otherwise become available, to defray the expenses of the Office of the State Treasurer for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,658,958.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 37
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Improvement Trust Fund No. 3219 for the

purpose of investing funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 150,000.00.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Trust Fund for the purpose of paying all amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 35,000,000.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from any funds authorized for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program, for paying amounts due for prepaid tuition contracts of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 5. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be used in the payment of attorney's fees, nor shall any of said funds be used either directly or indirectly, for the purpose of paying any clerk, stenographer, assistant, deputy or other person who may be related by blood or marriage within the third degree, computed by the rules of the civil law, to the official employing or having the right of employment or selection thereof; and in the event of any such payment, then the official or person approving and making or receiving such payment shall be jointly and severally liable to return to the State of Mississippi and to pay into the State Treasury three (3) times any such amount so paid or received, to be recovered at suit of the Attorney General; provided that when the relationship is by affinity and the person through whom the relationship was established is dead, this provision shall not apply.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of the State Treasurer shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under the provisions of this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of details as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated to the State Treasury under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the following program budgets:

(a) Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program \$ 1,854,655.00.

(b) Mississippi Affordable College Savings
program \$ 177,860.00.

(c) Treasury Office - Support
programs \$ 4,626,443.00.

Further, no funds to the credit of the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Administrative Fund shall be expended for purposes related to any program other than the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program.

SECTION 9. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Angela Turner-Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying service charges to banks for acting as agents of the State of Mississippi in paying bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the state, this appropriation to be available from the effective date of this act until such bonds shall be paid or until June 30, 2025, whichever shall first occur; and for the purpose of paying

maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2025 \$ 418,541,895.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the full faith and credit bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2025

\$ 22,897,586.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to expend any money in the State Treasury which is comprised of special source funds and interest earnings on bond proceeds for the purpose of paying maturing bonds and interest on the revenue bonds of the State of Mississippi falling due during Fiscal Year 2025 \$ 35,558,350.00.

SECTION 4. The several items covering maturing bonds and interest as evidenced by coupons on the bonds shall be paid out of the State Treasury as and when provided by law and according to the schedule of interest payments in the several issues of full faith and credit bonds or revenue bonds on which principal and interest is due and payable between the dates of July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept, budget and expend any excess funds which become available from interest earnings on bond proceeds or from loan repayments received pursuant to bond documents. Such funds shall be escalated in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act hereof, the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is herein appropriated for paying bank service charges. Itemized statements of banks making service charges shall be attached to requisitions of the State Treasurer.

SECTION 7. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SERVICE CHARGES TO BANKS FOR ACTING AS AGENTS OF THE STATE IN PAYING FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS AND INTEREST OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT UNTIL SUCH BONDS SHALL BE PAID OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2025, WHICHEVER SHALL FIRST OCCUR; AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF MATURING BONDS AND INTEREST ON THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT BONDS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FALLING DUE DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, J. Walter Michel, Angela Turner-Ford

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Jay McKnight

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K,

Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the support of the State Department of Banking and Consumer Finance, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 12,799,648.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 86

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the

responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Banking and Consumer Finance shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND CONSUMER FINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Sarita Simmons

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, John G. Faulkner

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure,

Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Cockerham, McMillan. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for expenses of the Executive Department, being the Governor's Office and staff, and for expenses incidental to the proper operation of the Governor's Mansion and residence of the Governor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 3,191,450.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in Special Funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the Executive Department, being the Governor's Office and staff, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 637,391.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 39

Time-Limited: 7

Any escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Executive Department shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EXPENSES OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BEING THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STAFF, AND FOR EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE PROPER OPERATION OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AND RESIDENCE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Sarita Simmons

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--116.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Faulkner, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Banks, Evans, Hines. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3047, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025..... \$ 49,700,148.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

(a) To assist the City of Diamondhead with a Commercial District Transformation Project	\$ 2,000,000.00
(b) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Moss Point-Point of Connection Road	\$ 200,000.00
(c) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration	\$ 3,500,000.00
(d) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the Live, Work, Play Pascagoula Riverfront Redevelopment	\$ 1,500,000.00
(e) To assist the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors with the Pearl River County Industrial Park Infrastructure and Site Development	\$ 1,922,800.00
(f) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with a City Government Safety Complex	\$ 1,000,000.00
(g) To assist the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with the Technology Park and Site Development at Stennis Airport Phase	\$ 2,000,000.00
(h) To assist Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with Continued Development of the Mississippi Cyber Center Project	\$ 2,000,000.00
(i) To assist the City of Gulfport with the Daniel Boulevard Extension and Connector Road	

between Highway 49 and Canal Road	\$ 4,600,000.00
(j) To assist the City of Lucedale with the Lucedale Municipal Park Stage	\$ 498,000.00
(k) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Highway 63/Escatawpa Natural Gas Pipeline Installation	\$ 1,750,000.00
(l) To assist the Moss Point Redevelopment Authority with the Moss Point Downtown Revitalization	\$ 1,000,000.00
(m) To assist the George County Board of Supervisors with a Grain Elevator/River Road Rehabilitation	\$ 1,599,906.00
(n) To assist the George County Board of Supervisors with the Old Highway 63 North Regional Agriculture and Agri-Tourism Accelerator Project	\$ 1,599,372.00
(o) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation with the Sunplex Light Industrial Park Site Improvements and Trent Lott Airport	\$ 2,000,000.00
(p) To assist the Pearl River County Board of Supervisors with the Pearl River County Technology Park Phase I and Site Development	\$ 1,800,000.00
(q) To assist the Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Vancleave Medical Center	\$ 3,193,750.00
(r) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis with a Downtown ADA Boardwalk	\$ 1,400,000.00
(s) To assist the City of Ocean Springs with Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center Renovations and Signage	\$ 700,000.00
(t) To assist the Gulf Hills Resort with the Development of 2,000 feet of Blueway Waterfront with Public Marina Access	\$ 900,000.00
(u) To assist the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Arts with Completion of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum Campus	\$ 1,000,000.00
(v) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the USM Visualization and Digital Multimedia Center of Excellence	\$ 2,501,320.00
(w) To assist Pinchers Seafood with a Working Waterfront	\$ 3,600,000.00
(x) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation and the Biloxi Bay RV Resort	\$ 1,585,000.00
(y) To assist Plaid Properties, LLC with the Redevelopment of Blighted Property into a WAMA Connected District	\$ 250,000.00
(z) To assist the City of Ocean Springs with Public Works Redevelopment and Relocation	\$ 2,000,000.00
(aa) To assist the Harrison County Development Commission with the I-10 and Canal Road Site Development	\$ 3,600,000.00
SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3047, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025	
.....	\$ 30,884,624.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

(a) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission for the completion of the second and final phase of a mixed-use, downtown redevelopment project, including public use components, so as to leverage public and private investment	\$ 8,000,000.00
(b) To assist the City of Pass Christian with the Water Front Redevelopment Plan	\$ 2,935,000.00
(c) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with the City of Pascagoula Rail Line Development Plan	\$ 3,061,356.00
(d) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Popp's Ferry Extension Project	\$ 3,000,000.00
(e) To assist the City of Waveland with the Waveland Marina Phase I	\$ 2,000,000.00
(f) To assist the Ocean Springs Redevelopment Authority or the City of Ocean Springs with Projects	\$ 2,000,000.00
(g) To assist the City of Moss Point with Moss Point's Magnificent Mile 2.0	\$ 2,000,000.00
(h) To assist the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with the Technology Park at Stennis Airport Phase I	\$ 2,000,000.00
(i) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Long Beach Harbor Complex Restoration	\$ 1,000,000.00
(j) To assist the Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with continued development of the Mississippi Cyber Center Project	\$ 1,000,000.00
(k) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Commerce District Transportation	\$ 367,591.00
(l) To assist the Ocean Springs Collective with Ocean Springs Collective Projects	\$ 20,677.00
(m) To assist the Mississippi Export Railroad with Mississippi Export Projects	\$ 3,500,000.00
SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3047, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025	\$ 40,730,647.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided for projects:

(a) To assist the Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation with the design and construction of the Mississippi Cyber Center	\$ 13,500,000.00
(b) To assist the University of Southern	

Mississippi Ocean Enterprise	\$ 4,500,000.00
(c) To assist the Stone County Board of Supervisors with the Piney Wood Pellet Mill road, rail and bypass	\$ 2,500,000.00
(d) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission for Phase I of a planned 3-phase project of downtown redevelopment to be used on a public use project so as to leverage public and private investment	\$ 2,500,000.00
(e) To assist the City of Ocean Springs and the OHOS Development LLC with a Public/Private Development	\$ 2,958,903.00
(f) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment with downtown revitalization project	\$ 2,141,376.00
(g) To assist Long Beach High School with the Long Beach High School Career and Technical Education Center	\$ 2,500,000.00
(h) To assist the City of Diamondhead with the Town Center District – Commercial District Project	\$ 1,842,024.00
(i) To assist Stone County School District with the Stone County High School Career and Technical Education Center	\$ 106,900.00
(j) To assist the City of Gulfport with flood control and/or drainage for the Forest Heights Project	\$ 1,890,000.00
(k) To assist the City of Moss Point with the Interstate 10 Frontage Roads, North and South	\$ 2,000,000.00
(l) To assist the City of Picayune with the Friendship Park Revitalization Project	\$ 1,160,704.00
(m) To assist Pearl River Community College PRCC Aviation Aerospace Academy	\$ 927,463.00
(n) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis With the Court Street Parking facility, expansion And improvements	\$ 983,951.00
(o) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum With Phase 3 and Phase 4	\$ 572,400.00
(p) To assist the City of Lucedale with Ventura Drive Improvements	\$ 555,825.00
(q) To assist George County with the Scott Road Project, widening and infrastructure	\$ 91,101.00

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3047, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

..... \$ 19,314,524.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums are provided for projects recommended by the department and projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

(a) To assist Power Dynamics Innovations, LLC with Equipment and Facility Upgrades	\$ 295,133.00

(b) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis
with the Old Town Depot Revitalization
District \$ 361,790.00

(c) To assist the City of Diamondhead
With the Commercial District Transformation
Project \$ 504,037.00

(d) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Phase I \$ 5,439,396.00

(e) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum
Creative Complex Phase I and begin Phase II \$ 366,298.00

(f) To assist the Gulfport School with
a STEM Exploration Lab \$ 35,455.00

Of the funds reappropriated in this section, the following sums are provided
for projects that meet the criteria outlined in Section 57-119-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

(a) To assist Mississippi State University
Research and Technology Corporation with the
design and construction of the Mississippi
Cyber Center \$ 565,948.00

(b) To assist the Port of Pascagoula with
the North Rail Connector \$ 6,600,000.00

(c) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment
Authority with the Innovation Center \$ 1,000,000.00

(d) To assist the Institute for Marine
Mammal Studies with Educational Classrooms and
Dorms \$ 3,000,000.00

(e) To assist the City of Long Beach
with development and revitalization \$ 500,737.00

(f) To assist the City of Long Beach
with the Quarles House \$ 544,789.00

(g) To assist George County with the
Mississippi Export Railroad for the Enviva
Project \$ 100,941.00

SECTION 5. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise
appropriated for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing
the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3047,
2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30,
2025

..... \$ 5,500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount
that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the
unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount
authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change
the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

Of the funds reappropriated in this section the following sums are provided
for the following programs:

(a) For the Mississippi Development Authority
and the Air Service Development Incentive
Program \$ 2,500,000.00

(b) For the Mississippi Development
Authority and the Quality of Place Incentives
Program \$ 3,000,000.00

Of these funds, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) is provided for the
development of a South Mississippi defense and space industry strategy for small
companies to compete for defense related contracts to include government, industry,
and academia.

SECTION 6. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out
of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth
in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer

shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION AND A REAPPROPRIATION TO THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE AND REAUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF GULF COAST RESTORATION FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Manly Barton

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Hulum. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Faulkner, Summers. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Arts Commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,555,682.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Arts Commission which is comprised of special source funds and donations collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 6,161,700.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 10

Time-Limited: 2

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Arts Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$1,490,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the following:

Training of educators and promotion of arts programs in public schools	\$ 100,000.00
Miscellaneous grants and programs	\$ 350,000.00
Whole Schools Initiative	\$ 1,040,000.00

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Arts Commission may retain an amount not to exceed one percent (1%) of the monies in the Building Fund for the Arts for the purpose of defraying administrative costs associated with administering the grant program established in Section 39-11-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds for the Building Fund for the Arts.

SECTION 10. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Arts Commission for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1611, 2023 Regular Session to provide for the funding of the Building Fund for the Arts Initiative for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 3,500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 11. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Scott DeLano

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, James-Jones. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of funding K-12 and other related educational activities, including certain agencies and programs, in the State of Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, and excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 128,471,455.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 86,549,969.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of paying annual compensation to the Chickasaw Cession counties for sixteenth section lands which they lost through sale

by the state, as provided in Sections 29-3-137 through 29-3-141, Mississippi Code of 1972 \$ 15,223,869.00.

(d) To the State Board of Education for defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Student Funding Formula

..... \$ 2,690,627,163.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING.....\$ 2,920,872,456.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds of the agencies or programs specified in the following paragraphs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

(a) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division \$ 1,995,418,401.00.

(b) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education

\$ 22,718,189.00.

(c) To the State Board of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Student Funding Formula

\$ 268,025,562.00.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED

BY THIS SECTION BEING \$ 2,286,162,152.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Twenty-six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-two Dollars (\$126,472.00), or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund to the State Department of Education for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the department for the Mississippi Eye Screening Program for providing vision safety services.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following sums, or so much of those sums as may be necessary, are derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, as follows:

(a) To the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division, for the following purposes:

Literacy Initiative and Assessment..... \$ 6,805,774.00

Educable Child \$ 9,500,000.00

Grants to school districts for

capital facilities and buses \$ 16,000,000.00

Instructional materials..... \$ 25,000,000.00

Students with Special Needs \$ 1,800,000.00

Implementing Performance-Based Data

Collection and Accreditation

Model..... \$ 274,937.00

Testing \$ 6,125,670.00

Mississippi School for Math and

Science..... \$ 1,131,000.00

Mississippi School for Fine Arts. \$ 927,632.00

Early Learning Collaboratives \$ 21,210,526.00

Other Early Learning Programs \$ 13,000,000.00

Early Learning Coaches \$ 3,251,533.00

Math Coaches \$ 5,000,000.00

WorkKeys \$ 1,000,000.00

Advanced Placement, Dual Credits,

International Baccalaureate,

Cambridge Diploma Endorsements \$ 300,000.00

Vocational Technical Grants \$ 1,000,000.00

Mississippi School for the Deaf

and Blind \$ 1,557,037.00
TOTAL \$ 113,884,109.00

(b) To the State Department of Education to defray the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division
\$ 6,637,258.00.

(c) To the State Department of Education to provide funding for the Mississippi Student Funding Formula
\$ 268,025,562.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following positions are authorized for the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 329
Time-Limited: 124

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided in this act shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the State Department of Education, excluding the expenses of the Vocational and Technical Education Division. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2025 Target
Performance Measures	
Special Education	
Number of Special Education Teachers (FTE)	5,963
Number of Gifted Education Teachers	730

Percent Increase of Children with Disabilities in General Education Early Childhood Programs while Decreasing the Percent in Self-Contained Special Education Early Childhood Classrooms	76.00
General Administration	
Total Dollars Spent on General Administration	19,250,220.00
Percent of Total Budget Spent on General Administration	15.70
Create a Public-Facing Data System for All Stakeholders	100.00
Create a User-Friendly Website for the Public and School Districts to Access Data to Make Decisions	100.00
Create a Roadmap to Improve the Mississippi Student Information System	100.00
Number of Research Results Published to Support Improved Student Outcomes and Teacher Effectiveness	9
Graduation & Career Readiness	
Percent Increase of Students Graduating from High School Ready for College or Career in Each Subgroup	100.00
Early Childhood Education	
Percent Increase of Kindergarten Students Achieving End-Of-Year Target Score on Kindergarten Readiness Post-Test	69.74
Percent Increase of Early Learning Collaborative Sites Meeting Required Rate of Readiness	95.95
Number of Students Enrolled in Title I or Locally Funded Pre-K Classes	8,778
Teacher Tng & Professional Dev	
Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced and Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That Are High Poverty	31.00
Reduce the Proportion of Inexperienced and Non-Certified Teachers in Schools That Are High Minority	35.00
Percent Increase of Districts Reporting Professional Growth System (PGS) Ratings for Teachers and Leaders	96.00
Percent Increase of Teacher Candidates Passing Licensure Exams on the First Attempt	45.00
Increase the Number of Licensed, Diverse Teachers and Leaders	35.00
Elementary Education	
Percent Increase of Students who Pass the 3rd Grade Reading Assessment at the First Administration in Each Subgroup	80.00
Secondary Education	
Increase the Number of Students Participating in and Passing Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Cambridge Exams in Each Subgroup	37.00

Percent Increase of Students Ready for College as Measured by Meeting ACT Benchmarks in Each Content Area (Public School Class Data, Grade 11)	11.00
Assessment & Development	
Increase the Percent of Students Proficient (Levels 4-5) on Statewide Assessments (Grades 3-8 & High School Composite) in Each Subgroup	53.00
Decrease the Percent of Students Scoring Levels 1-3 on Statewide Assessments in Each Subgroup	47.00
Increase Percent of Pre-Kindergarten Students in Public Schools Attaining Kindergarten Readiness on the Pre-K End-Of-Year Assessment	72.00
School Performance	
Percent of Schools Rated "C" or Higher	85.00
Percent of Districts Rated "C" or Higher	85.00
Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth on Statewide ELA Assessments in Each Subgroup	70.00
Percent of Students Demonstrating Growth on Statewide Math Assessments in Each Subgroup	75.00
Percent of Students Participating in Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	60.00
Percent of Students Passing Dual Credit in Each Subgroup	98.00
Increase the Growth of D and F Districts Demonstrating Growth, by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	80.00
Increase the Growth of D and F Schools by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	80.00
Increase the Growth of Districts of Transformation by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
Increase the Growth of Schools Under Districts of Transformation by Improving the Letter Grade and/or Increasing the Number of Points within a Letter Grade	100.00
Decrease the Number of High Schools Rated D or F	40.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 7. No school district shall expend any funds, received under the School Ad Valorem Reduction Grant, unless such school district has specifically identified the amount of the grant within the published budget as required by Section 37-61-9, Mississippi Code of 1972. The published budget shall include the following statement: "Ad Valorem taxes will be \$_____ less as a result of the Ad Valorem Reduction Grants enacted by the Mississippi Legislature in 1992."

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, funds in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall come from income derived from the principal of the Education Improvement Trust Fund created by Section 206A, Mississippi

Constitution of 1890, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be used for the School for Math and Science.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized for the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 48
Time-Limited: 5

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Twenty-three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$1,023,574.00) is authorized for the support of vocational and technical education programs as authorized in Section 37-31-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for a period in excess of ten (10) months in a calendar year.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education shall, with the funds appropriated in Section 1, transfer no more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission for the purpose of providing matching funds to purchase soil conservation equipment.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in this act, no more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) is provided for the purpose of supporting the Future Farmers of America Center.

SECTION 13. The State Department of Education shall transfer the designated amounts to the appropriate entities, which shall assume full responsibility for the expenditure of these funds in accordance with state laws and accept all responsibility for any improper expenditure, for the following:

Detention Centers \$ 3,000,000.00.

Dyslexia Program \$ 225,000.00.
Amplify Data Coaching \$ 800,000.00.
Magnolia Speech School \$ 1,000,000.00.
Sight Savers \$ 375,000.00.
Teach for America \$ 860,000.00.
Teacher Corp and Principal Corp. \$ 300,000.00.
Vision Screening Research \$ 225,000.00.
Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia \$ 200,000.00.
Algebra Nation \$ 1,100,000.00.
Mississippi Construction Education Program \$ 212,500.00.
T. K. Martin Center \$ 100,000.00.
JumpStart Act \$ 250,000.00.
Mastery Prep \$ 200,000.00.
Arts for All Mississippi \$ 40,000.00.
TOTAL \$ 8,887,500.00.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds provided for Other Early Learning Programs in Section 4(a), Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) is included for the Mississippi Department of Education to provide grant opportunities for Other Early Learning Programs through public schools including other public school preschool programs not participating in Early Learning Collaboratives.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) shall be used for technological methods for agricultural programs, computer science, engineering or robotic engineering programs and equipment upgrades and Mississippi Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education. All programs must meet Mississippi Science Standards and/or College and Career Standards.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be distributed to the Mississippi State University Center for Cyber Education and used for computer science programs development and teacher training for elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools for the purpose of developing K-12 computer science curricula, including both academic and career and technical education programs, developing and delivering teacher training, and working with the State Board of Education and Institutions of Higher Learning in the state to develop teacher preparation programs for computer science endorsements. All programs must meet the 2018 Mississippi Computer Science Standards and/or Mississippi College and Career Standards.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2(a) of this act, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. Of these funds, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for program and equipment upgrades at the Mississippi Elementary (ME) STEM and STEAM programs from the Career and Technical Education Division of the State Department of Education. Additionally, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Future Farmers of America Center.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that computer science courses may be taught by certified teacher or for elementary level classes, computer science courses may be taught by teachers who are trained by the district in computer science instruction.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, the sum of Sixty-two Thousand One Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$62,191.00), which is the aggregate sum that the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession receive annually from interest payments from the Chickasaw School Fund under Section 212, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, shall be deducted from the allocations to the school districts as provided in Section 29-3-137, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be distributed among the school districts in the Chickasaw Cession by the State Department of Education in the manner that those interest payments were distributed during Fiscal Year 1985.

SECTION 19. Of the funds provided in this act for the purpose of funding the Mississippi Student Funding Formula, the Student Base Amount in Fiscal Year 2025 shall be Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-five Dollars and Thirty-four Cents (\$6,695.34).

SECTION 20. With the funds provided in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that School Attendance Officers and academic teachers at the Mississippi School for the Deaf and the Mississippi School for the Blind shall receive their annual increment.

SECTION 21. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated in this act and that those records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process for each agency and institution appropriated funds within the provisions of this act.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) to the State Board of Education, not less than Twenty-three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$23,080,000.00) shall be used for National Board Certification. Of this amount, Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be used for the World Class Teacher Program providing instruction and assistance to teachers seeking National Board Certification.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 4(a) not less than Seventeen Million Five Hundred Fifty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$17,558,000.00) shall be used for the Educable Child Program. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall allocate funding for the Educable Child Program based upon a recalculated formula in a manner to include only those billable days funded through appropriation of state funds and not District funds. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Educable Child funds shall be exempt from budget cuts made to the Department of Education by the Legislature and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), not less than Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be used for the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) Program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) funds shall not be reduced by the State Department of Education and/or the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Twelve Million Five Hundred Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$12,513,420.00) is provided to fund the health insurance premium increase for all public school teachers.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) of this act, Eight Million Four Hundred Twenty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$8,427,614.00) is provided to fund a one-half (1/2) percent increase in the employer portion of the Public Employees' Retirement System for all public school teachers.

SECTION 27. The public school districts of the state are authorized at their discretion to pay with local funds one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance premiums of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are employed as school bus drivers by the school districts. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state funds shall be used for this purpose.

SECTION 28. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in those received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Six Million Four Hundred Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$6,414,898.00)

shall be used for the Compulsory School Attendance Office and School Attendance Officers.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated in this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) shall be used for the Mary Kirkpatrick-Mary Sprayberry Public School Nurse Program. The amount of Three Million Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$3,060,000.00) is provided from the Department of Health.

SECTION 31. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall charge a fee for room and board for students who enroll in the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and the Mississippi School of Arts. Such fees will be waived for any student enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The amount of such fees shall be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each semester.

SECTION 32. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible employee who meets the National Board requirements under Section 37-19-7(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be paid the full supplement and that such supplement shall be included on a prorated basis in the employee's monthly paycheck.

SECTION 33. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Education may loan any general or special source fund amount, not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), to any school district for the purpose of providing funds to school districts through the Emergency Assistance Fund as outlined in Section 37-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, during the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. The school districts receiving these loans shall repay the Mississippi Department of Education the amount of the loan on or before June 30, 2025.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) shall be transferred to the Board of Health no later than December 31, 2024.

SECTION 35. Any school district receiving funds through Save the Children may provide a ten percent (10%) match from local funds for implementation of the program.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Community Oriented Policing Services in Schools (MCOPS) grant program. A portion of these funds not to exceed one percent (1%) may be used for training and administrative costs related to oversight and auditing of the program.

SECTION 37. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 2(a), Twenty-nine Million Dollars (\$29,000,000.00) is provided for an Early Childhood Education Initiative program. The funding shall be provided to early learning collaboratives in Fiscal Year 2025 as follows: no less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per student in a full-day program and no less than One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) per student in a half-day program. Funds must be matched as provided by Section 37-21-51, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) and Section 4(a), Fifteen Million Ninety-four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,094,500.00) shall be used for the Literacy Initiative and Assessment and monitoring and evaluating the adoption and implementation of high-quality instructional materials that have been reviewed through the approved state process and distributed through regional textbook depository as outlined in Section 37-43-23, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated herein, funding is provided for the ACT test, which is the college readiness portion of the state accountability model.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a), Two Million Seven Hundred Thirty-four Thousand Sixty-four Dollars (\$2,734,064.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School of the Arts and Four Million Ten Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$4,010,210.00) shall be used for the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts, One Million Three Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Thirty-two Dollars (\$1,367,032.00) shall be paid to the school no later than July 10, 2024, and One Million Three Hundred Sixty-seven Thousand Thirty-two Dollars (\$1,367,032.00) shall be paid no later than January 10, 2025. All funds appropriated

from Section 4(a) for the Mississippi School of the Arts shall be paid to the school each month within ten (10) working days after such amount was received by the Department of Education. It is the intention of the Legislature that the State Board of Education shall not reduce the appropriated amounts provided in this act for the Mississippi School of the Arts and the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science.

SECTION 41. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) and Section 2(b), Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is provided for career and technical grants to schools for qualified students as authorized by Section 37-153-15, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 42. Of the funds appropriated in this act, the following amounts shall be available to the Schools for the Blind and Deaf: Ten Million Four Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-three Dollars (\$10,484,323.00) from Section 1(a), One Million Five Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand Thirty-seven Dollars (\$1,557,037.00) from Section 4(a), and Two Million Four Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$2,459,725.00) from Section 2(a).

SECTION 43. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(a) of this act, One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) is provided for the continuation of a school mapping program.

SECTION 44. Of the funds appropriated in this act, an amount not to exceed Four Million One Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Three Hundred One Dollars (\$4,171,301.00) is authorized to fully fund the contract between the Department of Education and the Research & Curriculum Unit at Mississippi State University to fund career and technical curricula, services to secondary schools and career and technical assessments.

SECTION 45. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b) to the State Board of Education, Five Hundred Sixty-two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$562,999.00) is provided for secondary career and technical education instructors teaching at post-secondary institutions.

SECTION 46. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Charter School Authorizer Board for operational expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,400,000.00.

SECTION 47. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1(b), One Million Four Hundred Thirty-two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-two Dollars (\$1,432,872.00) shall be provided for new Career and Technical Education Programs as determined by the Division of Vocational and Technical Education at the Mississippi Department of Education. Of the funds appropriated to the department for these programs, no amount shall be expended by the department to defray administrative costs.

SECTION 48. The Mississippi Department of Education shall provide an annual report detailing the funding of industry certifications and the anticipated industry certifications that will be achieved in the upcoming fiscal year to the Legislative Budget Office and the Legislature no later than January 15, 2025.

SECTION 49. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2(a) of this act, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for repairs and renovations at the Mississippi School for Math and Science.

SECTION 50. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2(a) of this act, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided as initial operational funding for The Deer Creek Promise Community.

SECTION 51. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Department of Education for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds as authorized in House

Bill No. 1613, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 12,915,973.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

- (a) Instructional Materials \$ 2,540,973.00.
- (b) Early Learning Collaboratives \$ 3,000,000.00.
- (c) Other Early Learning Programs \$ 7,375,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 52. It is the intent of the Legislature that each eligible professional school counselor employee who meets the year of teaching experience requirements under Section 37-151-5(m), Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be considered having a year of experience for purposes of the annual experience salary increment.

SECTION 53. The money appropriated in this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 54. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING K-12 AND OTHER RELATED EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CERTAIN AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS, IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Rob Roberson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Kevin Blackwell

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, K. Total-1.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 4,746,807.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Authority, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,408,659.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 80

Time-Limited: 7

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Funds appropriated herein shall first be used for the continuation of a full and complete broadcast schedule of educational and instructional, professional growth, and public service programs, with the production of new films and programs to be secondary thereto.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Two Million One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-six Dollars (\$2,118,966.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. No part of the funds appropriated herein shall be transferred to, expended by, or used, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of any public relations, publicity or publication activities of any other state agency, department or officer, nor shall any personnel paid or equipment purchased with funds appropriated hereby be transferred or assigned to any other state agency, department or officer for public relations, publicity or publication activities of such office.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television shall have the authority to expend funds in the Capital Equipment Replacement Revolving Fund, in accordance with Section 37-63-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of purchasing technical equipment for operating the educational radio and television facilities.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Content Operations	
Number of Locally Produced TV Programs	100
Number of Locally Produced Radio Programs	1,092
Number of Monthly Average Number of Web Site Users	25,000
Number of New Programs Produced and Broadcast Related to Fit to Eat Programming	8
Percent of Radio Broadcasts and TV Alerts During Times of Emergency	100.00
Education Services	
Percent Increase in Users Using MPB Education Online Resources for Pre-K Children and Families	20.00
Number of Students Served by the Digital	

Education Network (DEN) Classroom	2,000
Number of School Districts Participating in the DEN Classroom	30
Number of Teachers Taking e-Learning Courses	1,800
Number of Teacher Continuing Education Units (CEUs) Provided by e-Learning Courses Offered	1,950
Percent Increase of Visitors to the MPB Education Website	10.00
Number of Early Childhood Educators Attending MPB Resource Workshops Involving PBS and MPB Programs/Content	200
Number of Parents Participating in Parents Are Teachers Too (PATT) Initiative	300
Technical Services	
Number of Transmitters On Air	8
On-Air Reliability	99.95
Number of IT Help Desk Orders Filled	600
Administration	
Number of Community Engagements/Outreach Events Including Virtual Engagements	350
Number of State Agency Partners	40
New Grant Dollars Acquired	150,000.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be paid to the Executive Office of the State Board of Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Authority for Educational Television may fund a program to focus on the manufacturing industry in Mississippi.

SECTION 13. Mississippi Authority for Educational Television is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

SECTION 14. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Educational Television Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds as authorized in House Bill No. 1614, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 4,019,000.00.

This reappropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

- a) Tower maintenance and upgrades \$ 3,060,000.00.
- b) Digitalization of Educational Content and Mississippi History \$ 668,000.00.
- c) Production of a Medgar Evers documentary \$ 291,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Educational Television Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds as authorized in House Bill No. 1614, 2023 Regular Session provide for tower maintenance and upgrades for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 260,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under the provisions of this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balances as of June 30, 2024. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI AUTHORITY FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Robin Robinson

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Read, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scott, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--Anderson, B, Blackwell, Crawford, Currie, Eubanks, Fondren, Ford, K, Hobgood-Wilkes, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, McKnight, Newman, Powell, Remak, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Tubb, Varner, Wallace, Yancey. Total--23.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Calvert, Felsher, Luther-Waldo, McLean, Owen. Total-6.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1c.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Library Commission and for carrying out the provisions of Section 39-3-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 11,126,235.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Library Commission which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the commission, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 4,857,621.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 48

Time-Limited: 1

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for

salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Funds to be distributed to eligible public library systems under the Personnel Incentive Grants Program shall be paid quarterly in advance on or before September 30, December 31, March 31 and June 30.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Library Commission shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-seven Dollars (\$493,847.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

	FY2025 Target
Performance Measures	
Administrative Services	
Number of Help Desk Tickets Resolved	1,150
Library Services	
Number of Continuing Education Workshops Held per Year	30
Percent Increase of Citizens Informed by Acquiring Needed Information Through Mississippi Libraries	1.00
Number of Library Visits by Commission Staff	175
Number of Patrons Utilizing Braille, Audio, Etc	4,000
Number of Children Participating in Statewide Summer Library Prg	120,000
Number of Items Borrowed and Loaned on the Interlibrary Loan System	10,000
Number of Items Available for Use Statewide on the Interlibrary Loan System	5,000,000
Number of Searches on MAGNOLIA	35,000,000
Number of Items Available for Use at MLC (PPrimary Resource Library)	100,000

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that no less than One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) shall be expended for the Magnolia Database.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is derived from the

Education Enhancement Fund pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for MAGNOLIA.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated herein, Four Million Five Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars (\$4,584,389.00) is provided for the cost of health insurance for all full-time library staff members in each public library in Mississippi.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI LIBRARY COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Dennis DeBar, Jr., Robin Robinson

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Ford, J, Hood, James-Jones. Total-3.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, the Stennis Institute of Government, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Small Business Development Center, Stennis Center for Higher Learning, the Commission for Volunteer Services, the State Court Education Program, and the executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 39,973,517.00.

SECTION 2. The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Manufacturing Excellence, Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Water Resources Institute, Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program, Stennis Institute of Government, Mississippi Law Research Institute, Mississippi Small Business Development Center, Mississippi Mineral Resources Research Institute, Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Supercomputer, Stennis Space Center's Center for Higher Learning, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Polymer Institute, Jackson State University Urban Research Center, the Commission for Volunteer Services, and the executive office of the board of trustees for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 57,442,124.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act hereof, the following amounts, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

(a) From State General Funds, for the support of:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for
the sum of \$ 4,797,094.00.

Supercomputer for the sum of \$ 659,556.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence for
the sum of \$ 3,117,676.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for
the sum of \$ 374,112.00.

State Court Education Program for the
sum of \$ 2,072,909.00.

Mississippi Law Research Institute for the
sum of \$ 912,277.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for
the sum of \$ 7,535,397.00.

Mississippi Polymer Institute for
the sum of \$ 918,408.00.

Mississippi Small Business Development
Center for the sum of \$ 359,281.00.

Stennis Space Center - Center for Higher
Learning for the sum of \$ 363,616.00.

Jackson State University Urban Research
Center for the sum of \$ 546,028.00.

Stennis Institute of Government for the
sum of \$ 790,415.00.

Commission for Volunteer Services for
the sum of \$ 1,122,734.00.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 8,575,933.00.

Mississippi Water Resources Institute for the
sum of \$ 353,177.00.

Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 1,900,735.00.

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
for the sum of \$ 5,574,169.00.

(b) From Special Funds, for the support of:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems for
the sum of \$ 142,782.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence for the
sum of \$ 142,782.00.

Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute for
the sum of \$ 625,641.00.

Mississippi State University-Alcohol Safety
for the sum of \$ 1,917,645.00.

Mississippi Law Research Institute for the
sum of \$ 1,993,344.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees for
the sum of \$ 27,680,668.00.

Mississippi Small Business Development
Center for the sum of \$ 3,204,060.00.

Commission for Volunteer Services for
the sum of \$ 5,077,397.00.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 1,872,780.00.

Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory for the
sum of \$ 500,481.00.

Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences
for the sum of \$ 14,284,544.00.

Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and allocated to the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) for Sea Grants matching for the Fiscal Year 2025.

Provided further, it is the intention of the Legislature, in the event budget reductions are imposed on the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, as a result of the Governor ordering budget reductions under the provisions of Section 27-104-13 or 31-17-123, Mississippi Code of 1972, the same percent reduction will be applied to those state funds identified in this section for Sea Grant match.

It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

After the Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory has provided the maximum amount of services which may be provided free of charge under the provisions of Section 57-21-11(c), Mississippi Code of 1972, the laboratory shall not provide any additional services from the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act if any charges for such services previously provided are more than ninety (90) days past due. After all such delinquent charges have been paid by a client, the laboratory may provide additional services to the client.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act and authorized for expenditure in Section 3(b) of this act, the following amounts shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems.....\$ 142,782.00.

Center for Manufacturing Excellence.....\$ 142,782.00.

Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.....\$ 142,782.00.

Executive Office of the Board of Trustees

for the sum of \$ 402,396.00.

Total.....\$ 830,742.00.

SECTION 5. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the individual institutes, laboratories and programs consolidated in this bill for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature any institution not in compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is hereby provided for the National Center for Cannabis Research and Education at the University of Mississippi - Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences for the purpose of data analysis, educational initiatives, and other activities in collaboration with the State Department of Health pursuant to Senate Bill 2888, Regular Session 2024.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds shall first be expended for the

purpose of repair, maintenance, or replacement of the fire detection and suppression system at the IHL Education and Research Center. Any funds remaining may be expended on other repairs and maintenance at the IHL Education and Research Center.

SECTION 14. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES' DESIGNATED INSTITUTES, LABORATORIES AND PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Albert Butler
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Home, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--Blackwell. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Eubanks, Keen, Ladner. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 7,851,172.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available, for the support and maintenance of the Alcorn State University Agricultural Research, Extension, and Land-Grant Programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 335,000.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a matter as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the following:

(a) Agency Operations \$ 170,000.00.

(b) Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center \$ 165,000.00.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$715,000.00) is provided for Agricultural Research and Extension including poultry science, animal science, and environmental science programs.

SECTION 6. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION AND LAND-GRANT PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Blackwell. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Keen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 24,412,751.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 10,446,164.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,350,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2025 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Plant Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	29.78
Number of Research Publications	227
Percentage of Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds	1.26
Animal Systems	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	26.09
Number of Research Publications	263
Percentage of Appropriated Funds and Extramural Funds	0.27
Health & Sustainable Communities	
Number of Scientist FTE (Scientist Years)	43.10
Number of Research Publications	212
Percentage of Appropriated Funds & Extramural Funds	0.37

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of

their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY EXPERIMENT STATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--Blackwell. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Keen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending

June 30, 2025 \$ 33,536,601.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending

June 30, 2025 \$ 14,444,984.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,150,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service provide programs in the emphasis areas of Agriculture, Family and Consumer Education, Natural Resources and Environment, 4-H, and Business and Community Development in each county.

SECTION 6. No part of the funds appropriated or authorized to be expended hereby shall be spent directly or indirectly for payment of attorneys' fees for the services of any attorney who was not employed by the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service pursuant to the express authorization of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning prior to performance of such legal services.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as current restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2025 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 9. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

		FY2025
Performance Measures		Target
Agriculture		
Number of Published Information Items		300
Number of Mass Items		4,500
Number of Direct Educational Contacts		270,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact		13.46
Family & Consumer Education		
Number of Published Information Items		150
Number of Direct Educational Contacts		205,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact		9.34

Business & Community Dev	
Number of Direct Educational Contacts	88,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	20.28
4-H Youth Development	
Number of Direct Educational Contacts	178,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	11.66
Natural Resources & Environment	
Number of Published Information Items	150
Number of Mass Media Items	6,000
Number of Total Contacts Across all Delivery Methods/Events	370,000
Average Cost per Educational Contact	27.75

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purpose of assisting with costs associated with administering the Mississippi Youth Preparedness Initiative.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MISSISSIPPI COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Scott DeLano

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell,

Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Eubanks, Hines, Keen. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in the operation and maintenance of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,229,585.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,364,652.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that if the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act are used directly or indirectly to match or otherwise secure any federal grants, research grants or donations, such special source funds not classified as restricted funds shall be added and accounted for under Section 2 of this act. Further, it is the intention of the Legislature that all such aforementioned special source

funds be included in all reports and requests for the 2025 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the Deer Lab renovations.

SECTION 10. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE FOREST AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH CENTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Albert Butler

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Eubanks, Keen. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,800,000.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or its successor, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by said department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 136,805,708.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 423
Time-Limited: 70

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, the following sum shall be derived from money in the Unemployment Trust Fund, made available to this state under Section 903 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 USCA Section 1103), to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund and used by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the following purposes:

(a) Payment of various One-Stop Administration expenses that support the service delivery of employment and workforce information services. This includes, but is not limited to, the following activities:

(i) Staff for delivery of reemployment services to UI claimants, including group job search assistance and staff-assisted referrals to jobs.

(ii) Equipment and resources for resource rooms.

(iii) Payment for rent, utilities and maintenance of facilities, including common spaces such as resource rooms, reception areas, conference areas, etc.

(iv) Payment of shared costs for operation of local One-Stop Career Centers, including payment for One-Stop operators.

(v) Purchase of computer equipment, network equipment, telecommunications equipment, application development and other technology resources.

(vi) Training, technical assistance, and professional development of staff who deliver employment and workforce information services.

(vii) Access Improvement costs for individuals with disabilities, including remodeling or retrofitting One-Stop Career Centers and purchasing appropriate software, hardware, furniture and supplies.

(b) Administration of the Unemployment Compensation (UC) law and its public employment service (ES) offices. This includes, but is not limited to, the following uses:

(i) ES and UI automation. This includes purchases, modifications, or automation of computer-related systems and related costs.

(ii) UI and ES Performance Improvement costs.

(iii) Fraud and Abuse Reduction costs.

(iv) UI Claims Filing and Payment Methods Improvement costs.

(v) Under the direction of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management to acquire lands and construct buildings thereon or improve existing buildings to be used as offices. The funds in this section are authorized for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 33,047,000.00.

The funds authorized in this section shall be requisitioned by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security from the Unemployment Trust Fund maintained by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States as needed for the payment of obligations incurred under this appropriation, and such monies shall be deposited in the Employment Security Administration Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 71-5-457, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in this act, a sum not to exceed Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) is made available for Pathways2Possibilities from the Mississippi Works Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) is authorized for the Mississippi Integrated Education and Workforce State Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) is provided to the Mississippi Department of Employment Security for the purpose of providing administrative support to the Office of Workforce Development.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of Workforce Development for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 20,986,205.00.

SECTION 10. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available to the Office of Workforce Development for support of workforce programs, grants, and other similar activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 19,400,000.00.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 9, Three Million Eight Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Two Hundred Five Dollars (\$3,886,205.00) is authorized for defraying the operating expenses of the Office of Workforce Development.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 9, Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) is authorized for operating the Career Coaching Program at the Office of Workforce Development.

SECTION 13. Unless otherwise specifically appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature, none of the funds authorized in Section 10 of this act shall be used for operational expenditures of the Office of Workforce Development except for reasonable administrative fees for grant oversight as provided by law.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 10 of this act, the Office of Workforce Development is authorized to expend up to Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) from the State Workforce Investment Funds from the State Workforce Investment Board, collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 10 of this act, the Office of Workforce Development is authorized to expend up to Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) from the Mississippi Works Fund collected pursuant to Section 71-5-353, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Employment Security and the Office of Workforce Development shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that each agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 9 of this act, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) is authorized for Jobs for America's Graduates-Mississippi.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 10 of this act, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the Skills Foundation of Mississippi.

SECTION 19. Of the funds appropriated in Section 9 of this act, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) is provided to the Office of Workforce Development for a new Information Management and Financial Tracking System to enhance the tracking of funding provided for workforce development and provide data outcomes reports on active workforce training programs and participants.

SECTION 20. Of the funds appropriated in Section 10, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created in Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to expedite the services needed for Project Poppy.

SECTION 21. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 11 of this act, funds are provided to the Office of Workforce Development to coordinate workforce development programs at the Mississippi Department of Corrections.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 23. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Hillman Terome Frazier, David Parker

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith,

Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1190: Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. As used in Sections 1 through 12 of this act, the following words shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(b) "Direct shipper" means the holder of a direct shipper's permit issued by the department under Sections 1 through 12 of this act.

(c) "Common carrier" means a person that holds itself out to the general public as engaged in the business of transporting goods for a fee and is engaged in the business of transporting and delivering alcoholic beverages from a direct shipper's permittee directly to consumers in this state who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

(d) "Fulfillment provider" means a person who acts on behalf of a holder of a direct shipper's permit to ship wine to a consumer and arranges for transport by an eligible common carrier to the consumer.

(e) "Wine fulfillment provider permit" means a permit issued by the department that authorizes a fulfillment provider to ship wine to a consumer on behalf of a holder of a direct shipper's permit.

(f) "Wine" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits or berries, made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States, and containing more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight.

In addition, the definitions in Section 67-1-5 shall be applicable to the terms used in Sections 1 through 12 of this act unless the context otherwise requires.

SECTION 2. A person must hold a permit as a direct shipper issued by the department before the person may engage in selling and shipping wine directly to a resident in this state. A direct shipper may sell and ship wine directly to residents in this state without being required to transact the sale and shipment through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. A direct shipper may sell and ship wine

to an address in the state regardless of whether the address is in an area in which the sale of alcoholic beverages is otherwise authorized or otherwise prohibited by law.

SECTION 3. To qualify for a direct shipper's permit, an applicant shall be a holder of a Class 2 manufacturer's permit issued in accordance with Section 67-1-51, or a person licensed or permitted outside of this state to engage in the activity of manufacturing wine in any other state.

SECTION 4. (1) An applicant for a direct shipper's permit shall:

(a) Submit to the department a completed application on a form provided by the department, containing all information that is required by the department;

(b) Provide to the department a copy of the applicant's current license or permit to engage in the activity of manufacturing wine in this or any other state; a copy of the applicant's current federal basic wine manufacturing permit; and a list of all products that the direct shipper intends to sell in the state; and

(c) Pay to the department the tax prescribed in Section 27-71-5.

(2) After a person complies with the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the department may conduct any investigation as it considers necessary regarding the issuance of a permit, and the department shall issue a permit to the applicant if the requirements of Sections 1 through 12 of this act are met.

(3) Only ship wine that is: (a) produced by the direct shipper licensee, (b) produced by or for the direct shipper under a written contract, existing at the time of shipment, with another manufacturer of wine that holds a federal basic wine manufacturing permit pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 USC Section 201 et seq., and who is in the business of manufacturing and bottling wine, or (c) exclusively produced and bottled for the direct shipper by a manufacturer of wine that holds a federal basic wine manufacturing permit pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 USC Section 201 et seq., and who is in the business of manufacturing and bottling wine.

SECTION 5. (1) A direct shipper shall:

(a) Only ship wine for which the direct shipper meets either of the following criteria: (i) owns the Certificate of Label Approval issued by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau or (ii) has the exclusive right to sell the wine in the United States under a written contract, existing at the time of shipment, with the manufacturer of wine that holds a federal basic wine manufacturing permit pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, 27 USC Section 201 et seq., and is the owner of the Certificate of Label Approval issued by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau;

(b) Ensure that all containers of wine sold and shipped directly to a resident in this state are conspicuously labeled with the words "CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 YEARS OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY";

(c) Report to the department on an quarterly basis in a manner prescribed by the department all of the following information for each wine shipment into the state pursuant to Sections 1 through 12 of this act:

(i) The name and address of the Mississippi resident who placed the order;

(ii) For each completed shipment, evidence of signature by an individual age twenty-one (21) years or older;

(iii) The name and license number of the common or permit carrier engaged in the shipment;

(iv) For each shipment by a holder of a wine fulfillment provider permit on behalf of the direct shipper, the name and license number of the wine fulfillment provider permittee engaged in the shipment;

(v) The date of shipment;

(vi) The carrier tracking number; and

(vii) The quantity of wine in the shipment;

(d) Maintain for at least three (3) years all records that allow the department to ascertain the truthfulness of the information filed under Sections 1 through 12 of this act;

(e) Allow the department to perform an audit of the direct shipper's records upon request; and

(f) Be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the department or any other state agency and the state courts concerning enforcement of Sections 1 through 12 of this act and any related laws, rules or regulations.

Information reported to the department under paragraph (c) of this subsection shall not be subject to disclosure under the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983.

(2) A direct shipper shall not:

(a) Sell or ship any light wine, light spirit products or beer that is regulated under Section 67-3-1 et seq. or any alcoholic beverage other than wine;

(b) Sell or ship wine that is contracted through Mississippi distributors, brokers, and solicitors within the state; however, this provision shall not apply to sales and shipments of wine made after July 1, 2026. Wines which are very limited in quantity and are commonly referred to by the broker as highly allocated items noted as "Allocated Item - See Broker" on the TAP Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue website are eligible for sale at a package retailer and also through direct shipment by a direct shipper;

(c) Sell or ship more than fifteen hundred (1,500) nine-liter cases, or thirteen thousand five hundred (13,500) liters, in total of wine in a calendar year to Mississippi consumers;

(d) Sell or ship any wine to any residential household address in Mississippi that has already received a total of nine (9) nine-liter cases of wine in the calendar year. Prior to shipping any wine, the direct shipper shall validate that the consumer has not received their total case limit of wine for the calendar year and is therefore eligible to receive a shipment of wine;

(e) Sell or ship wine to any nonresidential address, including lockers or post office boxes;

(f) Sell or ship wine to any address or property of a public or private elementary, secondary, or post-secondary educational school, including any dormitory, housing, or common space located on the campus of any elementary, secondary, or post-secondary educational school.

SECTION 6. A direct shipper may annually renew his or her permit, if the direct shipper:

(a) Is otherwise entitled to receive a permit;

(b) Provides to the department a copy of his or her current license or permit to engage in the activity of manufacturing wine in this or any other state; and

(c) Pays to the department a privilege license tax as prescribed in Section 27-71-5.

SECTION 7. (1) To purchase and receive a direct shipment of wine from a direct shipper, a resident of this state must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, and a person who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age must sign for any wine shipped from a direct shipper.

(2) A shipment of wine may be ordered or purchased from a direct shipper through a computer network.

(3) A person who receives a direct shipment of wine from a direct shipper shall use the wine for personal consumption only and may not resell it.

(4) A resident of this state shall not order, purchase, or receive more than a total of nine (9) nine-liter cases of wine in a calendar year to their residential household address. A holder of a direct shipper's permit shall not ship any wine to any household in this state that has already received direct shipments of nine (9) nine-liter cases of wine in the calendar year.

SECTION 8. If any holder of a direct shipper's permit violates any provision of Sections 1 through 12 of this act, the department shall suspend or revoke the permit and impose civil penalties as authorized under Section 67-1-1 et seq.

SECTION 9. (1) Any person who is not a common or permit carrier and who does not hold a direct shipper, wholesaler, retailer, manufacturer, or importer permit issued by the department and who is not owned or controlled by a common or permit carrier or a direct shipper, wholesaler, retailer, manufacturer, or importer permittee of the department may obtain a wine fulfillment provider permit from the department as

provided in this section. A holder of a wine fulfillment provider permit, subject to compliance with all terms and provisions of Sections 1 through 12 of this act, may contract with a common or permit carrier for the shipment of unopened containers of wine on behalf of the holder of a direct shipper's permit directly to a Mississippi resident who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age, for personal use by the individual and not for resale.

(2) A person shall obtain a separate wine fulfillment provider permit for each physical premises that is to be used as a wine fulfillment provider before shipping wine to any Mississippi resident from that premises, and shall pay an annual license fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus an additional One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each additional premises from which shipments to Mississippi residents will be made.

(3) The holder of a wine fulfillment provider permit may only provide logistics services of warehousing, packaging, order fulfillment, and shipment of wine for a direct shipper permittee for which the wine fulfillment provider permittee is the bailee of the wine. Wine held in bailment by a wine fulfillment provider permittee shall remain the property of the direct shipper permittee until loaded on conveyance for direct shipment to a Mississippi resident.

(4) A wine fulfillment provider permittee shall not ship wine into or within the state from, or on behalf of, any of the following:

(a) An unlicensed direct shipper of wine, either in-state or out-of-state;

(b) A retailer licensed by the department;

(c) An out-of-state retailer; or

(d) A person that does not hold a direct shipper's permit in the State of Mississippi.

(5) A wine fulfillment provider permit applicant shall provide all of the following information to the department as part of its application:

(a) The precise location or locations at which the permittee will engage in logistics services for wine to be shipped into the state; and

(b) Any other information required by the department.

(6) A wine fulfillment provider permittee shall do all of the following:

(a) Annually renew its wine fulfillment provider permit in a manner as established by rule of the department and pay any initial and annual license fees;

(b) Enter into a contract with a direct wine shipper permittee designating the wine fulfillment provider permittee as the agent of the direct wine shipper permittee for purposes of Sections 1 through 12 of this act. A wine fulfillment provider permittee may not avoid liability under this section by subcontracting with a third party to perform its obligations pursuant to this section;

(c) Maintain a compliance program documenting that all wine shipped by each direct shipper permittee through the wine fulfillment provider permittee satisfies the requirements set forth in Sections 1 through 12 of this act and any other requirements set forth by the department;

(d) Make all commercially reasonable efforts to verify the validity of each direct shipper permit prior to making any shipment on behalf of the direct shipper permittee;

(e) Ensure all containers of wine shipped by the wine fulfillment provider permittee to a Mississippi resident are conspicuously labeled with the following words: "CONTAINS ALCOHOL: SIGNATURE OF PERSON AGE 21 OR OLDER REQUIRED FOR DELIVERY";

(f) Report to the department on a quarterly basis in a manner prescribed by the department all of the following information for each wine shipment into the state pursuant to this section:

(i) The name, address, and license number of the direct shipper permittee and the point of origin of shipment from which the wine fulfillment provider permittee received the wine, if different from the address of the direct shipper permittee;

(ii) The name and address of the Mississippi resident who placed the order;

(iii) For each completed shipment, evidence of signature by an individual age twenty-one (21) years or older;

(iv) The name and license number of the common or permit carrier engaged in the shipment;

(v) The date of shipment;

(vi) The carrier tracking number; and

(vii) The quantity of wine in the shipment; and

(g) Maintain for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of receipt from a direct shipper permittee or the date of shipment to a Mississippi resident, as applicable, and permit the department and any of its designees to inspect, verify, or perform an audit of all of the information listed in paragraph (f) of this subsection;

(h) Upon violation of Sections 1 through 12 of this act or a rule of the department, be subject to a civil penalty imposed by the department by administrative proceedings that apply to alcoholic beverage licenses, as follows:

(i) For the first violation, a civil penalty not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00);

(ii) For a second violation, a civil penalty not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00);

(iii) A third or any subsequent violation may result in suspension or revocation of ability to operate in this state and/or a civil penalty not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00); and

(i) Be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the department and the other state agencies and the state courts concerning enforcement of Sections 1 through 12 of this act.

(7) Any fines or fees received by the department under this section shall be used by the department in order to perform its regulatory duties.

SECTION 10. (1) Shipments of wine into this state under Sections 1 through 12 of this act shall be made by a duly licensed carrier. A common carrier shall not deliver a shipment of wine to a consumer unless the carrier has verified the validity of the direct shipper's permit and fulfillment provider's permit prior to accepting shipment. A carrier may consider a direct shipper's permit to be valid for the remainder of the stated permit period unless notified otherwise by the department. Any failure to verify the validity of a direct shipper's permit may result in the suspension of the common carrier's license to operate in the state or the imposition of any other penalty as follows: (i) for the first violation, a civil penalty not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); (ii) for a second violation, a civil penalty not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00); (iii) a third or any subsequent violation may result in suspension or revocation of ability to operate in this state and/or a civil penalty not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

(2) It shall be the duty of every common or contract carrier, and of every firm or corporation that shall bring, carry or transport wine from outside the state for delivery inside the state to consumers to prepare and file reports with the department, on a schedule as determined by the department, of known wine shipments. Such reports shall contain: (a) the name of the common or contract carrier, firm or corporation making the report; (b) the period of time covered by said report; (c) the name and business address of the person who directed the common carrier to make the shipment; (d) the name and permit number of the direct shipper; (e) the name and address of each consignee receiving such wine; (f) the weight of the shipment delivered to each consignee; (g) the common carrier's unique tracking number for the package; and (h) the date of delivery. Reports received by the department shall be made available by the department to the public via the Mississippi Public Records Act process in the same manner as other state alcohol filings.

(3) Upon the department's request, any records supporting the report shall be made available to the department within a reasonable time after the department makes a written request for such records. Any records containing information relating to such reports, including the signatures of the individual who physically received the shipment, shall be kept and preserved for a period of three (3) years, unless their destruction sooner is authorized, in writing, by the department, and shall be open and available to inspection by the department upon the department's written request.

Reports shall also be made available to any law enforcement or regulatory body in the state in which the railroad company, express company, common or contract carrier making the report resides or does business.

(4) Any common or contract carrier that fails to make reports, as provided by this section or any of the rules and regulations of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section is subject to penalties as follows: (a) for the first violation, a civil penalty not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); (b) for a second violation, a civil penalty not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00); (c) a third or any subsequent violation may result in suspension or revocation of ability to operate in this state and/or a civil penalty not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00).

SECTION 11. The department may adopt any rules or regulations as necessary to carry out Sections 1 through 12 of this act. All of the enforcement provisions of Section 67-1-1 et seq., that are not in conflict with Sections 1 through 12 of this act may be used by the department to enforce the provisions of Sections 1 through 12 of this act.

SECTION 12. Every two (2) years, the department shall present a written report to the Governor and the Legislature that shall be based on a study of the business of soliciting, selling, and shipping wine from inside and outside of this state directly to residents of this state pursuant to Sections 1 through 12 of this act. As part of its report, the department shall provide the following information for the preceding two (2) years:

- (a) The amount of state excise tax and sales tax revenues generated;
- (b) The amount of licensing fees received;
- (c) The number of cases of wine shipped from inside and outside of this state directly to residents of this state, respectively;
- (d) The number of alcohol compliance operations conducted;
- (e) The number of new direct shipper permits issued;
- (f) The number of direct shipper permits renewed;
- (g) The number of direct shipper permits that lapsed or expired without renewal; and
- (h) The number of each of the following:
 - (i) Reported violations,
 - (ii) Cease and desist notices issued by the department,
 - (iii) Civil fines issued to a permittee by the department,
 - (iv) Suspensions and revocations of permits, and
 - (v) Notices and complaints of violations to law

enforcement officials, including, without limitation, the Attorney General and U.S. Department of Treasury's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

SECTION 13. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance, is determined by a court to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall be construed in accordance with the intent of the Legislature to further limit rather than expand commerce in alcoholic beverages to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the state's residents, and to enhance strict regulatory control over taxation, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages through the three-tier regulatory system imposed by this article upon all alcoholic beverages to curb relationships and practices calculated to stimulate sales and impair the state's policy favoring trade stability and the promotion of temperance.

SECTION 14. Section 27-71-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2567, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

27-71-5. (1) Upon each person approved for a permit under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law and amendments thereto, there is levied and imposed for each location for the privilege of engaging and continuing in this state in the business authorized by such permit, an annual privilege license tax in the amount provided in the following schedule:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (1), manufacturer's permit, Class 1, distiller's and/or rectifier's:

(i) For a permittee with annual production of five thousand (5,000) gallons or more..... \$4,500.00

- (ii) For a permittee with annual production under five thousand (5,000) gallons
\$2,800.00

(b) Manufacturer's permit, Class 2, wine	
manufacturer	\$1,800.00
(c) Manufacturer's permit, Class 3, native wine	
manufacturer per ten thousand (10,000) gallons or part thereof produced	\$ 10.00
(d) Manufacturer's permit, Class 4, native spirit	
manufacturer per one thousand (1,000) gallons or part thereof produced	\$ 300.00
(e) Native wine retailer's permit	\$ 50.00
(f) Package retailer's permit, each	\$ 900.00
(g) On-premises retailer's permit, except for clubs and common carriers, each	\$ 450.00
(h) On-premises retailer's permit for wine of more than five percent (5%) alcohol by weight, but not more than twenty-one percent (21%) alcohol by weight, each	\$ 225.00
(i) On-premises retailer's permit for clubs	\$ 225.00
(j) On-premises retailer's permit for common carriers, per car, plane, or other vehicle	\$ 120.00
(k) Solicitor's permit, regardless of any other provision of law, solicitor's permits shall be issued only in the discretion of the department	\$ 100.00
(l) Filing fee for each application except for an employee identification card	\$ 25.00
(m) Temporary permit, Class 1, each	\$ 10.00
(n) Temporary permit, Class 2, each	\$ 50.00
(o) (i) Caterer's permit	\$ 600.00
(ii) Caterer's permit for holders of on-premises retailer's permit	\$ 150.00
(p) Research permit	\$ 100.00
(q) Temporary permit, Class 3 (wine only)	\$ 10.00
(r) Special service permit	\$ 225.00
(s) Merchant permit	\$ 225.00
(t) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit	\$ 10.00
(u) Event venue retailer's permit	\$ 225.00
(v) Temporary theatre permit, each	\$ 10.00
(w) Charter ship operator's permit	\$ 100.00
(x) Distillery retailer's permit	\$ 450.00
(y) Festival wine permit	\$ 10.00
(z) Charter vessel operator's permit	\$ 100.00
(aa) Native spirit retailer's permit	\$ 50.00
(ab) Delivery service permit	\$ 500.00
(ac) Food truck permit	\$ 100.00
(ad) On-premises tobacco permit	\$ 450.00
(ae) Direct shipper's permit	\$ 100.00
(af) Wine fulfillment provider permit	\$ 500.00

In addition to the filing fee imposed by paragraph (l) of this subsection, a fee to be determined by the Department of Revenue may be charged to defray costs incurred to process applications. The additional fees shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of a special fund account, which is hereby created, and expenditures therefrom shall be made only to defray the costs incurred by the Department of Revenue in processing alcoholic beverage applications. Any unencumbered balance remaining in the special fund account on June 30 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the State General Fund.

All privilege taxes imposed by this section shall be paid in advance of doing business. A new permittee whose privilege tax is determined by production volume will pay the tax for the first year in accordance with department regulations. The additional privilege tax imposed for an on-premises retailer's permit based upon purchases shall be due and payable on demand.

Paragraph (y) of this subsection shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2026.

(2) (a) There is imposed and shall be collected from each permittee, except a common carrier, solicitor, a temporary permittee, holder of a direct shipper's permit or a delivery service permittee, by the department, an additional license tax equal to the amounts imposed under subsection (1) of this section for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located.

(b) (i) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(g), (h), (i), (n) and (u) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(ii) In addition to the tax imposed in paragraph (a) of this subsection, there is imposed and shall be collected by the department from each permittee described in subsection (1)(o) and (s) of this section, an additional license tax for the privilege of doing business within any municipality or county in which the licensee is located in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) on purchases exceeding Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and Two Hundred Twenty-five Dollars (\$225.00) for each additional purchase of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or fraction thereof.

(iii) Any person who has paid the additional privilege license tax imposed by this paragraph, and whose permit is renewed, may add any unused fraction of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases to the first Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) purchases authorized by the renewal permit, and no additional license tax will be required until purchases exceed the sum of the two (2) figures.

(c) If the licensee is located within a municipality, the department shall pay the amount of additional license tax collected under this section to the municipality, and if outside a municipality the department shall pay the additional license tax to the county in which the licensee is located. Payments by the department to the respective local government subdivisions shall be made once each month for any collections during the preceding month.

(3) When an application for any permit, other than for renewal of a permit, has been rejected by the department, such decision shall be final. Appeal may be made in the manner provided by Section 67-1-39. Another application from an applicant who has been denied a permit shall not be reconsidered within a twelve-month period.

(4) The number of permits issued by the department shall not be restricted or limited on a population basis; however, the foregoing limitation shall not be construed to preclude the right of the department to refuse to issue a permit because of the undesirability of the proposed location.

(5) If any person shall engage or continue in any business which is taxable under this section without having paid the tax as provided in this section, the person shall be liable for the full amount of the tax plus a penalty thereon equal to the amount thereof, and, in addition, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of any hotel restaurant, restaurant, club or the interior of any public place defined in Chapter 1, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, when the owner or manager thereof displays in several conspicuous places inside the establishment and at the entrances of establishment a sign containing the following language: NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED.

SECTION 15. Section 27-71-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-7. (1) There is hereby levied and assessed an excise tax upon each case of alcoholic beverages sold by the department to be collected from each retail licensee at the time of sale in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) Distilled spirits.....\$2.50 per gallon

(b) Sparkling wine and champagne.....\$1.00 per gallon

(c) Other wines, including native wines...\$.35 per gallon

(2) (a) In addition to the tax levied by subsection (1) of this section, and in addition to any other markup collected, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division shall collect a markup of three percent (3%) on all alcoholic beverages, as defined in Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, which are sold by the division. The proceeds of the markup shall be collected by the division from each purchaser at the time of purchase.

(b) Until June 30, 1987, the revenue derived from this three percent (3%) markup shall be deposited by the division in the State Treasury to the credit of the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund," a special fund which is hereby created in the State Treasury, and shall be used by the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse of the State Department of Mental Health and public or private centers or organizations solely for funding of treatment and rehabilitation programs for alcoholics and alcohol abusers which are sponsored by the division or public or private centers or organizations in such amounts as the Legislature may appropriate to the division for use by the division or public or private centers or organizations for such programs. Any tax revenue in the fund which is not encumbered at the end of the fiscal year shall lapse to the General Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Department of Mental Health shall continue to seek funds from other sources and shall use the funds appropriated for the purposes of this section and Section 27-71-29 to match all federal funds which may be available for alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation.

From and after July 1, 1987, the revenue derived from this three percent (3%) markup shall be deposited by the division in the State Treasury to the credit of the "Mental Health Programs Fund," a special fund which is hereby created in the State Treasury and shall be used by the State Department of Mental Health for the service programs of the department. Any revenue in the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund" which is not encumbered at the end of Fiscal Year 1987 shall be deposited to the credit of the "Mental Health Programs Fund."

(3) There is levied and assessed upon the holder of a direct shipper's permit, a tax in the amount of eighteen percent (18%) of the sales price of each sale and shipment of wine made to a resident in this state. The holder of a direct shipper's permit shall file a monthly report with the department along with a copy of the invoice for each sale and shipment of wine and remit any taxes due; however, no report shall be required for months in which no sales or shipments were made into this state. The report, together with copies of the invoices and the payment of all taxes, shall be filed with the department not later than the twentieth day of the month following the month in which the shipment was made. Permittees who fail to timely file and pay taxes as required by this subsection shall pay a late fee in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and the department shall suspend the direct shipper's permit until all outstanding taxes are paid in full, for a first offense. Upon a second offense, the department shall revoke the direct shipper's permit.

SECTION 16. Section 27-71-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-15. Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-9-1 for the transportation of limited amounts of alcoholic beverages for the use of an alcohol processing permittee, and in Sections 1 through 12 of this act for the sale and shipment of wine by the holder of a direct shipper's permit, if transportation requires passage through a county which has not authorized the sale of alcoholic beverages, such transportation shall be by a sealed vehicle. Such seal shall remain unbroken until the vehicle shall reach the place of business operated by the permittee. The operator of any vehicle transporting alcoholic beverages shall have in his possession an invoice issued by the *** department at the time of the wholesale sale covering the merchandise transported by the vehicle. The *** department is authorized to issue regulations controlling the transportation of alcoholic beverages.

When the restrictions imposed by this section and by the regulation of the *** department have not been violated, the person transporting alcoholic beverages through a county wherein the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited shall not be guilty of unlawful possession and such merchandise shall be immune from seizure.

SECTION 17. Section 27-71-29, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-29. (1) All taxes levied by this article shall be paid to the Department of Revenue in cash or by personal check, cashier's check, bank exchange, post office money order or express money order and shall be deposited by the department in the State Treasury on the same day collected, but no remittances other than cash shall be a final discharge of liability for the tax herein imposed and levied unless and until it has been paid in cash to the department.

All taxes levied under Section 27-71-7(1) and received by the department under this article shall be paid into the General Fund, and the three percent (3%) levied under Section 27-71-7(2) and received by the department under this article shall be paid into the special fund in the State Treasury designated as the "Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Fund" as required by law. Any funds derived from the sale of alcoholic beverages in excess of inventory requirements shall be paid not less often than annually into the General Fund, except for a portion of the twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided for in Section 27-71-11, as specified in subsection (2) of this section, and except for fees charged by the department for the defraying of costs associated with shipping alcoholic beverages. The revenue derived from these fees shall be deposited by the department into a special fund, hereby created in the State Treasury, which is designated the "ABC Shipping Fund." The monies in this special fund shall be earmarked for use by the department for any expenditure made to ship alcoholic beverages. Any net proceeds remaining in the special fund on August 1 of any fiscal year shall lapse into the General Fund. "Net proceeds" in this section means the total of all fees collected by the department to defray the costs of shipping less the actual costs of shipping.

(2) If the special bond sinking fund created in Section 7(3) of Chapter 483, Laws of 2022 has a balance below the minimum amount specified in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds, or below one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount needed to pay the annual debt obligations related to the bonds issued under Section 7 of Chapter 483, Laws of 2022, whichever is the lesser amount, the Commissioner of Revenue shall transfer the deficit amount to the bond sinking fund from revenue derived from the twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided for in Section 27-71-11.

(3) All taxes levied under Section 27-71-7(3) and received by the department under this article shall be paid into the General Fund, except for an amount equivalent to the three percent (3%) levied under Section 27-71-7(2), which shall be paid into the special fund in the State Treasury designated as the "Mental Health Programs Fund" as required by law.

SECTION 18. Section 67-1-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-41. (1) The department is hereby created a wholesale distributor and seller of alcoholic beverages, not including malt liquors, within the State of Mississippi. It is granted the right to import and sell alcoholic beverages at wholesale within the state, and no person who is granted the right to sell, distribute or receive alcoholic beverages at retail shall purchase any alcoholic beverages from any source other than the department, except as authorized in subsections (4), (9) and (12) of this section and Sections 1 through 12 of this act. The department may establish warehouses, and the department may purchase alcoholic beverages in such quantities and from such sources as it may deem desirable and sell the alcoholic beverages to authorized permittees within the state including, at the discretion of the department, any retail distributors operating within any military post or qualified resort areas within the boundaries of the state, keeping a correct and accurate record of all such transactions and exercising such control over the distribution of alcoholic beverages as seem right and proper in keeping with the provisions or purposes of this article.

(2) No person for the purpose of sale shall manufacture, distill, brew, sell, possess, export, transport, distribute, warehouse, store, solicit, take orders for, bottle, rectify, blend, treat, mix or process any alcoholic beverage except in accordance with authority granted under this article, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(3) No alcoholic beverage intended for sale or resale shall be imported, shipped or brought into this state for delivery to any person other than as provided in this article, or as otherwise provided by law for native wines or native spirits.

(4) The department may promulgate rules and regulations which authorize on-premises retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from package retailers and for package retailers to purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from other package retailers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the on-premises retailers and the package retailers verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(5) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the holder of a package retailer's permit to permit individual retail purchasers of packages of alcoholic beverages to return, for exchange, credit or refund, limited amounts of original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages purchased by the individual from the package retailer.

(6) The department shall maintain all forms to be completed by applicants necessary for licensure by the department at all district offices of the department.

(7) The department may promulgate rules which authorize the manufacturer of an alcoholic beverage or wine to import, transport and furnish or give a sample of alcoholic beverages or wines to the holders of package retailer's permits, on-premises retailer's permits, native wine or native spirit retailer's permits and temporary retailer's permits who have not previously purchased the brand of that manufacturer from the department. For each holder of the designated permits, the manufacturer may furnish not more than five hundred (500) milliliters of any brand of alcoholic beverage and not more than three (3) liters of any brand of wine.

(8) The department may promulgate rules disallowing open product sampling of alcoholic beverages or wines by the holders of package retailer's permits and permitting open product sampling of alcoholic beverages by the holders of on-premises retailer's permits. Permitted sample products shall be plainly identified "sample" and the actual sampling must occur in the presence of the manufacturer's representatives during the legal operating hours of on-premises retailers.

(9) The department may promulgate rules and regulations that authorize the holder of a research permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages or from the department. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the research permittee verifying each transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department. The records and inventory of alcoholic beverages shall be open to inspection at any time by the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division or any duly authorized agent.

(10) The department may promulgate rules facilitating a retailer's on-site pickup of alcoholic beverages sold by the department or as authorized by the department, including, but not limited to, native wines and native spirits, so that those alcoholic beverages may be delivered to the retailer at the manufacturer's location instead of via shipment from the department's warehouse.

(11) [Through June 30, 2026] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit or a festival wine permit.

(11) [From and after July 1, 2026] This section shall not apply to alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by the holder of a distillery retailer's permit.

(12) (a) An individual resident of this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age may purchase wine from a winery and have the purchase shipped into this state so long as it is shipped to a package retailer permittee in Mississippi; however, the permittee shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the wine that are imposed upon the sale of wine shipped by the department or its warehouse operator. No credit shall be provided to the permittee for any taxes paid to another state as a result of the transaction. Package retailers may charge a service fee for receiving and handling shipments from wineries on behalf of the purchasers. The department shall develop and provide forms to be completed by the package retailer permittees

verifying the transaction. The completed forms shall be forwarded to the department within a period of time prescribed by the department.

(b) The purchaser of wine that is to be shipped to a package retailer's store shall be required to get the prior approval of the package retailer before any wine is shipped to the package retailer. A purchaser is limited to no more than ten (10) cases of wine per year to be shipped to a package retailer. A package retailer shall notify a purchaser of wine within two (2) days after receiving the shipment of wine. If the purchaser of the wine does not pick up or take the wine from the package retailer within thirty (30) days after being notified by the package retailer, the package retailer may sell the wine as part of his inventory.

(c) Shipments of wine into this state under this section shall be made by a duly licensed carrier. It shall be the duty of every common or contract carrier, and of every firm or corporation that shall bring, carry or transport wine from outside the state for delivery inside the state to package retailer permittees on behalf of consumers, to prepare and file with the department, on a schedule as determined by the department, of known wine shipments containing the name of the common or contract carrier, firm or corporation making the report, the period of time covered by said report, the name and permit number of the winery, the name and permit number of the package retailer permittee receiving such wine, the weight of the package delivered to each package retailer permittee, a unique tracking number, and the date of delivery. Reports received by the department shall be made available by the department to the public via the Mississippi Public Records Act process in the same manner as other state alcohol filings.

Upon the department's request, any records supporting the report shall be made available to the department within a reasonable time after the department makes a written request for such records. Any records containing information relating to such reports shall be kept and preserved for a period of two (2) years, unless their destruction sooner is authorized, in writing, by the department, and shall be open and available to inspection by the department upon the department's written request. Reports shall also be made available to any law enforcement or regulatory body in the state in which the railroad company, express company, common or contract carrier making the report resides or does business.

Any common or contract carrier that willfully fails to make reports, as provided by this section or any of the rules and regulations of the department for the administration and enforcement of this section, is subject to a notification of violation. In the case of a continuing failure to make reports, the common or contract carrier is subject to possible license suspension and revocation at the department's discretion.

(d) A winery that ships wine under this section shall be deemed to have consented to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state, of the department, of any other state agency regarding the enforcement of this section, and of any related law, rules or regulations.

(e) Any person who makes, participates in, transports, imports or receives a shipment in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. Each shipment shall constitute a separate offense.

(13) If any provision of this article, or its application to any person or circumstance, is determined by a court to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall be construed in accordance with the intent of the Legislature to further limit rather than expand commerce in alcoholic beverages to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the state's residents, and to enhance strict regulatory control over taxation, distribution and sale of alcoholic beverages through the three-tier regulatory system imposed by this article upon all alcoholic beverages to curb relationships and practices calculated to stimulate sales and impair the state's policy favoring trade stability and the promotion of temperance.

SECTION 19. Section 67-1-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-45. No manufacturer, rectifier or distiller of alcoholic beverages shall sell or attempt to sell any such alcoholic beverages, except malt liquor, within the State

of Mississippi, except to the department, or as provided in Section 67-1-41, or pursuant to Section 67-1-51. A producer of native wine or native spirit may sell native wines or native spirits, respectively, to the department or to consumers at the location of the native winery or native distillery or its immediate vicinity. The holder of a direct shipper's permit may sell wines directly to residents in this state as authorized by Sections 1 through 12 of this act.

Any violation of this section by any manufacturer, rectifier or distiller shall be punished by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), to which may be added imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six (6) months.

SECTION 20. Section 67-1-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill 1525, 2024 Regular Session, and Senate Bill No. 2567, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-51. (1) Permits which may be issued by the department shall be as follows:

(a) Manufacturer's permit. A manufacturer's permit shall permit the manufacture, importation in bulk, bottling and storage of alcoholic liquor and its distribution and sale to manufacturers holding permits under this article in this state and to persons outside the state who are authorized by law to purchase the same, and to sell as provided by this article.

Manufacturer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. Distiller's and/or rectifier's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a distillery for the production of distilled spirits by distillation or redistillation and/or to operate a rectifying plant for the purifying, refining, mixing, blending, flavoring or reducing in proof of distilled spirits and alcohol.

Class 2. Wine manufacturer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to manufacture, import in bulk, bottle and store wine or vinous liquor.

Class 3. Native wine producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native wines.

Class 4. Native spirit producer's permit, which shall authorize the holder thereof to produce, bottle, store and sell native spirits.

(b) Package retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph and Section 67-1-52, a package retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a store exclusively for the sale at retail in original sealed and unopened packages of alcoholic beverages, including native wines, native spirits and edibles, not to be consumed on the premises where sold. Alcoholic beverages shall not be sold by any retailer in any package or container containing less than fifty (50) milliliters by liquid measure. A package retailer's permit, with prior approval from the department, shall authorize the holder thereof to sample new product furnished by a manufacturer's representative or his employees at the permitted place of business so long as the sampling otherwise complies with this article and applicable department regulations. Such samples may not be provided to customers at the permitted place of business. In addition to the sale at retail of packages of alcoholic beverages, the holder of a package retailer's permit is authorized to sell at retail corkscrews, wine glasses, soft drinks, ice, juices, mixers, other beverages commonly used to mix with alcoholic beverages, and fruits and foods that have been submerged in alcohol and are commonly referred to as edibles. Nonalcoholic beverages sold by the holder of a package retailer's permit shall not be consumed on the premises where sold.

(c) On-premises retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, an on-premises retailer's permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the licensed premises only; however, a patron of the permit holder may remove one (1) bottle of wine from the licensed premises if: (i) the patron consumed a portion of the bottle of wine in the course of consuming a meal purchased on the licensed premises; (ii) the permit holder securely reseals the bottle; (iii) the bottle is placed in a bag that is secured in a manner so that it will be visibly apparent if the bag is opened; and (iv) a dated receipt for the wine and the meal is available. Additionally, as part of a carryout order, a permit holder may sell one (1) bottle of wine to be removed from the licensed premises for every two (2) entrees ordered. In addition, an on-premises retailer's

permittee at a permitted premises located on Jefferson Davis Avenue within one-half (1/2) mile north of U.S. Highway 90 may serve alcoholic beverages by the glass to a patron in a vehicle using a drive-through method of delivery if the permitted premises is located in a leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Such a sale will be considered to be made on the permitted premises. An on-premises retailer's permit shall be issued only to qualified hotels, restaurants and clubs, small craft breweries, microbreweries, and to common carriers with adequate facilities for serving passengers. In resort areas, however, whether inside or outside of a municipality, the department, in its discretion, may issue on-premises retailer's permits to any establishments located therein as it deems proper. An on-premises retailer's permit when issued to a common carrier shall authorize the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages aboard any licensed vehicle while moving through any county of the state; however, the sale of such alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted while such vehicle is stopped in a county that has not legalized such sales. If an on-premises retailer's permit is applied for by a common carrier operating solely in the water, such common carrier must, along with all other qualifications for a permit, (i) be certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers and (ii) operate primarily in the waters within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi and/or on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within any county bordering on the Mississippi River.

(d) Solicitor's permit. A solicitor's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to act as salesman for a manufacturer or wholesaler holding a proper permit, to solicit on behalf of his employer orders for alcoholic beverages, and to otherwise promote his employer's products in a legitimate manner. Such a permit shall authorize the representation of and employment by one (1) principal only. However, the permittee may also, in the discretion of the department, be issued additional permits to represent other principals. No such permittee shall buy or sell alcoholic beverages for his own account, and no such beverage shall be brought into this state in pursuance of the exercise of such permit otherwise than through a permit issued to a wholesaler or manufacturer in the state.

(e) Native wine retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native wine retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 3 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native wines to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native winery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native wine retailer's permit may add to the native wine alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native wine retailer is located.

(f) Temporary retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a temporary retailer's permit shall permit the purchase and resale of alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, during legal hours on the premises described in the temporary permit only.

Temporary retailer's permits shall be of the following classes:

Class 1. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to bona fide nonprofit civic or charitable organizations authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, including native wine and native spirit, for consumption on the premises described in the temporary permit only. Class 1 permits may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days prior to the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. Class 1 permittees shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the

permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2. A temporary permit, not to exceed seventy (70) days, may be issued to prospective permittees seeking to transfer a permit authorized in paragraph (c) of this subsection. A Class 2 permit may be issued only to applicants demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under the penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications of Sections 67-1-5(l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q), 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 and 67-1-59. The department, following a preliminary review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit.

Class 2 temporary permittees must purchase their alcoholic beverages directly from the department or, with approval of the department, purchase the remaining stock of the previous permittee. If the proposed applicant of a Class 1 or Class 2 temporary permit falsifies information contained in the application or statement, the applicant shall never again be eligible for a retail alcohol beverage permit and shall be subject to prosecution for perjury.

Class 3. A temporary one-day permit may be issued to a retail establishment authorizing the complimentary distribution of wine, including native wine, to patrons of the retail establishment at an open house or promotional event, for consumption only on the premises described in the temporary permit. A Class 3 permit may be issued only to an applicant demonstrating to the department, by a statement signed under penalty of perjury submitted ten (10) days before the proposed date or such other time as the department may determine, that it meets the qualifications of Sections 67-1-11, 67-1-37, 67-1-51(2) and (3), 67-1-55, 67-1-57 (excluding paragraph (e)) and 67-1-59. A Class 3 permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from the holder(s) of a package retailer's permit located in the county in which the temporary permit is issued. Wine remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary permit may be returned by the Class 3 temporary permit holder to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price, with consent of the package retailer, or may be kept by the Class 3 temporary permit holder exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages. The department, following review of the statement provided by the applicant and the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations, may issue the permit. No retailer may receive more than twelve (12) Class 3 temporary permits in a calendar year. A Class 3 temporary permit shall not be issued to a retail establishment that either holds a merchant permit issued under paragraph (l) of this subsection, or holds a permit issued under Chapter 3, Title 67, Mississippi Code of 1972, authorizing the holder to engage in the business of a retailer of light wine or beer.

(g) Caterer's permit. A caterer's permit shall permit the purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person engaging in business as a caterer and the resale of alcoholic beverages by such person in conjunction with such catering business. No person shall qualify as a caterer unless forty percent (40%) or more of the revenue derived from such catering business shall be from the serving of prepared food and not from the sale of alcoholic beverages and unless such person has obtained a permit for such business from the Department of Health. A caterer's permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in business as a caterer; however, the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit may hold a caterer's permit. When the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit or an affiliated entity of the holder also holds a caterer's permit, the caterer's permit shall not authorize the service of alcoholic beverages on a consistent, recurring basis at a separate, fixed location owned or operated by the caterer, on-premises retailer or affiliated entity and an on-premises retailer's permit shall be required for the separate location. All sales of alcoholic beverages by holders of a caterer's permit shall be made at the location being catered by the caterer, and, except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, such sales may be made only for consumption at the catered location. The location being catered may be anywhere within a county or judicial district that has voted to come out from under the dry laws or in which the sale and distribution of alcoholic

beverages is otherwise authorized by law. Such sales shall be made pursuant to any other conditions and restrictions which apply to sales made by on-premises retail permittees. The holder of a caterer's permit or his employees shall remain at the catered location as long as alcoholic beverages are being sold pursuant to the permit issued under this paragraph (g), and the permittee shall have at the location the identification card issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department. No unsold alcoholic beverages may be left at the catered location by the permittee upon the conclusion of his business at that location. Appropriate law enforcement officers and Alcoholic Beverage Control Division personnel may enter a catered location on private property in order to enforce laws governing the sale or serving of alcoholic beverages.

(h) Research permit. A research permit shall authorize the holder thereof to operate a research facility for the professional research of alcoholic beverages. Such permit shall authorize the holder of the permit to import and purchase limited amounts of alcoholic beverages from the department or from importers, wineries and distillers of alcoholic beverages for professional research.

(i) Alcohol processing permit. An alcohol processing permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase, transport and possess alcoholic beverages for the exclusive use in cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages as an integral ingredient. An alcohol processing permit shall not authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of the person engaging in the business of cooking, processing or manufacturing products which contain alcoholic beverages. The amounts of alcoholic beverages allowed under an alcohol processing permit shall be set by the department.

(j) Hospitality cart permit. A hospitality cart permit shall authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages from a mobile cart on a golf course that is the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit. The alcoholic beverages sold from the cart must be consumed within the boundaries of the golf course.

(k) Special service permit. A special service permit shall authorize the holder to sell commercially sealed alcoholic beverages to the operator of a commercial or private aircraft for en route consumption only by passengers. A special service permit shall be issued only to a fixed-base operator who contracts with an airport facility to provide fueling and other associated services to commercial and private aircraft.

(l) Merchant permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a merchant permit shall be issued only to the owner of a spa facility, an art studio or gallery, or a cooking school, and shall authorize the holder to serve complimentary by the glass wine only, including native wine, at the holder's spa facility, art studio or gallery, or cooking school. A merchant permit holder shall obtain all wine from the holder of a package retailer's permit.

(m) Temporary alcoholic beverages charitable auction permit. A temporary permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a qualifying charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for the limited purpose of raising funds for the organization during a live or silent auction that is conducted by the organization and that meets the following requirements: (i) the auction is conducted in an area of the state where the sale of alcoholic beverages is authorized; (ii) if the auction is conducted on the premises of an on-premises retailer's permit holder, then the alcoholic beverages to be auctioned must be stored separately from the alcoholic beverages sold, stored or served on the premises, must be removed from the premises immediately following the auction, and may not be consumed on the premises; (iii) the permit holder may not conduct more than two (2) auctions during a calendar year; (iv) the permit holder may not pay a commission or promotional fee to any person to arrange or conduct the auction.

(n) Event venue retailer's permit. An event venue retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to purchase and resell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, for consumption on the premises during legal hours during events held on the licensed premises if food is being served at the event by a caterer who is not affiliated with or related to the permittee. The caterer must serve at least three (3) entrees. The permit may only be issued for venues that can

accommodate two hundred (200) persons or more. The number of persons a venue may accommodate shall be determined by the local fire department and such determination shall be provided in writing and submitted along with all other documents required to be provided for an on-premises retailer's permit. The permittee must derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales for live entertainment in the building. "Event-related fees" do not include alcohol, beer or light wine sales or any fee which may be construed to cover the cost of alcohol, beer or light wine. This determination shall be made on a per event basis. An event may not last longer than two (2) consecutive days per week.

(o) Temporary theatre permit. A temporary theatre permit, not to exceed five (5) days, may be issued to a charitable nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code and owns or operates a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the permit shall authorize the holder to sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines and native spirits, to patrons of the theatre during performances and productions at the theatre facility for consumption during such performances and productions on the premises of the facility described in the permit. A temporary theatre permit holder shall obtain all alcoholic beverages from package retailers located in the county in which the permit is issued. Alcoholic beverages remaining in stock upon expiration of the temporary theatre permit may be returned by the permittee to the package retailer for a refund of the purchase price upon consent of the package retailer or may be kept by the permittee exclusively for personal use and consumption, subject to all laws pertaining to the illegal sale and possession of alcoholic beverages.

(p) Charter ship operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (p), a charter ship operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to serve, monitor, store and otherwise control the serving and availability of alcoholic beverages to customers of the permit holder during private charters under contract provided by the permit holder. A charter ship operator's permit shall authorize such action by the permit holder and its employees only as to alcoholic beverages brought onto the permit holder's ship by customers of the permit holder as part of such a private charter. All such alcoholic beverages must be removed from the charter ship at the conclusion of each private charter. A charter ship operator's permit shall not authorize the permit holder to sell, charge for or otherwise supply alcoholic beverages to customers, except as authorized in this paragraph (p). For the purposes of this paragraph (p), "charter ship operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least one hundred fifty (150) passengers and/or provide overnight accommodations for at least fifty (50) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and (iii) provides charters under contract for tours and trips in such waters.

(q) Distillery retailer's permit. The holder of a Class 1 manufacturer's permit may obtain a distillery retailer's permit. A distillery retailer's permit shall authorize the holder thereof to sell at retail alcoholic beverages to consumers for on-premises consumption, or to consumers by the sealed and unopened bottle from a retail location at the distillery for off-premises consumption. The holder may only sell product manufactured by the manufacturer at the distillery described in the permit. However, when selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a distillery retailer's permit may add other beverages, alcoholic or not, so long as the total volume of other beverage components containing alcohol does not exceed twenty percent (20%). Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the distillery retailer is located.

The holder shall not sell at retail more than ten percent (10%) of the alcoholic beverages produced annually at its distillery. The holder shall not make retail sales of more than two and twenty-five one-hundredths (2.25) liters, in the aggregate, of the alcoholic beverages produced at its distillery to any one (1) individual for consumption off the premises of the distillery within a twenty-four-hour period. The hours of sale shall be the same as those hours for package retailers under this article. The holder of a distillery retailer's permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized

to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse; however, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the department or its warehouse operator. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the holder of a distillery retailer's permit may sell at retail promotional products from the same retail location, including shirts, hats, glasses, and other promotional products customarily sold by alcoholic beverage manufacturers.

(r) Festival Wine Permit. Any wine manufacturer or native wine producer permitted by Mississippi or any other state is eligible to obtain a Festival Wine Permit. This permit authorizes the entity to transport product manufactured by it to festivals held within the State of Mississippi and sell sealed, unopened bottles to festival participants. The holder of this permit may provide samples at no charge to participants. "Festival" means any event at which three (3) or more vendors are present at a location for the sale or distribution of goods. The holder of a Festival Wine Permit is not required to purchase the alcoholic beverages authorized to be sold by this paragraph from the department's liquor distribution warehouse. However, if the holder does not purchase the alcoholic beverages from the department's liquor distribution warehouse, the holder of this permit shall pay to the department all taxes, fees and surcharges on the alcoholic beverages sold at such festivals that are imposed upon the sale of alcoholic beverages shipped by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue. Additionally, the entity shall file all applicable reports and returns as prescribed by the department. This permit is issued per festival and provides authority to sell for two (2) consecutive days during the hours authorized for on-premises permittees' sales in that county or city. The holder of the permit shall be required to maintain all requirements set by Local Option Law for the service and sale of alcoholic beverages. This permit may be issued to entities participating in festivals at which a Class 1 temporary permit is in effect.

This paragraph (r) shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2026.

(s) Charter vessel operator's permit. Subject to the provisions of this paragraph (s), a charter vessel operator's permit shall authorize the holder thereof and its employees to sell and serve alcoholic beverages to passengers of the permit holder during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder. The permit shall authorize the holder to only sell alcoholic beverages, including native wines, to passengers of the charter vessel operator during public tours, historical tours, ecological tours and sunset cruises provided by the permit holder aboard the charter vessel operator for consumption during such tours and cruises on the premises of the charter vessel operator described in the permit. For the purposes of this paragraph (s), "charter vessel operator" means a common carrier that (i) is certified to carry at least forty-nine (49) passengers, (ii) operates only in the waters within the State of Mississippi, which lie south of Interstate 10 in the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, and lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of Mississippi, extending not further than one (1) mile south of such counties, and (iii) provides vessel services for tours and cruises in such waters as provided in this paragraph(s).

(t) Native spirit retailer's permit. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, a native spirit retailer's permit shall be issued only to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's permit, and shall authorize the holder thereof to make retail sales of native spirits to consumers for on-premises consumption or to consumers in originally sealed and unopened containers at an establishment located on the premises of or in the immediate vicinity of a native distillery. When selling to consumers for on-premises consumption, a holder of a native spirit retailer's permit may add to the native spirit alcoholic beverages not produced on the premises, so long as the total volume of foreign beverage components does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the mixed beverage. Hours of sale shall be the same as those authorized for on-premises permittees in the city or county in which the native spirit retailer is located.

(u) Delivery service permit. Any individual, limited liability company, corporation or partnership registered to do business in this state is eligible to obtain a delivery service permit. Subject to the provisions of Section 67-1-51.1, this

permit authorizes the permittee, or its employee or an independent contractor acting on its behalf, to deliver alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine and light spirit product from a licensed retailer to a person in this state who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age for the individual's use and not for resale. This permit does not authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product to the premises of a location with a permit for the manufacture, distribution or retail sale of alcoholic beverages, beer, light wine or light spirit product. The holder of a package retailer's permit or an on-premises retailer's permit under Section 67-1-51 or of a beer, light wine and light spirit product permit under Section 67-3-19 is authorized to apply for a delivery service permit as a privilege separate from its existing retail permit.

(v) Food truck permit. A food truck permit shall authorize the holder of an on-premises retailer's permit to use a food truck to sell alcoholic beverages off its premises to guests who must consume the beverages in open containers. For the purposes of this paragraph (v), "food truck" means a fully encased food service establishment on a motor vehicle or on a trailer that a motor vehicle pulls to transport, and from which a vendor, standing within the frame of the establishment, prepares, cooks, sells and serves food for immediate human consumption. The term "food truck" does not include a food cart that is not motorized. Food trucks shall maintain such distance requirements from schools, churches, kindergartens and funeral homes as are required for on-premises retailer's permittees under this article, and all sales must be made within a valid leisure and recreation district established under Section 67-1-101. Food trucks cannot sell or serve alcoholic beverages unless also offering food prepared and cooked within the food truck, and permittees must maintain a twenty-five percent (25%) food sale revenue requirement based on the food sold from the food truck alone. The hours allowed for sale shall be the same as those for on-premises retailer's permittees in the location. This permit will not be required for the holder of a caterer's permit issued under this article to cater an event as allowed by law. Permittees must provide notice of not less than forty-eight (48) hours to the department of each location at which alcoholic beverages will be sold.

(w) On-premises tobacco permit. An on-premises tobacco permit shall authorize the permittee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises. In addition to all other requirements to obtain an alcoholic beverage permit, the permittee must obtain and maintain a tobacco permit issued by the State of Mississippi, and have a capital investment of not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the premises for which the permit is issued. In addition to alcoholic beverages, the permittee is authorized to sell only cigars, cheroots, tobacco pipes, pipe tobacco, and/or stogies. Additionally, seventy-five percent (75%) of the permittee's annual gross revenue must be derived from the sale of cigars, cheroots, tobacco pipes, pipe tobacco, and/or stogies. No food sales shall be required, but food may be sold on the premises. The issuance of this permit does not remove any obligation a permittee may have to follow local ordinances or actions prohibiting the use of tobacco products.

(x) Direct shipper's permit. A direct shipper's permit shall authorize the holder to sell and ship wine directly to residents in this state in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 through 12 of this act, without being required to transact the sale and shipment of those wines through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the department.

(y) Wine Fulfillment Provider Permit. A wine fulfillment provider permit shall authorize the holder to only provide logistics services of warehousing, packaging, order fulfillment, and shipment of wine for a direct shipper permittee for which the wine fulfillment provider permittee is the bailee of the wine under Sections 1 through 12 of this act. Wine held in bailment by a wine fulfillment provider permittee shall remain the property of the direct shipper permittee until loaded on conveyance for direct shipment to a Mississippi resident.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4) of this section, retail permittees may hold more than one (1) retail permit, at the discretion of the department.

(3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no authority shall be granted to any person to manufacture, sell or store for sale any intoxicating liquor as specified in this article within four hundred (400) feet of any church, school (excluding

any community college, junior college, college or university), kindergarten or funeral home. However, within an area zoned commercial or business, such minimum distance shall be not less than one hundred (100) feet.

(b) A church or funeral home may waive the distance restrictions imposed in this subsection in favor of allowing issuance by the department of a permit, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to authorize activity relating to the manufacturing, sale or storage of alcoholic beverages which would otherwise be prohibited under the minimum distance criterion. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the church or funeral home having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(c) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a bed and breakfast inn listed in the National Register of Historic Places or to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages in a historic district that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is a qualified resort area and is located in a municipality having a population greater than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the latest federal decennial census.

(d) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a qualified resort area as defined in Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)32.

(e) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building formerly owned by a municipality and formerly leased by the municipality to a municipal school district and used by the municipal school district as a district bus shop facility.

(f) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building consisting of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet and located approximately six hundred (600) feet from the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4.

(g) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located at or near the intersection of Ward and Tate Streets and adjacent properties in the City of Senatobia, Mississippi.

(h) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a theatre facility that features plays and other theatrical performances and productions and (i) is capable of seating more than seven hundred fifty (750) people, (ii) is owned by a municipality which has a population greater than ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census, (iii) was constructed prior to 1930, (iv) is on the National Register of Historic Places, and (v) is located in a historic district.

(i) The distance restrictions imposed in this subsection shall not apply to the sale or storage of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises in a building located approximately one and six-tenths (1.6) miles north of the intersection of Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 4 on the west side of Mississippi Highway 15.

(4) No person, either individually or as a member of a firm, partnership, limited liability company or association, or as a stockholder, officer or director in a corporation, shall own or control any interest in more than one (1) package retailer's permit, nor shall such person's spouse, if living in the same household of such person, any relative of such person, if living in the same household of such person, or any other person living in the same household with such person own any interest in any other package retailer's permit.

(5) (a) In addition to any other authority granted under this section, the holder of a permit issued under subsection (1)(c), (e), (f), (g), (l), (n) and/or (o) of this section may sell or otherwise provide alcoholic beverages and/or wine to a patron of the permit holder in the manner authorized in the permit and the patron may remove an open glass, cup or other container of the alcoholic beverage and/or wine from the licensed premises and may possess and consume the alcoholic beverage or wine outside of the licensed

premises if: (i) the licensed premises is located within a leisure and recreation district created under Section 67-1-101 and (ii) the patron remains within the boundaries of the leisure and recreation district while in possession of the alcoholic beverage or wine.

(b) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow a person to bring any alcoholic beverages into a permitted premises except to the extent otherwise authorized by this article.

SECTION 21. Section 67-1-53, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-53. (1) Application for permits shall be in such form and shall contain such information as shall be required by the regulations of the * * * department; however, no regulation of the * * * department shall require personal financial information from any officer of a corporation applying for an on-premises retailer's permit to sell alcoholic beverages unless such officer owns ten percent (10%) or more of the stock of such corporation.

(2) Every applicant for each type of permit authorized by Section 67-1-51 shall give notice of such application by publication for two (2) consecutive issues in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city or town in which applicant's place of business is located. However, in instances where no newspaper is published in the city or town, then the notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the applicant's business is located. If no newspaper is published in the county, the notice shall be published in a qualified newspaper which is published in the closest neighboring county and circulated in the county of applicant's residence. The notice shall be printed in ten-point black face type and shall set forth the type of permit to be applied for, the exact location of the place of business, the name of the owner or owners thereof, and if operating under an assumed name, the trade name together with the names of all owners, and if a corporation, the names and titles of all officers. The cost of such notice shall be borne by the applicant.

(3) Each application or filing made under this section shall include the social security number(s) of the applicant in accordance with Section 93-11-64, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 22. Section 67-1-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-55. No permit of any type shall be issued by the * * * department until the applicant has first filed with the * * * department a sworn statement disclosing all persons who are financially involved in the operation of the business for which the permit is sought. If an applicant is an individual, he will swear that he owns one hundred percent (100%) of the business for which he is seeking a permit. If the applicant is a partnership, all partners and their addresses shall be disclosed and the extent of their interest in the partnership shall be disclosed. If the applicant is a corporation, the total stock in the corporation shall be disclosed and each shareholder and his address and the amount of stock in the corporation owned by him shall be disclosed. If the applicant is a limited liability company, each member and their addresses shall be disclosed and the extent of their interest in the limited liability company shall be disclosed. If the applicant is a trust, the trustee and all beneficiaries and their addresses shall be disclosed. If the applicant is a combination of any of the above, all information required to be disclosed above shall be required.

All the disclosures shall be in writing and kept on file at the * * * department and shall be available to the public.

Every applicant must, when applying for a renewal of his permit, disclose any change in the ownership of the business or any change in the beneficiaries of the income from the business.

Any person who willfully fails to fully disclose the information required by this section, or who gives false information, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined a sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than one (1) year, or both, and the person or applicant shall never again be eligible for any permit pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

SECTION 23. Section 67-1-57, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-57. Before a permit is issued the department shall satisfy itself:

(a) That the applicant, if an individual, or if a partnership, each of the members of the partnership, or if a corporation, each of its principal officers and directors, or if a limited liability company, each member of the limited liability company, is of good moral character and, in addition, enjoys a reputation of being a peaceable, law-abiding citizen of the community in which he resides, and is generally fit for the trust to be reposed in him, is not less than twenty-one (21) years of age, and has not been convicted of a felony in any state or federal court.

(b) That, except in the case of an application for a solicitor's permit, the applicant is the true and actual owner of the business for which the permit is desired, and that he intends to carry on the business authorized for himself and not as the agent of any other person, and that he intends to superintend in person the management of the business or that he will designate a manager to manage the business for him. Except for managers employed by the holder of a direct shipper's permit, all managers must be approved by the department prior to completing any managerial tasks on behalf of the permittee and must possess all of the qualifications required of a permittee; however, a felony conviction, other than a crime of violence, does not automatically disqualify a person from being approved as a manager if the person was released from incarceration at least three (3) years prior to application for approval as a manager. A felony conviction, other than a crime of violence, may be considered by the department in determining whether all other qualifications are met.

(c) That the applicant for a package retailer's permit, if an individual, is a resident of the State of Mississippi. If the applicant is a partnership, each member of the partnership must be a resident of the state. If the applicant is a limited liability company, each member of the limited liability company must be a resident of the state. If the applicant is a corporation, the designated manager of the corporation must be a resident of the state.

(d) That the place for which the permit is to be issued is an appropriate one considering the character of the premises and the surrounding neighborhood.

(e) That the place for which the permit is to be issued is within the corporate limits of an incorporated municipality or qualified resort area or club which comes within the provisions of this article.

(f) That the applicant is not indebted to the state for any taxes, fees or payment of penalties imposed by any law of the State of Mississippi or by any rule or regulation of the * * * department.

(g) That the applicant is not in the habit of using alcoholic beverages to excess and is not physically or mentally incapacitated, and that the applicant has the ability to read and write the English language.

(h) That the * * * department does not believe and has no reason to believe that the applicant will sell or knowingly permit any agent, servant or employee to unlawfully sell liquor in a dry area or in any other manner contrary to law.

(i) That the applicant is not residentially domiciled with any person whose permit or license has been cancelled for cause within the twelve (12) months next preceding the date of the present application for a permit.

(j) That the * * * department has not, in the exercise of its discretion which is reserved and preserved to it, refused to grant permits under the restrictions of this section, as well as under any other pertinent provision of this article.

(k) That there are not sufficient legal reasons to deny a permit on the ground that the premises for which the permit is sought has previously been operated, used or frequented for any purpose or in any manner that is lewd, immoral or offensive to public decency. In the granting or withholding of any permit to sell alcoholic beverages at retail, the * * * department in forming its conclusions may give consideration to any recommendations made in writing by the district or county attorney or county, circuit or chancery judge of the county, or the sheriff of the county, or the mayor or chief of police of an incorporated city or town wherein the applicant proposes to conduct his business and to any recommendations made by representatives of the * * * department.

(l) That the applicant and the applicant's key employees, as determined by the * * * department, do not have a disqualifying criminal record. In order

to obtain a criminal record history check, the applicant shall submit to the commission a set of fingerprints from any local law enforcement agency for each person for whom the records check is required. The * * * department shall forward the fingerprints to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, the Department of Public Safety shall forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check. Costs for processing the set or sets of fingerprints shall be borne by the applicant. The department may waive the fingerprint requirement in the case of an applicant for a direct shipper's permit. The * * * department shall not deny employment to an employee of the applicant prior to the identification of a disqualifying record or other disqualifying information.

SECTION 24. Section 67-1-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-73. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, every manufacturer, including native wine or native spirit producers, within or without the state, and every other shipper of alcoholic beverages who sells any alcoholic beverage, including native wine or native spirit, within the state, shall, at the time of making such sale, file with the department a copy of the invoice of such sale showing in detail the kind of alcoholic beverage sold, the quantities of each, the size of the container and the weight of the contents, the alcoholic content, and the name and address of the person to whom sold.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, every person transporting alcoholic beverages, including native wine or native spirit, within this state to a point within this state, whether such transportation originates within or without this state, shall, within five (5) days after delivery of such shipment, furnish the department a copy of the bill of lading or receipt, showing the name or consignor or consignee, date, place received, destination, and quantity of alcoholic beverages delivered. Upon failure to comply with the provisions of this section, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined in the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each offense.

(3) Information regarding the sales, shipment, delivery and transportation of wine in this state by the holder of a direct shipper's permit under Sections 1 through 12 of this act shall be in such form and content as prescribed by the department.

SECTION 25. Section 97-31-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-31-47. It shall be unlawful for any transportation company, or any agent, employee, or officer of such company, or any other person, or corporation to transport into or deliver in this state in any manner or by any means any spirituous, vinous, malt, or other intoxicating liquors or drinks, or for any such person, company, or corporation to transport any spirituous, malt, vinous, or intoxicating liquors or drinks from one place within this state to another place within the state, or from one (1) point within this state to any point without the state, except in cases where this chapter * * *, Section 67-9-1, or Sections 1 through 12 of this act authorizes the transportation.

SECTION 26. Section 97-31-49, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-31-49. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 1 through 12 of this act, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation in this state, in person, by letter, circular, or other printed or written matter, or in any other manner, to solicit or take order in this state for any liquors, bitters or drinks prohibited by the laws of this state to be sold, bartered, or otherwise disposed of. The inhibition of this section shall apply to such liquors, bitters and drinks, whether the parties intend that the same shall be shipped into this state from outside of the state, or from one (1) point in this state to another point in this state. If such order be in writing, parol evidence thereof is admissible without producing or accounting for the absence of the original; and the taking or soliciting of such orders is within the inhibition of this section, although the orders are subject to approval by some other person, and no part of the price is paid, nor any part of the goods is delivered when the order is taken.

SECTION 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PERSON WHO IS THE HOLDER OF A CLASS 2 MANUFACTURER'S PERMIT UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW, OR WHO IS LICENSED OR PERMITTED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE TO ENGAGE IN THE ACTIVITY OF MANUFACTURING WINE TO SELL AND SHIP WINE DIRECTLY TO RESIDENTS IN THIS STATE, IF THE PERSON OBTAINS A DIRECT SHIPPER'S PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DIRECT SHIPPER'S PERMITS AND THE ISSUANCE OF WINE FULFILLMENT PROVIDER PERMITS; TO REQUIRE THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT SHIPPER'S PERMIT TO KEEP CERTAIN RECORDS; TO REQUIRE THE HOLDER OF A WINE FULFILLMENT PROVIDER PERMIT TO KEEP CERTAIN RECORDS; TO PROHIBIT THE HOLDER OF A DIRECT SHIPPER'S PERMIT FROM SELLING OR SHIPPING LIGHT WINE, LIGHT SPIRIT PRODUCTS OR BEER OR ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OTHER THAN WINE; TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF WINE THAT A HOLDER OF A DIRECT SHIPPER'S PERMIT MAY SELL OR SHIP TO AN INDIVIDUAL EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF DIRECT SHIPPER'S PERMITS; TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS PURCHASING OR RECEIVING A DIRECT SHIPMENT OF WINE FROM A DIRECT SHIPPER MUST BE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE; TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS RECEIVING A DIRECT SHIPMENT OF WINE FROM A DIRECT SHIPPER SHALL USE THE WINE FOR PERSONAL USE ONLY AND MAY NOT RESELL IT; TO IMPOSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATING THE SHIPMENT OF WINE INTO THIS STATE; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE TO ADOPT ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 27-71-5, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2567, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, 27-71-7, 27-71-15 AND 27-71-29, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THE PRIVILEGE TAX REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A DIRECT SHIPPER'S PERMIT AND FOR THE PRIVILEGE TAX REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A WINE FULFILLMENT PROVIDER PERMIT; TO LEVY A TAX UPON THE SALES AND SHIPMENTS OF WINE MADE BY A DIRECT SHIPPER; TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE TAXES LEVIED TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FUND; TO AMEND SECTIONS 67-1-41, 67-1-45, 67-1-51, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 1525, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, AND SENATE BILL NO. 2567, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, 67-1-53, 67-1-55, 67-1-57, 67-1-73, 97-31-47 AND 97-31-49, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Robert L. Johnson III, Jansen Owen
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--102.

Nays--Arnold, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Crawford, Evans, Fondren, Mangold, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Varner. Total--12.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Ladner, Luther-Waldo, Turner. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Brown, Crudup, Holloway, G. Total--4.
Necessary for passage--57

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-33-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-33-23. For the purposes of this chapter, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Conviction" means that, regarding the person's offense, there has been a determination or judgment of guilt as a result of a trial or the entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere regardless of whether adjudication is withheld. "Conviction of similar offenses" includes, but is not limited to, a conviction by a federal or military tribunal, including a court-martial conducted by the Armed Forces of the United States, a conviction for an offense committed on an Indian Reservation or other federal property, a conviction in any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianna Islands or the United States Virgin Islands, and a conviction in a foreign country if the foreign country's judicial system is such that it satisfies minimum due process set forth in the guidelines under Section 111(5)(B) Public Law 109-248.

(b) "Department" means the Mississippi Department of Public Safety unless otherwise specified.

(c) "Jurisdiction" means any court or locality including any state court, federal court, military court, Indian tribunal or foreign court, the fifty (50) states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Marianna Islands or the United States Virgin Islands, and Indian tribes that elect to function as registration jurisdictions under Title 1, SORNA Section 127 of the Adam Walsh Child Safety Act.

(d) "Permanent residence" means a place where the person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of fourteen (14) or more * * * aggregate days in a six (6) month period.

(e) "Registration" means providing information to the appropriate agency within the timeframe specified as required by this chapter.

(f) "Registration duties" means obtaining the registration information required on the form specified by the department as well as the photograph,

fingerprints and biological sample of the registrant. Biological samples are to be forwarded to the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory pursuant to Section 45-33-37; the photograph, fingerprints and other registration information are to be forwarded to the Department of Public Safety immediately.

(g) "Responsible agency" is defined as the person or government entity whose duty it is to obtain information from a criminal sex offender upon conviction and to transmit that information to the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

(i) For a criminal sex offender being released from the custody of the Department of Corrections, the responsible agency is the Department of Corrections.

(ii) For a criminal sex offender being released from a county jail, the responsible agency is the sheriff of that county.

(iii) For a criminal sex offender being released from a municipal jail, the responsible agency is the police department of that municipality.

(iv) For a sex offender in the custody of the youth court, the responsible agency is the youth court.

(v) For a criminal sex offender who is being placed on probation, including conditional discharge or unconditional discharge, without any sentence of incarceration, the responsible agency is the sentencing court.

(vi) For an offender who has been committed to a mental institution following an acquittal by reason of insanity, the responsible agency is the facility from which the offender is released. Specifically, the director of the facility shall notify the Department of Public Safety before the offender's release.

(vii) For a criminal sex offender who is being released from a jurisdiction outside this state or who has a prior conviction in another jurisdiction and who is to reside, work or attend school in this state, the responsible agency is both the sheriff of the proposed county of residence and the department.

(h) "Sex offense" or "registrable offense" means any of the following offenses:

(i) Section 97-3-53 relating to kidnapping, if the victim was below the age of eighteen (18);

(ii) Section 97-3-65 relating to rape; however, conviction or adjudication under Section 97-3-65(1)(a) when the offender was eighteen (18) years of age or younger at the time of the alleged offense, shall not be a registrable sex offense;

(iii) Section 97-3-71 relating to rape and assault with intent to ravish;

(iv) Section 97-3-95 relating to sexual battery; however, conviction or adjudication under Section 97-3-95(1)(c) when the offender was eighteen (18) years of age or younger at the time of the alleged offense, shall not be a registrable sex offense;

(v) Section 97-5-5 relating to enticing a child for concealment, prostitution or marriage;

(vi) Section 97-5-23 relating to the touching of a child, mentally defective or incapacitated person or physically helpless person for lustful purposes;

(vii) Section 97-5-27 relating to the dissemination of sexually oriented material to children;

(viii) Section 97-5-33 relating to the exploitation of children;

(ix) Section 97-5-41 relating to the carnal knowledge of a stepchild, adopted child or child of a cohabiting partner;

(x) Section 97-29-3 relating to sexual intercourse between teacher and student;

(xi) Section 97-29-59 relating to unnatural intercourse;

(xii) Section 43-47-18 relating to sexual abuse of a vulnerable person;

(xiii) Section 97-3-54.1(1)(c) relating to procuring sexual servitude of a minor and Section 97-3-54.3 relating to aiding, abetting or conspiring to violate Section 97-3-54.1(1)(c);

(xiv) Section 97-29-61(2) relating to voyeurism when the victim is a child under sixteen (16) years of age;

(xv) Section 97-29-63 relating to filming another without permission where there is an expectation of privacy;

(xvi) Section 97-29-45(1)(a) relating to obscene electronic communication;

(xvii) Section 97-3-104 relating to the crime of sexual activity between law enforcement, correctional or custodial personnel and prisoners;

(xviii) Section 97-5-39(1)(e) relating to contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a child, felonious abuse or battery of a child, if the victim was sexually abused;

(xix) Section 97-29-51 relating to procuring or promoting prostitution when the victim is a child under eighteen (18) years of age;

(xx) Section 97-1-7 relating to attempt to commit any of the offenses referenced in this paragraph (h);

(xxi) Any other offense resulting in a conviction in another jurisdiction which, if committed in this state, would be deemed to be such a crime without regard to its designation elsewhere;

(xxii) Any offense resulting in a conviction in another jurisdiction for which registration is required in the jurisdiction where the conviction was had;

(xxiii) Any conviction of conspiracy to commit, accessory to commission, or attempt to commit any offense listed in this section;

(xxiv) Capital murder when one (1) of the above-described offenses is the underlying crime.

(i) "Temporary residence" is defined as any place where the person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of seven (7) or more * * * aggregate days in a six (6) month period which is not the person's permanent residence.

(j) "Address" means the actual physical street address of a person's permanent or temporary residence. For a person who is homeless but is subject to registration under this chapter, the address information must provide a specific description of where the person habitually lives; the term "homeless" or similar description does not constitute an address within the contemplation of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 45-33-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-33-25. (1) (a) Any person having a permanent or temporary residence in this state or who is employed or attending school in this state who has been convicted of a registrable offense in this state or another jurisdiction or who has been acquitted by reason of insanity of a registrable offense in this state or another jurisdiction shall register with the responsible agency and the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Registration shall not be required for an offense that is not a registrable sex offense or for an offender who is under fourteen (14) years of age. The department shall provide the initial registration information as well as every change of name, change of address, change of status at a school, or other change of information as required by the department to the sheriff of the county of the residence address of the registrant, the sheriff of the county of the employment address, and the sheriff of the county of the school address, if applicable, and any other jurisdiction of the registrant through either written notice, electronic or telephone transmissions, or online access to registration information. Further, the department shall provide this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Additionally, upon notification by the registrant that he intends to reside outside the State of Mississippi, the department shall notify the appropriate state law enforcement agency of any state to which a registrant is moving or has moved.

(b) Any person having a permanent or temporary residence or who is employed or attending school in this state who has been adjudicated delinquent for a registrable sex offense listed in this paragraph that involved use of force against the victim shall register as a sex offender with the responsible agency and shall personally

appear at a facility designated by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, or in a manner of the Department of Public Safety's choosing, including by electronic means, within three (3) business days of registering with the responsible agency:

(i) Section 97-3-71 relating to rape and assault with intent to ravish;
(ii) Section 97-3-95 relating to sexual battery;
(iii) Section 97-3-65 relating to statutory rape; or
(iv) Conspiracy to commit, accessory to the commission of, or attempt to commit any offense listed in this paragraph.

(2) Any person required to register under this chapter shall submit the following information at the time of registration:

(a) Name, including a former name which has been legally changed;

(b) Street address of all current permanent and temporary residences within state or out of state at which the sex offender resides or habitually lives, including dates of temporary lodgings. There is a presumption that a registrant owes a duty of updating registration information if * * * the registrant remains away from a registered address for seven (7) or more * * * aggregate days in a six (6) month period; * * *

(c) Date, place and address of employment, including as a volunteer or unpaid intern or as a transient or day laborer;

(d) Crime for which charged, arrested or convicted;

(e) Date and place of conviction, adjudication or acquittal by reason of insanity;

(f) Aliases used or nicknames, ethnic or tribal names by which commonly known;

(g) Social security number and any purported social security number or numbers;

(h) Date and place of birth and any purported date and place of birth;

(i) Age, race, sex, height, weight, hair and eye colors, and any other physical description or identifying factors;

(j) A brief description of the offense or offenses for which the registration is required;

(k) Driver's license or state or other jurisdiction identification card number, which license or card may be electronically accessed by the Department of Public Safety;

(l) Anticipated future residence;

(m) If the registrant's residence is a motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home or manufactured home, the registrant shall also provide vehicle identification number, license tag number, registration number and a description, including color scheme, of the motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home or manufactured home; if the registrant's place of residence is a vessel or houseboat, the registrant shall also provide the hull identification number, manufacturer's serial number, name of the vessel or houseboat, registration number and a description, including color scheme, of the vessel or houseboat, including permanent or frequent locations where the motor vehicle, trailer, mobile home, manufactured home, vessel or houseboat is kept;

(n) Vehicle make, model, color and license tag number for all vehicles owned or operated by the sex offender, whether for work or personal use, and the permanent or frequent locations where a vehicle is kept;

(o) Offense history;

(p) Photograph;

(q) Fingerprints and palm prints;

(r) Documentation of any treatment received for any mental abnormality or personality disorder of the person;

(s) Biological sample;

(t) Name of any public or private educational institution, including any secondary school, trade or professional institution or institution of higher education

at which the offender is employed, carries on a vocation (with or without compensation) or is enrolled as a student, or will be enrolled as a student, and the registrant's status;

(u) Copy of conviction or sentencing order for the sex offense for which registration is required;

(v) The offender's parole, probation or supervised release status and the existence of any outstanding arrest warrants;

(w) Every online identity, screen name or username used, registered or created by a registrant;

(x) Professional licensing information which authorizes the registrant to engage in an occupation or carry out a trade or occupation;

(y) Information from passport and immigration documents;

(z) All telephone numbers, including, but not limited to, permanent residence, temporary residence, cell phone and employment phone numbers, whether landlines or cell phones; and

(aa) Any other information deemed necessary.

(3) For purposes of this chapter, a person is considered to be residing in this state if he maintains a permanent or temporary residence as defined in Section 45-33-23, including students, temporary employees and military personnel on assignment.

(4) (a) A person required to register under this chapter shall not reside within three thousand (3,000) feet of the real property comprising a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school, a child care facility, a residential child-caring agency, a children's group care home or any playground, ballpark or other recreational facility utilized by persons under the age of eighteen (18) years.

(b) A person residing within three thousand (3,000) feet of the real property comprising a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school or a child care facility does not commit a violation of this subsection if any of the following apply:

(i) The person is serving a sentence at a jail, prison, juvenile facility or other correctional institution or facility.

(ii) The person is subject to an order of commitment under Title 41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(iii) The person established the subject residence before July 1, 2006.

(iv) The school or child care facility is established within three thousand (3,000) feet of the person's residence subsequent to the date the person established residency.

(v) The person established the subject residence between July 1, 2006, and January 1, 2014, in a location at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from the school or child care facility.

(vi) The person is a minor or a ward under a guardianship.

(c) A person residing within three thousand (3,000) feet of the real property comprising a residential child-caring agency, a children's group care home or any playground, ballpark or other recreational facility utilized by persons under the age of eighteen (18) years does not commit a violation of this subsection if any of the following apply:

(i) The person established the subject residence before July 1, 2008.

(ii) The residential child-caring agency, children's group care home, playground, ballpark or other recreational facility utilized by persons under the age of eighteen (18) years is established within three thousand (3,000) feet of the person's residence subsequent to the date the person established residency.

(iii) The person established the subject residence between July 1, 2008, and January 1, 2014, in a location at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from the residential child-caring agency, children's group care home, playground, ballpark or other recreational facility utilized by persons under the age of eighteen (18) years.

(iv) Any of the conditions described in subsection (4)(b)(i), (ii) or (vi) exist.

(5) The Department of Public Safety is required to obtain the text of the law defining the offense or offenses for which the registration is required.

SECTION 3. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Organ procurement organization PEER review committee," "PEER review committee" or "committee" means a committee of representatives of a not-for-profit organization responsible for recovering organs from donors for transplantation, which organization's federally designated donation service area includes all or a portion of the State of Mississippi. An "organ procurement organization PEER review committee" may be comprised solely of representatives of a state not-for-profit organization or any national not-for-profit entity with which the federal government contracts to serve as the nation's transplant system, or a combination of representatives from both the state organization and entity servicing as the nation's transplant system.

(b) "Proceedings" means all reviews, meetings, conversations and communications of an organ procurement organization PEER review committee.

(c) "Records" means all committee minutes, transcripts, applications, correspondence, incident reports and other documents created, received or reviewed by or for an organ procurement organization PEER review committee.

(2) A not-for-profit organization responsible for recovering organs from donors for transplantation in all or a portion of the state may establish an organ procurement organization PEER review committee. The functions of an organ procurement organization PEER review committee include, but are not limited to: evaluating and improving the quality of services rendered by the state organization; evaluating the competence or practice of employees and staff of the state organization; and determining if services rendered by the organization were professionally performed in compliance with the applicable standard of care.

(3) A person or institution furnishing information, data, reports or records to a PEER review committee may not be held liable for damages to another person by reason of furnishing the information. A member of a PEER review committee may not be held liable for damages to a person for an action taken or recommendation made within the scope of the functions of the committee if the committee or committee member acted without malice and in the reasonable belief that the action or recommendation was warranted by the facts known to the individual at the time of the action or recommendation.

(4) The identity of a person who is an organ donor or organ recipient is confidential and may not be revealed by a PEER review committee or member of the committee.

(5) Notwithstanding any conflicting statute, court rule or other law, in order to encourage PEER review activity, the proceedings and records of an organ procurement organization PEER review committee are confidential and not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in a civil action arising out of the matters which are the subject of evaluation and review by the committee. A person who was in attendance at a meeting of the PEER review committee may not be permitted or required to testify in a civil action regarding evidence or other matters produced or presented during the proceedings of the committee or as to any findings, recommendations, evaluations, opinions or other actions of the committee or its members. However, information, documents or records otherwise discoverable or admissible from original sources are not to be construed as immune from discovery or use in a civil action merely because they were presented during the proceedings of the committee. A person who testifies before the committee or who is a member of the committee may not be prevented from testifying as to other matters within the person's knowledge; however, a witness may not be questioned concerning the person's participation on or testimony before the committee or opinions formed by the witness as a result of the PEER review committee hearings or proceedings.

(6) The provisions of subsection (5) of this section which limit the discovery of PEER review committee records and proceedings do not apply in a legal action brought by a PEER review committee against an employee of the organization or other

person for alleged wrongdoing or in a legal action brought by an aggrieved employee of the organization or other person against the committee or a member of the committee for actions alleged to have been malicious.

SECTION 4. Section 47-7-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-47. (1) The judge of any circuit court may place an offender on a program of earned probation, in an intensive supervision program or any intervention court authorized by law after a period of confinement as set out herein and the judge may seek the advice of the commissioner and shall direct that the defendant be under the supervision of the department.

(2) (a) Any circuit court or county court may, upon its own motion, acting upon the advice and consent of the commissioner not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than *** three (3) years after the defendant has been delivered to the custody of the department, *** incarcerated by order of the court or otherwise sentenced, modify, alter or suspend the further execution of the sentence and place the defendant on earned probation, in an intensive supervision program or any intervention court authorized by law except when a death sentence or life imprisonment is the maximum penalty which may be imposed or if the defendant has been confined two (2) or more times for the conviction of a felony on a previous occasion in any court or courts of the United States and of any state or territories thereof or has been convicted of a felony involving the use of a deadly weapon.

(b) The authority granted in this subsection shall be exercised by the judge who imposed sentence on the defendant, or his successor.

(c) The time limit imposed by paragraph (a) of this subsection is not applicable to those defendants sentenced to the custody of the department prior to April 14, 1977. Persons who are convicted of crimes that carry mandatory sentences shall not be eligible for earned probation.

(3) When any circuit or county court places an offender on earned probation, the court shall give notice to the Mississippi Department of Corrections within fifteen (15) days of the court's decision to place the offender on earned probation. Notice shall be delivered to the central office of the Mississippi Department of Corrections and to the regional office of the department which will be providing supervision to the offender on earned probation.

(4) If the court places any person on probation or earned probation, the court may order the person, as a condition of probation, to a period of confinement and treatment at a private or public agency or institution, either within or without the state, which treats emotional, mental or drug-related problems. Any person who, as a condition of probation, is confined for treatment at an out-of-state facility shall be supervised pursuant to Section 47-7-71, and any person confined at a private agency shall not be confined at public expense. Time served in any such agency or institution may be counted as time required to meet the criteria of subsection (2)(a).

(5) If the court places any person on probation or earned probation, the court may order the person to make appropriate restitution to any victim of his crime or to society through the performance of reasonable work for the benefit of the community.

(6) If the court places any person on probation or earned probation, the court may order the person, as a condition of probation, to submit, as provided in Section 47-5-601, to any type of breath, saliva or urine chemical analysis test, the purpose of which is to detect the possible presence of alcohol or a substance prohibited or controlled by any law of the State of Mississippi or the United States.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 45-33-23 AND 45-33-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS FOR THE PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT REGULATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; TO DECLARE THAT THE RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS OF AN ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT DISCOVERABLE IN A

CIVIL ACTION; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO DESCRIBE THE FUNCTIONS OF PEER REVIEW COMMITTEES; TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS PROVIDING INFORMATION TO AND MEMBERS OF A PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE; TO PROHIBIT A PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBERS FROM REVEALING THE IDENTITY OF ORGAN DONORS AND RECIPIENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 47-7-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE JURISDICTIONAL TIME PERIOD FOR A COURT'S AUTHORITY TO REVISE A DEFENDANT'S SENTENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Jansen Owen, Dana McLean

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Joseph Thomas

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett, Read. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 49-7-79, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-7-79. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly enter the lands of another without the permission of, or without being accompanied by, the landowner or the lessee of the land, or the agent of such landowner or lessee, to hunt, fish, shoot, or trap * * * on the lands or leases of another * * *.

(b) Any person convicted of subsection (a) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Upon conviction of any person for a second or subsequent offense, with the offenses being committed within five (5) years of the last offense, such person shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

(c) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense of subsection (a) of this section, the offenses being committed within a five (5) year period, shall also forfeit all hunting, trapping, and fishing privileges for a period of one (1) year. Such person shall pay a reinstatement fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to have his or her privileges restored.

(d) Any animal, bird, fish, or parts thereof, that have been unlawfully taken or possessed in violation of subsection (1)(a) of this section shall be seized by a law enforcement officer and disposed of by the department, or under its direction.

(e) In addition to any other fine or penalty, a person convicted of subsection (a) of this section shall be assessed restitution of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), nor more than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), for each animal, bird, fish, or parts thereof, taken or possessed in violation of this section. The total amount of restitution authorized by this paragraph shall not exceed an aggregate total of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) regardless of the number of animals unlawfully taken or possessed in violation of this section.

(f) The clerk of the court shall collect and deposit the administrative fees with the State Treasurer, in the same manner and in accordance with the same procedure, as nearly as practicable, as required for the collection and deposit of state assessments under Section 99-19-73.

(g) The administrative fee shall be credited to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and may be expended by the department upon appropriation by the Legislature.

SECTION 2. Section 97-17-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-17-85. Except as otherwise provided in Sections 73-13-103 and 49-7-79, if any person shall go upon the enclosed land of another without his consent, after having been notified by such person or his agent not to do so, either personally or by published or posted notice, or shall remain on such land after a request by such person or his agent to depart, he shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for such offense. The provisions of this section shall apply to land not enclosed where the stock law is in force.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-79, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE LAW PROHIBITING HUNTING ON LANDS OF OTHERS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-85, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Zachary Grady, Billy Adam Calvert
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Neil S. Whaley, Benjamin Suber, Jeremy England

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Barnett, Boyd, R, Butler-Washington, Clark, Currie, Faulkner, Hobgood-Wilkes, James-Jones, Ladner, Rosebud. Total--10.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Blackmon, Summers. Total--2.

Necessary for passage--72

Rep. Horan called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders and district attorneys; revise provisions related to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 97-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-3-21. (1) Except as otherwise provided for a juvenile offender in subsection (2) of this section, every person who * * * is:

(a) Convicted of first-degree murder shall be sentenced by the court to imprisonment for life in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

(* * * b) * * * Convicted of second-degree murder shall be imprisoned for life in the custody of the Department of Corrections if the punishment is so fixed by the jury in its verdict after a separate sentencing proceeding. If the jury fails to agree on fixing the penalty at imprisonment for life, the court shall fix the penalty at not less than twenty (20) nor more than forty (40) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

(* * * c) * * * Convicted of capital murder shall be sentenced (* * * i) to death; (* * * ii) to imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary without parole; or (* * * iii) to imprisonment for life in the State Penitentiary with eligibility for parole as provided in Section 47-7-3(1)(* * * c)(iii).

(2) (a) For the purposes of this section, "juvenile offender" means a person who had not reached the age of eighteen (18) years at the time of the commission of the offense.

(b) A juvenile offender who is convicted of first-degree murder after July 1, 2024, may be sentenced to life imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections if the punishment is so fixed by the jury. If the jury fails to fix the penalty at life imprisonment, the court shall fix the penalty at not less than twenty (20) nor more than forty (40) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

(c) A juvenile offender who is convicted of capital murder after July 1, 2024, may be sentenced to life imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections or life imprisonment without eligibility for parole in the custody of the Department of Corrections if the punishment is so fixed by the jury. If the jury fails to fix the penalty at life imprisonment or life imprisonment without parole, the court shall fix the penalty at not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than fifty (50) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

(d) For a juvenile offender who was convicted of first-degree murder or capital murder prior to July 1, 2024, and who is entitled to a hearing under this subsection, the judge who presided over the trial, or a judge appointed by the senior circuit judge, if the presiding judge is unavailable, shall fix the penalty.

SECTION 2. Section 99-19-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-19-101. (1) Upon conviction or adjudication of guilt of a defendant of capital murder or other capital offense, the court shall conduct a separate sentencing proceeding to determine whether the defendant should be sentenced to death, life imprisonment without eligibility for parole, or life imprisonment; however, a sentence of death cannot be imposed if the defendant was not at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the commission of the offense. The proceeding shall be conducted by the trial judge before the trial jury as soon as practicable. If, through impossibility or inability, the trial jury is unable to reconvene for a hearing on the issue of penalty, having determined the guilt of the accused, the trial judge may summon a jury to determine the issue of the imposition of the penalty. If the trial jury has been waived, or if the defendant pleaded guilty, the sentencing proceeding shall be conducted before a jury impaneled for that purpose or may be conducted before the trial judge sitting without a jury if both the State of Mississippi and the defendant agree thereto in writing. In the proceeding, evidence may be presented as to any matter that the court deems relevant to sentence, and shall include matters relating to any of the aggravating or mitigating circumstances. However, this subsection shall not be construed to authorize the introduction of any evidence secured in violation of the Constitution of the United States or of the State of Mississippi. The state and the defendant and the defendant's counsel shall be permitted to present arguments for or against the sentence of death.

(2) After hearing all the evidence, the jury shall deliberate on the following matters:

(a) Whether sufficient factors exist as enumerated in subsection (7) of this section;

(b) Whether sufficient aggravating circumstances exist as enumerated in subsection (5) of this section;

(c) Whether sufficient mitigating circumstances exist as enumerated in subsection (6) of this section, which outweigh the aggravating circumstances found to exist; and

(d) Based on these considerations, whether the defendant should be sentenced to life imprisonment, life imprisonment without eligibility for parole, or death.

(3) For the jury to impose a sentence of death, it must unanimously find in writing the following:

(a) That sufficient factors exist as enumerated in subsection (7) of this section;

(b) That sufficient aggravating circumstances exist as enumerated in subsection (5) of this section; * * *

(c) That there are insufficient mitigating circumstances, as enumerated in subsection (6), to outweigh the aggravating circumstances * * *; and

(d) That the defendant was eighteen (18) years of age or older at the time of the commission of the offense.

In each case in which the jury imposes the death sentence, the determination of the jury shall be supported by specific written findings of fact based upon the circumstances in subsections (5) and (6) of this section and upon the records of the trial and the sentencing proceedings. If, after the trial of the penalty phase, the jury does not make the findings requiring the death sentence or life imprisonment without eligibility for parole, or is unable to reach a decision, the court shall impose a sentence of life imprisonment.

(4) The judgment of conviction and sentence of death shall be subject to automatic review by the Supreme Court of Mississippi within sixty (60) days after certification by the sentencing court of the entire record, unless the time is extended for an additional period by the Supreme Court for good cause shown. The review by the Supreme Court shall have priority over all other cases and shall be heard in accordance with rules promulgated by the Supreme Court.

(5) Aggravating circumstances shall be limited to the following:

(a) The capital offense was committed by a person under sentence of imprisonment.

(b) The defendant was previously convicted of another capital offense or of a felony involving the use or threat of violence to the person.

(c) The defendant knowingly created a great risk of death to many persons.

(d) The capital offense was committed while the defendant was engaged, or was an accomplice, in the commission of, or an attempt to commit, or flight after committing or attempting to commit, any robbery, rape, arson, burglary, kidnapping, aircraft piracy, sexual battery, unnatural intercourse with any child under the age of twelve (12), or nonconsensual unnatural intercourse with mankind, or felonious abuse or battery of a child in violation of subsection (2) of Section 97-5-39, or the unlawful use or detonation of a bomb or explosive device.

(e) The capital offense was committed for the purpose of avoiding or preventing a lawful arrest or effecting an escape from custody.

(f) The capital offense was committed for pecuniary gain.

(g) The capital offense was committed to disrupt or hinder the lawful exercise of any governmental function or the enforcement of laws.

(h) The capital offense was committed to influence the policy of a governmental entity by intimidation or coercion, or to affect the conduct of a governmental entity by mass destruction or assassination.

(i) The capital offense was especially heinous, atrocious or cruel.

(j) The capital offense was committed to intimidate or coerce a civilian population.

(6) Mitigating circumstances shall be the following:

(a) The defendant has no significant history of prior criminal activity.

(b) The offense was committed while the defendant was under the influence of extreme mental or emotional disturbance.

(c) The victim was a participant in the defendant's conduct or consented to the act.

(d) The defendant was an accomplice in the capital offense committed by another person and his participation was relatively minor.

(e) The defendant acted under extreme duress or under the substantial domination of another person.

(f) The capacity of the defendant to appreciate the criminality of his conduct or to conform his conduct to the requirements of law was substantially impaired.

(g) The age of the defendant at the time of the crime.

(7) In order to return and impose a sentence of death the jury must make a written finding of one or more of the following:

(a) The defendant actually killed;

- (b) The defendant attempted to kill;
- (c) The defendant intended that a killing take place;
- (d) The defendant contemplated that lethal force would be

employed.

(8) For the purposes of this section, to "intimidate" or "coerce" do not include peaceful picketing, boycotts or other nonviolent action.

(9) This section shall not apply to a juvenile offender who was not at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the commission of the offense. A juvenile offender convicted of capital murder shall be sentenced pursuant to Section 97-3-21(2).

SECTION 3. The amendments made to Section 97-3-21 by this act shall operate prospectively from July 1, 2024.

SECTION 4. Section 25-31-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-31-21. (1) If, at the time of impaneling the grand jury in any circuit court, the district attorney be absent or unable to perform his duties or, if after impaneling of the grand jury, the district attorney be absent or unable to perform his duties or be disqualified, the court shall forthwith appoint some attorney at law to act for the state in the place of the district attorney during his absence or inability or disqualification, and the person appointed shall have the power to discharge all the duties of the office during the absence or inability or disqualification of the district attorney, and shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services, to be allowed by the court and certified to the auditor, who shall issue his warrant therefor. Such allowance shall be deducted from the salary of the district attorney, and shall not exceed the amount of the salary of the district attorney for the number of days allotted by law for the term of the court at which such appointees shall act.

(2) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to include and shall not be applicable if a district attorney recuses himself from a case or has a conflict of interest with a case, without regard to whether the case has been presented to the grand jury before such recusal or whether the case had not yet been presented to the grand jury.

(3) When the appointed attorney is required to travel beyond the limits of the judicial district in which he or she is normally employed, all reasonable expenses incurred in prosecuting the case shall be borne by the judicial district of the district attorney being assisted in the discharge of his or her duties, if not already compensated by the state.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-3-21 AND 99-19-101, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING OPTIONS FOR JUVENILE OFFENDERS IN COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HOLDINGS IN THE CASES OF *MILLER V. ALABAMA* AND *ROPER V. SIMMONS*; TO AMEND SECTION 25-31-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR RECUSAL BY ATTORNEYS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPANELING A GRAND JURY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Brice Wiggins
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Jansen Owen, Rodney Hall (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-

Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Present--Rosebud. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Chris McDill Law."

(2) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have the meaning herein ascribed unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Assisted reproductive technology" means a method of preserving fertility or attempting pregnancy through means other than by sexual intercourse, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (i) Intrauterine, intracervical, or vaginal insemination;
- (ii) Donation of gametes;
- (iii) Donation of embryos;
- (iv) Receiving of gametes;
- (v) Receiving of embryos;
- (vi) In vitro fertilization;
- (vii) Embryo transfer; and
- (viii) Intracytoplasmic sperm injection.

(b) "Personal property" means goods and chattels or personal estate.

(3) When any person shall die possessed of personal property not bequeathed before the start of a pregnancy by assisted reproductive technology resulting in the birth of an individual who lives at least one hundred twenty (120) hours

after birth, that individual is deemed to be living at the time of the decedent's death and shall be entitled to a child's part of the decedent's personal property as provided in this section if the decedent's personal representative and the court, not later than six (6) months after the decedent's death, received notice or had actual knowledge of an intent to use the decedent's genetic material in the assisted reproduction; and

(a) The embryo was in utero not later than thirty-six (36) months after the decedent's death; or

(b) The individual was born not later than forty-five (45) months after the decedent's death.

(4) (a) This section shall only be applicable if there is a record signed by the decedent and the person who intends to use the decedent's genetic material in the assisted reproductive technology that the decedent consented to the use of the decedent's genetic material in assisted reproductive technology after the death of the decedent.

(b) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that the decedent did not consent to the use of the decedent's genetic material in the assisted reproductive technology if the decedent was divorced or legally separated at the time of the decedent's death from the person who wishes to use the decedent's genetic material in the assisted reproductive technology.

(5) An individual deemed to be living at the time of the decedent's death under subsection (3) of this section shall be entitled to a child's part of the decedent's personal property, or the equivalent value thereof. If more than one (1) individual is deemed to be living at the time of the decedent's death under subsection (3) of this section, each individual shall be entitled to an equal share of a child's part of the decedent's personal property, or the equivalent value thereof.

(6) (a) Upon receipt of notice or the actual knowledge required under subsection (3) of this section, the court shall:

(i) Set aside a child's part of the decedent's personal property, or the equivalent value thereof, for distribution to an individual deemed to be living at the time of the decedent's death under subsection (3) of this section;

(ii) Distribute the remainder of the decedent's estate, except for the set-aside child's part of the decedent's personal property, or the equivalent value thereof, according to the statutes of descent and distribution; and

(iii) Enter an order closing the estate for all purposes except the distribution of the set-aside part of the decedent's personal property or the equivalent value thereof.

(b) If an individual is deemed to be living at the time of the decedent's death under subsection (3) of this section, the court shall distribute the set-aside portion of the decedent's personal estate according to subsection (5) of this section. If no individual is deemed living at the time of the decedent's death under subsection (3) of this section, the court shall distribute the set aside portion of the decedent's personal estate as is otherwise provided according to the statutes of descent and distribution.

(7) It is the intent of the Legislature that an individual deemed to be living at the time of the decedent's death under subsection (3) of this section shall be eligible for federal benefits under subchapter II of Chapter 7 of Title 41 of the United States Code.

SECTION 2. Section 91-1-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

91-1-11. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, when any person shall die possessed of goods and chattels or personal estate not bequeathed, the same shall descend to and be distributed among his or her heirs in the same manner that real estate not devised descends.

(2) When any person shall die possessed of goods and chattels or personal estate not bequeathed, the provisions of Section 1 of this act are applicable in determining whether a child of a decedent is living at the time of the decedent's death.

SECTION 3. Section 91-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

91-1-7. (1) If a husband dies intestate and * * * does not leave children or descendants of children, his widow shall be entitled to his entire estate, real and

personal, in fee simple, after payment of his debts; but where the deceased husband * * * leaves a child or children by that or a former marriage, or descendants of such child or children, his widow shall have a child's part of his estate, in either case in fee simple. If a married woman dies owning any real or personal estate not disposed of, it shall descend to her husband and her children or their descendants if she * * * has any surviving her, either by a former husband or by the surviving husband, in equal parts, according to the rules of descent. If she * * * has children and there also * * * are descendants of other children who have died before the mother, the descendants shall inherit the share to which the parent would have been entitled if living, as coheirs with the surviving children. If she * * * has no children or descendants of them, then the husband shall inherit all of her property.

(2) The provisions of Section 1 of this act are applicable in determining whether a child of a decedent is living at the time of the decedent's death.

SECTION 4. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) No criminal prosecution for the damage to or death of an unimplanted embryo shall be brought or maintained against any patient, individual, entity or manufacturer when providing or receiving products and/or services related to assisted reproductive technology as defined in Section 5(a) of this act.

(b) No civil cause of action shall be brought or maintained against any patient, individual or entity when receiving products or providing or receiving services related to assisted reproductive technology as defined in Section 5(a) of this act unless such individual or entity has breached the relevant standard of care.

(c) In any civil action or suit brought or maintained against any manufacturer, individual or entity providing products and/or services related to assisted reproductive technology, damages shall be limited to economic damages only, calculated as the price paid for the impacted service.

(2) This section shall apply retroactively to any act, omission, or course of services rendered on or before the effective date of this act.

SECTION 5. For purposes of Sections 5 through 9 of this act, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Assisted reproductive technology" means a method of preserving fertility or attempting pregnancy through means other than by sexual intercourse including, but not limited to the following:

- (i) Intrauterine, intracervical, or vaginal insemination;
- (ii) Donation of gametes;
- (iii) Donation of embryos;
- (iv) Receiving of gametes;
- (v) Receiving of embryos;
- (vi) In vitro fertilization;
- (vii) Embryo transfer; and
- (viii) Intracytoplasmic sperm injection.

(b) "Child" means an individual born from a pregnancy achieved by means of medically assisted fertility treatment in furtherance of a collaborative reproduction agreement.

(c) "Egg" means the unfertilized female reproductive cell.

(d) "Sperm" means the male reproductive cell.

(e) "Gamete" means a male sperm or a female egg.

(f) "Fertilization" means the initial union of an egg and sperm.

(g) "Gestational carrier" means a woman who is at least twenty-one (21) years of age and who voluntarily contracts to become pregnant by means of assisted reproductive technology without the use of her egg and who agrees to terminate her parental rights and responsibilities to a resulting child in favor of the intended parent(s). As it relates to the termination of parental rights and the determination of parentage under Section 9 of this act, the term "gestational carrier" includes the woman's spouse if applicable. The term "gestational carrier" does not include a woman who agrees to become pregnant through providing her own egg and is also the person carrying the embryo.

(h) "Intended parent" means an individual or individuals who, as evidenced by a gestational carrier agreement, intend to assert parental rights and responsibilities for a child conceived by assisted reproduction, regardless of whether the child is biologically related to the intended parent.

(i) "Embryo transfer" means the transfer of an embryo that is fertilized by means of assisted reproductive technology to an individual's uterus.

(j) "Embryo" means the product of fertilization of an egg by a sperm.

(k) "Gestational carrier agreement" means a written agreement between a gestational carrier and one or more intended parents that specifies the intent of the parties as to their rights and responsibilities in the gestational carrier arrangement, consistent with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 6. The donor of any egg, sperm, or embryo, upon written evidence of intent to donate, or in the absence of written evidence, upon clear and convincing evidence of intent to donate, shall relinquish all parental rights and obligations with respect to the donation or any resulting child or children. Reasonable compensation directly related to the donation of eggs, sperm, and embryos shall be permitted.

SECTION 7. (1) Individuals may enter into a gestational carrier agreement as specified in this section. A gestational carrier agreement shall include, at a minimum, the following terms:

(a) That the gestational carrier agrees to become pregnant by means of assisted reproductive technology, to bear a child or children, and to terminate any parental rights and responsibilities to the resulting child or children through a pre-birth legal proceeding determining parentage in the intended parent rather than the gestational carrier, pursuant to Section 9 of this act;

(b) That the gestational carrier agrees to submit to reasonable medical evaluation and treatment and to adhere to reasonable medical instructions about her prenatal health;

(c) That the intended parent agree to accept custody of and to assert full parental rights and responsibilities for the child or children immediately upon birth, regardless of any impairment of the child or children;

(d) That the intended parent shall be the sole source of consent with respect to medical decisions regarding the child or children carried by gestational carrier, with due consideration to the health of the gestational carrier;

(e) That the intended parent shall be consulted with during all aspects of the pregnancy with the gestational carrier's treating physician or medical provider;

(f) That the gestational carrier shall be the sole source of consent with regard to medical decisions which affect her health, whether related to the pregnancy or otherwise, as long as any decision to terminate the pregnancy shall only be made where necessary for the preservation of the gestational carrier's life;

(g) That the gestational carrier agrees to relinquish any parental rights and to proceed with pre-birth judicial proceedings prescribed under Section 9 of this act; and

(h) That the gestational carrier agreement may be terminated at any time by any of the parties upon medical confirmation that the gestational carrier is not pregnant at the time of termination.

(2) A gestational carrier agreement may not affect final determination of parentage of a child. Final determination of parentage shall be made in accordance with Section 9 of this act.

SECTION 8. (1) An intended parent and a gestational carrier shall be represented by separate and independent counsel in any matter relating to a gestational carrier agreement or judicial determination of parental rights pursuant to Section 9 of this act.

(2) Doctors, psychologists, attorneys and other professionals may receive compensation for their professional services, such as providing medical services and procedures, legal advice in structuring and negotiating a gestational carrier agreement, determination of parentage through a court proceeding, or counseling.

(3) Compensation may be paid to a person acting as the gestational carrier as compensation for medical risks, physical discomfort, inconvenience, reimbursement of actual costs and living expenses, and the responsibilities she is undertaking in connection with her participation in the gestational carrier agreement.

(4) Compensation paid to a person acting as the gestational carrier shall not exceed the duration of the pregnancy and recuperative period of up to eight (8) weeks after the birth of any resulting children or upon release of the gestational carrier from medical care by her treating physician, whichever is later.

(5) The provisions Sections 5 through 9 of this act shall not be construed to authorize any abortion procedure or allow or require access for any person to obtain an abortion.

SECTION 9. (1) Before the birth of a child conceived by assisted reproductive technology under a gestational carrier agreement, a party to the agreement may commence a proceeding in chancery court for an order or judgment:

(a) Declaring that each intended parent is a legal parent of the child and ordering that parental rights and duties vest immediately upon the birth of the child exclusively in each intended parent;

(b) Declaring that the gestational carrier and the gestational carrier's spouse, if applicable, are not the legal parents of the child;

(c) Authorizing the Mississippi State Department of Health to issue a birth certificate for the child or children upon birth; and

(d) Including other relief the court determines necessary and proper.

(2) All parties to the gestational carrier agreement must join in such proceeding.

(3) Venue for judicial determination of parentage under this section shall be proper in the chancery court of the county of the birth of the child or children, county of the gestational carrier's residence or the county of the residence of the intended parent.

(4) All judicial proceedings under Section 5 through 9 of this act shall be confidential and shall be held in closed court as is provided for adoptions in Section 93-17-25.

SECTION 10. (1) As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meaning herein ascribed unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Health care provider" means any entity or individual, including, but not limited to, any physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, pharmacist, health care support personnel, and any other individual that is:

(i) Engaged or seeks to engage in the delivery of assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services, including through the provision of evidence-based information, counseling, referrals or items and services that relate to, aid in or provide fertility treatment; and

(ii) Licensed, certified or otherwise authorized to engage in the delivery of such assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services, if such licensure, certification or other authorization is required by state law.

(b) "Assisted reproductive technology" means a method of preserving fertility or attempting pregnancy through means other than by sexual intercourse including, but not limited to the following:

(i) Intrauterine, intracervical, or vaginal insemination;

(ii) Donation of gametes;

(iii) Donation of embryos;

(iv) Receiving of gametes;

(v) Receiving of embryos;

(vi) In vitro fertilization;

(vii) Embryo transfer; and

(viii) Intracytoplasmic sperm injection.

(c) "Patient" means any individual who receives or seeks to receive assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services and evidence based information, counseling, referrals or items and services that relate to, aid in or provide fertility treatment.

(2) It is the purpose of this section to permit health care providers to provide, and for patients to receive, assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services without limitations or requirements that:

- (a) Are more burdensome than limitations or requirements imposed on medically comparable treatments, procedures or services;
- (b) Do not significantly advance reproductive health or the safety of such treatments, procedures or services; or
- (c) Unduly restrict access to such treatments, procedures or services.

(3) (a) An individual has a right under this section to:

- (i) Access assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services;
- (ii) Continue or complete an ongoing assisted reproductive technology treatment or procedure pursuant to a written plan or agreement with a health care provider; and
- (iii) Retain all rights regarding the individual's reproductive genetic materials.

(b) A health care provider has a right under this section to:

- (i) Perform or assist with the performance of assisted reproductive technology treatments or procedures; and
- (ii) Provide or assist with the provision of evidence-based information related to assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services.

(c) A health insurance provider has a right under this section to cover assisted reproductive technology treatments or procedures.

(4) (a) Any individual or entity adversely affected by an alleged violation of subsection (3) of this section may commence a civil action against any state or local government official that enacts, implements or enforces a limitation or requirement that violates subsection (3) of this section.

(b) A health care provider may commence an action for relief on its own behalf, on behalf of the provider's staff, or on behalf of the provider's patients who are or may be adversely affected by an alleged violation of subsection (3) of this section. The court shall hold unlawful and enjoin the limitation or requirement if it is in violation of subsection (3) of this section.

(5) In any action under this section:

- (a) The court may award appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief; and
- (b) The court shall award costs of litigation, as well as reasonable attorney's fees, to any prevailing plaintiff. A plaintiff shall not be liable to a defendant for costs or attorney's fees in any nonfrivolous action under this section.

(6) In any cause of action against an individual or entity who is subject to a limitation or requirement that violates this section, in addition to the remedies specified in this section, this section shall also apply to, and may be raised as a defense by, such an individual or entity.

(7) Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

- (a) Require any state or governmental entity, public or private health benefits plan, or private health insurance policy to pay for or cover assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services nor require any health care provider to provide assisted reproductive technology treatments, procedures or services;
- (b) Authorize any abortion procedure or allow or require access for any person to obtain an abortion;
- (c) Supersede any provision of Section 11-61-1 which is the Mississippi Religious Freedom Restoration Act;
- (d) Authorize or allow human cloning, gene-editing designer babies, or creation of human-animal hybrids;
- (e) Authorize or allow buying, selling, destroying or otherwise disposing of any human embryos created from assisted reproductive technology treatments or procedures; or

(f) Authorize legal actions to be brought against the Mississippi Legislature or any member of the Legislature.

(8) For purposes of this section, a health care provider shall be presumed to be acting in good faith.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO ENACT THE CHRIS MCDILL LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF INTESTATE SUCCESSION, IF THE DECEDENT DIES BEFORE THE START OF A PREGNANCY BY ASSISTED REPRODUCTION RESULTING IN THE BIRTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LIVES AT LEAST 120 HOURS AFTER BIRTH, THAT INDIVIDUAL IS DEEMED TO BE LIVING AT THE TIME OF THE DECEDENT'S DEATH UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE DECEDENT'S ESTATE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 91-1-11 AND 91-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR THE DAMAGE TO OR DEATH OF AN EGG, SPERM, OR EMBRYO WHEN PROVIDING OR RECEIVING PRODUCTS AND OR SERVICES RELATED TO ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; TO PROHIBIT A CIVIL ACTION WHEN RECEIVING PRODUCTS OR PROVIDING OR RECEIVING SERVICES RELATED TO ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY UNLESS AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY HAS BREACHED THE RELEVANT STANDARD OF CARE; TO LIMIT DAMAGES IN ANY CIVIL ACTION OR SUIT BROUGHT OR MAINTAINED AGAINST ANY MANUFACTURER, INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY PROVIDING PRODUCTS AND/OR SERVICES RELATED TO ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH CRIMINAL IMMUNITY AND CIVIL LIMITATIONS SHALL BE RETROACTIVELY; TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO GESTATIONAL CARRIERS; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE DONATION OF GAMETES OR EMBRYOS; TO ESTABLISH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR GESTATIONAL CARRIER AGREEMENTS; TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO GESTATIONAL CARRIERS; TO PROVIDE FOR A JUDICIAL PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING THE PARENTAL STATUS OF CHILDREN BORN TO GESTATIONAL CARRIERS; TO PROVIDE A RIGHT FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ACCESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY TREATMENTS, PROCEDURES OR SERVICES, CONTINUE OR COMPLETE AN ONGOING ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY TREATMENT OR PROCEDURE, AND RETAIN ALL RIGHTS REGARDING THE INDIVIDUAL'S REPRODUCTIVE GENETIC MATERIALS; TO PROVIDE A RIGHT FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PERFORM OR ASSIST WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY TREATMENTS OR PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST WITH THE PROVISION OF EVIDENCE-BASED INFORMATION RELATED TO ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY TREATMENTS, PROCEDURES OR SERVICES; TO PROVIDE A RIGHT TO HEALTH INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO COVER ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY TREATMENTS OR PROCEDURES; TO AUTHORIZE INDIVIDUALS, ENTITIES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT TO ENFORCE THEIR RIGHTS IN COURT; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE RIGHTS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Dana McLean

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, Joey Fillingane

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady,

Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--96.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anthony, Crawford, Currie, Harness, Keen, Ladner, McCray, Sanford, Summers. Total-9.

Present--Banks, Brown, Clark, Crudup, Estrada, Evans, Faulkner, Foster, Hines, Holloway, G, Hulum, Johnson, Mattox, Nelson, Porter, Rosebud, Thompson. Total--17.
Necessary for passage--48

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. As used in this act, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Association" means the state Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association established under Section 8 of this act.

(b) "Court" means youth court or, if there is no youth court in the county where the CASA program is located, then chancery court.

(c) "Court-appointed special advocate case" or "CASA case" means a child or group of siblings who are within the jurisdiction of the court as a result of abuse, neglect or dependency proceedings and for whom the court has appointed and the program director has assigned a CASA volunteer.

(d) "Court-appointed special advocate program" or "CASA program" means a program by which trained community volunteers are provided to the court for appointment to represent the best interests of children who have come into the court system as a result of dependency, abuse or neglect.

(e) "Court-appointed special advocate volunteer" or "CASA volunteer" means a person who completes training through, and is supervised by, a CASA program and appointed by a judge to represent the best interests of dependent, abused or neglected children in court.

(f) "Local board" means the local board of directors appointed or selected pursuant to Section 2 of this act to govern a local CASA program.

(g) "Program director" means the director of each local CASA program selected under Section 2 of this act.

(h) "State board" means the state board of directors elected under Section 8 of this act.

(i) "State director" means the director of the state association provided for in Section 10 of this act.

SECTION 2. (1) For the purpose of providing an independent, efficient and thorough representation for children who enter the court system as a result of dependency, abuse or neglect, there may be established a court-appointed special advocate program by the judge of the youth court or, if none, the senior chancellor in the county in which the program is established.

(2) A local CASA program must be governed by a local board of directors. For new CASA programs, the initial board must be appointed by the judge of the youth court or, if none, the senior chancellor. Thereafter, members must be selected by the existing board members. Each board must include at least seven (7) members. Each board member must have a demonstrated interest in child welfare issues and commitment to the purpose and role of the court-appointed special advocate volunteers. Employees of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services are not eligible to serve as officers on the board. As far as practicable, members must be representative of the racial and ethnic composition of the area served by the CASA program. The following are the powers and duties of the board:

(a) Determine major personnel, organization, fiscal, and program policies including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) Measures to be taken to safeguard the CASA program's information relating to children, their families and the CASA volunteers;

(ii) The procedures for the recruitment, screening, training and supervision of CASA volunteers; and

(iii) The procedure for and circumstances warranting dismissal of a CASA volunteer from the CASA program;

(b) Determine overall plans and priorities for the CASA program, including provisions for evaluating progress against performance;

(c) Approve the program budget;

(d) Enforce compliance with all conditions of all grants contracts;

(e) Determine rules and procedures for the governing board;

(f) Select the officers and the executive committee, if any, of the governing board;

(g) Meet at least four (4) times each year;

(h) Submit an annual report to the association in the uniform manner required, which must include, but need not be limited to, the following information:

(i) Number of CASA volunteers in the program;

(ii) Number of program staff;

(iii) Number of children served;

(iv) Number of volunteers receiving initial training;

(v) Number of and topics for in-service training;

(vi) The type of source of the funds received and the amount received from each type of source during the previous fiscal year;

(vii) The expenditures during the previous year; and

(viii) Other information as deemed appropriate.

(3) Local CASA programs shall comply with the National CASA Association and Mississippi CASA Association Standards for Programs. Local programs shall ensure that CASA volunteers are supervised adequately by providing at least one (1) supervisory staff person for every thirty (30) CASA volunteers who have been appointed by the court and assigned by the program director. Each local CASA program must be managed by a qualified director whose service may be voluntary or who may be paid a salary. The program director's duties include:

(a) Administration of the CASA program, as directed by the local and state boards;

(b) Recruitment, screening, training and supervision of CASA volunteers and other program staff;

(c) Facilitation of the performance of the court-appointed special advocates' duties; and

(d) Ensuring that the security measures established by the local and state boards for safeguarding the information relating to children, their families and the CASA volunteers are maintained.

(4) As far as practicable, CASA volunteers must be representative of the socioeconomic, racial and ethnic composition of the area served.

(5) CASA volunteers may be removed by the court for nonparticipation or other cause or by the program director pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

(6) Employees of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services may not become volunteers or employees of the court appointed special advocate program.

(7) All written court-appointed special advocate reports submitted pursuant to Section 7 of this act must become part of the court records of the child.

(8) Each CASA volunteer, program director and other program staff must take an oath, administered by a judge of the court, to keep confidential all information related to the appointed case except in conferring with or reports to the court, parties to the case, the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, others designated by the court, and as provided by law.

(9) CASA volunteers must be appointed by the presiding judge to represent the best interest of the child, subject to judicial discretion, and only after confirmation from the program director that the CASA volunteer has been screened properly and trained.

SECTION 3. (1) Secretarial and support services for each CASA program must be provided by the association. The Administrative Office of Courts also may provide secretarial and support services.

(2) CASA programs may receive private funds and local, state and federal government funding to ensure total or partial funding of program activities.

SECTION 4. (1) A CASA volunteer must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;

(b) Be of good moral character;

(c) Complete a written application providing the names of at least three (3) references;

(d) Submit to a personal interview with program staff;

(e) Submit to a criminal records background check; and

(f) Submit to child and vulnerable person abuse registries checks.

(2) If found acceptable, the applicant shall obtain a minimum of thirty (30) hours of initial training and take an oath of confidentiality administered by a youth court judge or, if none, a chancellor in the chancery court district.

(3) Initial and in-service training of volunteers must be provided by the program director or staff following standards adopted pursuant to Section 9 of this act.

SECTION 5. (1) The clerk of court shall:

(a) Notify and provide a copy of all dependency, abuse and neglect petitions to the program director, as soon as the court makes a referral to the program director for assignment of a CASA volunteer to the case;

(b) Provide a copy of all court orders issued pursuant to this section; and

(c) Notify the program director of all scheduled court hearings for cases to which a CASA volunteer has been assigned.

(2) Upon appointment by the court to represent a child, the CASA volunteer will have access to information and records as previously set out in Mississippi Code of 1972, Section 43-21-121.

SECTION 6. (1) CASA volunteers who have a conflict of interest in a case may not be appointed to the case.

(2) The CASA volunteer shall:

- (a) Attend all court hearings, except that the CASA volunteer may be excused by the court or the program director if emergency circumstances arise;
- (b) Submit no less than one (1) written report and recommendation to the judge every six (6) months for consideration in determining the best interest of the child at the dispositional hearing, dispositional review hearings, and other hearings as requested by the court for as long as the case is assigned to the CASA volunteer;
- (c) Monitor the case by visiting the child as often as necessary to observe whether the child's essential needs are being met and whether court orders actually are being carried out;
- (d) Participate in any medical treatment planning conferences and educational reviews involving the child to assess whether reasonable efforts are being made to provide services to the child and family and determine the appropriateness and progress of the child's permanent plan;
- (e) Advocate a prompt, thorough review of the case if the child's circumstances warrant the attention of the court;
- (f) Interview parties involved in the case, including interviewing and observing the child;
- (g) Maintain complete written records about the case;
- (h) Report any incidents of child or adult abuse or neglect to the appropriate authorities and to the program director;
- (i) Remain actively involved in the case until dismissed from the case by the program director or judge with competent jurisdiction or when an adoption proceeding is finalized;
- (j) Return all case-related materials including, but not limited to, written notes, court reports and agency documents to the program director upon the request of the program director.

SECTION 7. (1) A state Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association is established. All CASA volunteers, local board members, program directors and staff are eligible for membership in the association. Other categories of membership may be created by the association.

(2) The association shall meet annually to elect a board of directors to manage the business of the association. The board shall elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer annually. The board shall meet at least four (4) times each year, and meetings may be held more frequently when called by the president of the board or by a majority of the board members.

SECTION 8. The association shall:

- (a) Adopt and approve state standards for all CASA volunteers, program directors and other staff, including, but not limited to, guidelines for training;
- (b) Adopt and approve the uniform annual data reporting procedures for local programs pursuant to subsection (2)(h) of Section 2; and
- (c) Evaluate and make recommendations before January 1 of each year to the Supreme Court, Governor, Judiciary Committees of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the Administrative Offices of Courts addressing:
 - (i) Laws of the state affecting the welfare of children and families; and
 - (ii) The effectiveness or ineffectiveness, including reasons, of local CASA volunteers advocating for permanent placement for the children in the state.

SECTION 9. (1) If the state board employs a full-time staff person to serve as the director of the association, then the state director must be a person who, by a combination of education, professional qualification, training and experience is qualified to perform the duties of this position. The state director must be of good moral character with at least two (2) years of experience working in a position managing a human services program and who has received a:

- (a) Master's degree in social work, sociology, psychology, guidance and counseling, education, criminal justice or other human services field; or

(b) Baccalaureate degree in social work, sociology, psychology, guidance and counseling, education, criminal justice or other human service field with, in addition to the work experience required in this subsection, at least two (2) additional years of experience working in the human services field.

(2) The duties of the state director are as follows:

(a) To manage the state court-appointed special advocate office, including staff;

(b) To coordinate the activities of the association;

(c) To monitor the policies and practices of local CASA programs for compliance with state laws, National CASA Association Standards for Programs, and reporting requirements established by the state association; to assist local CASA programs in efforts to achieve compliance; and to report to the state association the status of compliance by local CASA programs;

(d) Upon request of local CASA programs, to provide technical assistance to local CASA programs;

(e) To provide technical assistance and support to judges of the youth courts, chancery court judges and others in the development of new local CASA programs;

(f) To coordinate a statewide public awareness campaign for generating interest in developing new CASA programs, recruiting volunteers and informing the public of the issues concerning child abuse and neglect; and

(g) Other duties as directed by the association.

SECTION 10. (1) Secretarial and support services for the state board may be provided by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(2) The association may receive private funds and local, state and federal government funds to financially assist existing local CASA programs, assist local efforts to start a CASA program, and support other activities deemed appropriate by the association.

SECTION 11. Each CASA program shall forward annually to the association data collected pursuant to Sections 2 and 8 of this act.

SECTION 12. Section 43-21-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

43-21-121. (1) The youth court shall appoint a guardian ad litem for the child:

(a) When a child has no parent, guardian or custodian;

(b) When the youth court cannot acquire personal jurisdiction over a parent, a guardian or a custodian;

(c) When the parent is a minor or a person of unsound mind;

(d) When the parent is indifferent to the interest of the child or if the interests of the child and the parent, considered in the context of the cause, appear to conflict;

(e) In every case involving an abused or neglected child which results in a judicial proceeding; or

(f) In any other instance where the youth court finds appointment of a guardian ad litem to be in the best interest of the child.

(2) The guardian ad litem shall be appointed by the court when custody is ordered or at the first judicial hearing regarding the case, whichever occurs first.

(3) In addition to all other duties required by law, a guardian ad litem shall have the duty to protect the interest of a child for whom he has been appointed guardian ad litem. The guardian ad litem shall investigate, make recommendations to the court or enter reports as necessary to hold paramount the child's best interest. The guardian ad litem is not an adversary party and the court shall ensure that guardians ad litem perform their duties properly and in the best interest of their wards. The guardian ad litem shall be a competent person who has no adverse interest to the minor. The court shall ensure that the guardian ad litem is adequately instructed on the proper performance of his duties.

(4) The court, including a county court serving as a youth court, may appoint either a suitable attorney or a suitable layman as guardian ad litem. In cases where the court appoints a layman as guardian ad litem, the court shall also appoint an attorney to represent the child. From and after January 1, 1999, in order to be eligible for an

appointment as a guardian ad litem, such attorney or layperson must have received child protection and juvenile justice training provided by or approved by the Mississippi Judicial College within the year immediately preceding such appointment. The Mississippi Judicial College shall determine the amount of child protection and juvenile justice training which shall be satisfactory to fulfill the requirements of this section. The Administrative Office of Courts shall maintain a roll of all attorneys and laymen eligible to be appointed as a guardian ad litem under this section and shall enforce the provisions of this subsection.

(5) Upon appointment of a guardian ad litem, the youth court shall continue any pending proceedings for a reasonable time to allow the guardian ad litem to familiarize himself with the matter, consult with counsel and prepare his participation in the cause. The youth court shall issue an order of assignment that grants the guardian ad litem authority to review all relevant documents concerning the minor child and to interview all parties and witnesses involved in proceedings concerning the minor child for whom the guardian ad litem is appointed.

(6) Upon order of the youth court, the guardian ad litem shall be paid a reasonable fee as determined by the youth court judge or referee out of the county general fund as provided under Section 43-21-123. To be eligible for such fee, the guardian ad litem shall submit an accounting of the time spent in performance of his duties to the court.

(7) (a) The court, in its sound discretion, may appoint a volunteer trained layperson to assist children subject to the provisions of this section in addition to the appointment of a guardian ad litem. If the court utilizes his or her discretion as prescribed under this subsection, a volunteer Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) shall be appointed from a program that supervises the volunteer and meets all state and national CASA standards to advocate for the best interests of children in abuse and neglect proceedings. To accomplish the assignment of a CASA volunteer, the court shall issue an order of assignment that shall grant the CASA volunteer the authority, equal to that of the guardian ad litem, to review all relevant documents and to interview all parties and witnesses involved in the proceeding in which he or she is appointed. Except as otherwise ordered by the court, the assignment of a CASA volunteer for a child shall include subsequent proceedings through permanent placement of the child.

(b) Before assigning a CASA volunteer as prescribed under this subsection, the youth court judge shall determine if the volunteer has sufficient qualifications, training and ability to serve as a CASA volunteer, including his or her ability to represent and advocate for the best interests of children assigned to him or her. No volunteer shall be assigned until a comprehensive criminal background check has been conducted.

All CASA volunteers shall:

- (i) Be sworn in by a judge of the court;
 - (ii) Swear or affirm to abide by all laws, regulations, and orders of the court;
 - (iii) Swear or affirm to advocate what he or she perceives to be in the best interests of the child for whom he or she is assigned in all matters pending before the court;
 - (iv) Provide independent, factual information to the court regarding the children and cases to which they are assigned;
 - (v) Advocate on behalf of the children involved in the cases to which they are assigned what they perceive to be in the best interests of the children; and
 - (vi) Monitor proceedings in cases to which they have been assigned and advise and assist the court in its determination of the best interests of the children involved.
- (c) Regarding any case to which a CASA volunteer has been assigned, the CASA volunteer:
- (i) Shall be notified by the court of all court proceedings and hearings of any kind pertaining to the child;

(ii) Shall be notified by the Department of Child Protection Services of all administrative review hearings;

(iii) Shall be entitled to attend all court proceedings and hearings of any kind pertaining to the child;

(iv) May be called as a witness in the proceedings by any party or by the court and may request of the court the opportunity to appear as a witness; and

(v) Shall be given access to all portions of the court record relating to proceedings pertaining to the child and the child's family.

(d) Upon application to the court and notice to all parties, the court shall grant the CASA volunteer access to other information, including the department records as provided in Section 43-21-261, relating to the child and the child's family and to other matters involved in the proceeding in which he or she is appointed. All records and information requested or reviewed by the CASA volunteer in the course of his or her assignment shall be deemed confidential and shall not be disclosed by him except pursuant to court order. All records and information shall only be disclosed as directed by court order and shall be disclosed as directed by court order and shall be subject to whatever protective order the court deems appropriate.

SECTION 13. Section 43-21-261, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-261. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, records involving children shall not be disclosed, other than to necessary staff or officials of the youth court, a guardian ad litem appointed to a child by the court, or a Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer who may be assigned in * * * a dependency, abuse * * * or neglect case, except pursuant to an order of the youth court specifying the person or persons to whom the records may be disclosed, the extent of the records which may be disclosed and the purpose of the disclosure. Such court orders for disclosure shall be limited to those instances in which the youth court concludes, in its discretion, that disclosure is required for the best interests of the child, the public safety, the functioning of the youth court, or to identify a person who knowingly made a false allegation of child abuse or neglect, and then only to the following persons:

(a) The judge of another youth court or member of another youth court staff;

(b) The court of the parties in a child custody or adoption cause in another court;

(c) A judge of any other court or members of another court staff, including the chancery court that ordered a forensic interview;

(d) Representatives of a public or private agency providing supervision or having custody of the child under order of the youth court;

(e) Any person engaged in a bona fide research purpose, provided that no information identifying the subject of the records shall be made available to the researcher unless it is absolutely essential to the research purpose and the judge gives prior written approval, and the child, through his or her representative, gives permission to release the information;

(f) The Mississippi Department of Employment Security, or its duly authorized representatives, for the purpose of a child's enrollment into the Job Corps Training Program as authorized by Title IV of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act of 1973 (29 USCS Section 923 et seq.). However, no records, reports, investigations or information derived therefrom pertaining to child abuse or neglect shall be disclosed;

(g) Any person pursuant to a finding by a judge of the youth court of compelling circumstances affecting the health, safety or well-being of a child and that such disclosure is in the best interests of the child or an adult who was formerly the subject of a youth court delinquency proceeding;

(h) A person who was the subject of a knowingly made false allegation of child abuse or neglect which has resulted in a conviction of a perpetrator in accordance with Section 97-35-47 or which allegation was referred by the Department of Child Protection Services to a prosecutor or law enforcement official in accordance with the provisions of Section 43-21-353(4).

Law enforcement agencies may disclose information to the public concerning the taking of a child into custody for the commission of a delinquent act without the necessity of an order from the youth court. The information released shall not identify the child or his address unless the information involves a child convicted as an adult.

(2) Any records involving children which are disclosed under an order of the youth court or pursuant to the terms of this section and the contents thereof shall be kept confidential by the person or agency to whom the record is disclosed unless otherwise provided in the order. Any further disclosure of any records involving children shall be made only under an order of the youth court as provided in this section.

(3) Upon request, the parent, guardian or custodian of the child who is the subject of a youth court cause or any attorney for such parent, guardian or custodian, shall have the right to inspect any record, report or investigation relevant to a matter to be heard by a youth court, except that the identity of the reporter shall not be released, nor the name of any other person where the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of such person. The attorney for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child, upon request, shall be provided a copy of any record, report or investigation relevant to a matter to be heard by a youth court, but the identity of the reporter must be redacted and the name of any other person must also be redacted if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life, safety or well-being of the person. A record provided to the attorney under this section must remain in the attorney's control and the attorney may not provide copies or access to another person or entity without prior consent of a court with appropriate jurisdiction.

(4) Upon request, the child who is the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to have his counsel inspect and copy any record, report or investigation which is filed with the youth court or which is to be considered by the youth court at a hearing.

(5) (a) The youth court prosecutor or prosecutors, the county attorney, the district attorney, the youth court defender or defenders, or any attorney representing a child shall have the right to inspect and copy any law enforcement record involving children.

(b) The Department of Child Protection Services shall disclose to a county prosecuting attorney or district attorney any and all records resulting from an investigation into suspected child abuse or neglect when the case has been referred by the Department of Child Protection Services to the county prosecuting attorney or district attorney for criminal prosecution.

(c) Agency records made confidential under the provisions of this section may be disclosed to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) Records involving children shall be disclosed to the Division of Victim Compensation of the Office of the Attorney General upon the division's request without order of the youth court for purposes of determination of eligibility for victim compensation benefits.

(6) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed by the Department of Child Protection Services without order of the youth court to any attorney, physician, dentist, intern, resident, nurse, psychologist, social worker, family protection worker, family protection specialist, child caregiver, minister, law enforcement officer, or a public or private school employee making that report pursuant to Section 43-21-353(1) if the reporter has a continuing professional relationship with the child and a need for such information in order to protect or treat the child.

(7) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further order of the youth court to any interagency child abuse task force established in any county or municipality by order of the youth court of that county or municipality.

(8) Names and addresses of juveniles twice adjudicated as delinquent for an act which would be a felony if committed by an adult or for the unlawful possession of a firearm shall not be held confidential and shall be made available to the public.

(9) Names and addresses of juveniles adjudicated as delinquent for murder, manslaughter, burglary, arson, armed robbery, aggravated assault, any sex offense as defined in Section 45-33-23, for any violation of Section 41-29-139(a)(1) or for any violation of Section 63-11-30, shall not be held confidential and shall be made available to the public.

(10) The judges of the circuit and county courts, and presentence investigators for the circuit courts, as provided in Section 47-7-9, shall have the right to inspect any youth court records of a person convicted of a crime for sentencing purposes only.

(11) The victim of an offense committed by a child who is the subject of a youth court cause shall have the right to be informed of the child's disposition by the youth court.

(12) A classification hearing officer of the State Department of Corrections, as provided in Section 47-5-103, shall have the right to inspect any youth court records, excluding abuse and neglect records, of any offender in the custody of the department who as a child or minor was a juvenile offender or was the subject of a youth court cause of action, and the State Parole Board, as provided in Section 47-7-17, shall have the right to inspect such records when the offender becomes eligible for parole.

(13) The youth court shall notify the Department of Public Safety of the name, and any other identifying information such department may require, of any child who is adjudicated delinquent as a result of a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law.

(14) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have the right to inspect any youth court records in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking forms for such purpose.

(15) Upon a request by a youth court, the Administrative Office of Courts shall disclose all information at its disposal concerning any previous youth court intakes alleging that a child was a delinquent child, child in need of supervision, child in need of special care, truant child, abused child or neglected child, as well as any previous youth court adjudications for the same and all dispositional information concerning a child who at the time of such request comes under the jurisdiction of the youth court making such request.

(16) The Administrative Office of Courts may, in its discretion, disclose to the Department of Public Safety any or all of the information involving children contained in the office's youth court data management system known as Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System or "MYCIDS."

(17) The youth courts of the state shall disclose to the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) any youth court records in order that the number of youthful offenders, abused, neglected, truant and dependent children, as well as children in need of special care and children in need of supervision, may be tracked with specificity through the youth court and adult justice system, and to utilize tracking forms for such purpose. The disclosure prescribed in this subsection shall not require a court order and shall be made in sortable, electronic format where possible. The PEER Committee may seek the assistance of the Administrative Office of Courts in seeking this information. The PEER Committee shall not disclose the identities of any youth who have been adjudicated in the youth courts of the state and shall only use the disclosed information for the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of programs established to assist adjudicated youth, and to ascertain the incidence of adjudicated youth who become adult offenders.

(18) In every case where an abuse or neglect allegation has been made, the confidentiality provisions of this section shall not apply to prohibit access to a child's records by any state regulatory agency, any state or local prosecutorial agency or law enforcement agency; however, no identifying information concerning the child in question may be released to the public by such agency except as otherwise provided herein.

(19) In every case of child abuse or neglect, if a child's physical condition is medically labeled as medically "serious" or "critical" or a child dies, the confidentiality

provisions of this section shall not apply. In such cases, the following information may be released by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services: the cause of the circumstances regarding the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition; the age and gender of the child; information describing any previous reports of child abuse or neglect investigations that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition; the result of any such investigations; and the services provided by and actions of the state on behalf of the child that are pertinent to the child abuse or neglect that led to the fatality or medically serious or critical physical condition.

(20) Any member of a foster care review board designated by the Department of Child Protection Services shall have the right to inspect youth court records relating to the abuse, neglect or child in need of supervision cases assigned to such member for review.

(21) Information concerning an investigation into a report of child abuse or child neglect may be disclosed without further order of the youth court in any administrative or due process hearing held, pursuant to Section 43-21-257, by the Department of Child Protection Services for individuals whose names will be placed on the central registry as substantiated perpetrators.

(22) The Department of Child Protection Services may disclose records involving children to the following:

(a) A foster home, residential child-caring agency or child-placing agency to the extent necessary to provide such care and services to a child;

(b) An individual, agency or organization that provides services to a child or the child's family in furtherance of the child's permanency plan to the extent necessary in providing those services;

(c) Health and mental health care providers of a child to the extent necessary for the provider to properly treat and care for the child;

(d) An educational institution or educational services provider where the child is enrolled or where enrollment is anticipated to the extent necessary for the school to provide appropriate services to the child;

(e) Any state agency or board that administers student financial assistance programs. However, any records request under this paragraph shall be initiated by the agency or board for the purpose determining the child's eligibility for student financial assistance, and any disclosure shall be limited to the verification of the child's age during the period of time in which the child was in the department's legal custody; and

(f) Any other state agency if the disclosure is necessary to the department in fulfilling its statutory responsibilities in protecting the best interests of the child.

(23) Nothing in this section or chapter shall require youth court approval for disclosure of records involving children as defined in Section 43-21-105(u), if the disclosure is made in a criminal matter by a municipal or county prosecutor, a district attorney or statewide prosecutor, pursuant to the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure and the records are disclosed under a protective order issued by the Circuit Court presiding over the criminal matter which incorporates the penalties stated in Section 43-21-267.

SECTION 14. Section 37-26-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-26-11. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Children's Advocacy Centers Fund, which shall be administered by the Office of the Attorney General. The purpose of the fund shall be for training forensic interviewers in child abuse and child sexual abuse cases, training law enforcement officers and prosecutors about child abuse cases, expanding the number of Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi to underserved areas, and other related purposes. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the Attorney General, upon appropriation by the Legislature. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal-year limitations, and shall consist of:

(a) Monies appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of funding the Children's Advocacy Centers of Mississippi;

- (b) The interest accruing to the fund;
- (c) Monies received under the provisions of Section 99-19-73;
- (d) Monies received from the federal government;
- (e) Donations; and
- (f) Monies received from such other sources as may be provided

by law.

(2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Mississippi Foster Care Fund, which shall be administered by the * * * Administrative Office of Courts. The purpose of the fund shall be for supporting the services directly provided to foster families and foster children by programs, persons or entities pursuant to contracts and grants that comply with Mississippi law, and for other related purposes. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the * * * office, upon appropriation by the Legislature, only for the purposes stated in this subsection, and only in such amounts as then exist in the fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal-year limitations, and shall consist of:

- (a) Monies appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of funding the Mississippi Foster Care Fund;
- (b) The interest accruing to the fund;
- (c) Monies received under the provisions of Section 99-19-73 for the Mississippi Foster Care Fund, ninety percent (90%) of which shall be used directly for supporting the services directly provided to foster families and foster children by programs, persons or entities pursuant to contracts and grants that comply with Mississippi law, and no more than ten percent (10%) of which shall be used for administrative purposes;
- (d) Monies received from the federal government;
- (e) Donations; and
- (f) Monies received from such other sources as may be provided

by law.

(3) From and after July 1, 2016, the expenses of the Children's Advocacy Centers Fund Program shall be defrayed by appropriation from the State General Fund and all user charges and fees authorized under this section shall be deposited into the State General Fund as authorized by law and as determined by the State Fiscal Officer.

(4) From and after July 1, 2016, no state agency shall charge another state agency a fee, assessment, rent or other charge for services or resources received by authority of this section.

SECTION 15. Sections 1 through 11 of this act shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 16. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STATE STANDARDS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR LOCAL COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) PROGRAMS; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS; TO AUTHORIZE A YOUTH COURT JUDGE TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL CASA PROGRAM GOVERNED BY A LOCAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO PRESCRIBE THE BOARD'S POWERS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE CASA ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS; TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL CASA VOLUNTEERS; TO REQUIRE THE CLERK OF COURT TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES IN RELATION TO CASA VOLUNTEERS APPOINTED TO A COURT CASE; TO PRESCRIBE THE DUTIES OF A CASA VOLUNTEER ASSIGNED TO A CASE; TO CREATE A STATE COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA) ASSOCIATION; TO PRESCRIBE THE STATE ASSOCIATION'S DUTIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ASSOCIATION TO EMPLOY A DIRECTOR AND TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR; TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS TO PROVIDE SECRETARIAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATION; TO REQUIRE LOCAL CASA PROGRAMS TO SUBMIT SPECIFIED DATA TO THE ASSOCIATION;

TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 43-21-121 AND TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-261, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 37-26-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS SHALL ADMINISTER THE MISSISSIPPI FOSTER CARE FUND AND PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Jimmy Fondren

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Derrick T. Simmons, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from cancelling or denying coverage solely due to roof's age.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) If an insurer has issued to an insured a binder that binds coverage of a residential structure, the insurer shall not refuse to issue or cancel the policy solely because of the age of the roof of the residential structure.

(2) This act shall apply to homeowners' insurance policies issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN INSURER HAS ISSUED TO AN INSURED A BINDER THAT BINDS COVERAGE OF A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE, THE INSURER SHALL NOT REFUSE TO ISSUE OR CANCEL THE POLICY SOLELY BECAUSE OF THE AGE OF THE ROOF OF THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Tyler McCaughn, Chris Johnson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Beth Luther Waldo

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Ford, J, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--115.

Nays--Ford, K, Hawkins, Yancey. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Felsher, Sanford, Summers. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2180: CCID inferior Court and DPS; revision provisions related to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2180: Department of Public Safety; remove prior written approval for certain events and authorize enforcement of municipal code.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-19. (1) The Department of Public Safety, through the Office of Capitol Police, shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi on the properties, from curb to curb, including adjoining streets, sidewalks and leased parking lots within the Capitol Complex, set forth in Section 29-5-2, the Governor's mansion, the Supreme Court Building, the Mississippi Department of Transportation Building and the Public Employees' Retirement System Building, and any property purchased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the State of Mississippi for conducting state business and not specifically under the supervision and care by any other state entity, but which is reasonably assumed the Department of Public Safety would be responsible for such. The Department of Public Safety shall, through any person or persons appointed by the commissioner, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi on the grounds of or within those properties. The Department of Public Safety shall, in addition, enforce the provisions of this section and Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95, and prescribe such rules and regulations as are necessary therefor. The powers and duties related to the administration of Sections 29-5-57 through 29-5-67, 29-5-73 through 29-5-75, and 29-5-81 through 29-5-95 shall remain with the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) Subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the Board of Trustees and the Department of Public Safety shall be authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Board of Trustees located at the corner of Ridgewood Road and Lakeland Drive in the City of Jackson.

(3) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Department of Agriculture located at 121 North Jefferson Street and the new Farmers Market Building located at the corner of High and Jefferson Streets in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety will not post any security personnel at such buildings, but will provide regular vehicle patrols and responses to security system alarms.

(4) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to have jurisdiction and enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on the property of the Department of Agriculture known as the "Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex" and any and all of its outlying buildings and property. The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Agriculture are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel to the Department of Agriculture with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi on this property and any and all buildings on this property. The Department of Public Safety is authorized to charge the Department of Agriculture a fee for security services provided for special events at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Complex. The fee charged will be commensurate with the cost associated with the Department of Public Safety providing those services.

(5) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Revenue are authorized to enter into a contract for the Department of Public Safety to supply the security personnel with jurisdiction to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi at the Alcoholic Beverage Control facility and the Department of Revenue main office.

(6) (a) The Department of Public Safety shall have primary jurisdiction relative to any other state or municipal law enforcement agency to enforce all laws of the State of Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203; such enforcement shall be its primary function. The Department of Public Safety may, through any person or persons appointed by the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of

Mississippi * * *. The Department of Public Safety may also make arrests for any violations of the City of Jackson's * * * ordinances * * * which * * * occur within the boundaries of the district and within the boundaries of the City of Jackson. The Department of Public Safety may choose to present cases to either the District Attorney or the prosecuting attorneys designated by the Attorney General for prosecution of any violation of law that accrues or occurs, in whole or in part, within the boundaries established by Section 29-5-203. The jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety granted under this subsection (6) shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County, Mississippi within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District created in Section 29-5-203. At any time and/or during any event necessitating the coordination of and/or utilization at multiple jurisdictions, as determined by the Chief of Capitol Police or the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall be the lead agency when the event occurs on property as defined herein that is owned or leased by the state as provided in subsection (1) of this section. The jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Public Safety under this subsection (6) shall be in addition to any other jurisdiction and authority provided to the department under this section or any other law.

(b) The Department of Public Safety shall have jurisdiction relative to the enforcement of all laws of the State of Mississippi within the boundaries of the City of Jackson, Mississippi. The Department of Public Safety may, through any person or persons appointed by the Department of Public Safety, make arrests for any violation of any law of the State of Mississippi which occurs within the boundaries of the City of Jackson. The jurisdiction of the Department of Public Safety granted under this paragraph (b) shall not be primary and shall be concurrent with the jurisdiction of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and that of Hinds County, Mississippi.

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(* * * c) The Chief of the Capitol Police and/or the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, the Chief of the Jackson Police Department, and the Sheriff of Hinds County shall hold a regular meeting within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District to address the concerns of the public. Each meeting shall be called by the Chief of the Capitol Police; and the first meeting shall be called by October 15, 2023.

(7) The Department of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a contract with any county for the county to take custody of the misdemeanor offenders arrested under the authority granted under this section.

(8) All accrued personal leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-93, accrued major medical leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-95, accrued state compensatory leave earned pursuant to Section 25-3-92, and compensatory leave earned pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall transfer from the Department of Finance and Administration to the Department of Public Safety for all employees transferred under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 9-12-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

9-12-1. (1) (a) From and after January 1, 2024, there shall be created one (1) inferior court as authorized by Article 6, Section 172 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, to be located within the boundaries established in Section 29-5-203 for the Capitol Complex Improvement District, hereinafter referred to as "CCID". The CCID inferior court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all preliminary matters and criminal matters authorized by law for municipal courts that accrue or occur, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District; and shall have the same jurisdiction as municipal courts to hear and determine all cases charging violations of the motor vehicle and traffic laws of this state, and violations of the City of Jackson's * * * ordinances or municipal code * * * that accrue or occur, in whole or in part, within the boundaries of the Capitol Complex Improvement District.

(b) Any person convicted in the CCID inferior court may be placed in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Corrections, Central Mississippi facility.

(2) The Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court * * * may appoint * * * two (2) full-time CCID inferior court * * * judges. In addition, the Chief Justice may appoint one (1) part-time judge for the CCID inferior court, who shall serve for such time

specified by the Chief Justice. * * * Each judge shall possess all qualifications required by law for municipal court judges. * * * Each judge shall be a qualified elector of this state, and shall have such other qualifications as provided by law for municipal judges.

(3) The Administrative Office of Courts shall provide compensation for * * * all CCID inferior court judges and the support staff of the judges. * * * The compensation of each full-time judge shall * * * be in an amount not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) less than the compensation paid to * * * county court judges * * *. The compensation of the part-time judge shall be paid at an hourly rate and for such times specified by the Chief Justice.

(4) All fines, penalties, fees and costs imposed and collected by the CCID inferior court shall be deposited with the City of Jackson municipal treasurer or equivalent officer.

(5) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE ANY CITY ORDINANCE; TO DELETE THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT REQUIRES PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE CHIEF OF THE CAPITOL POLICE OR THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR EVENTS WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON ANY STREET OR SIDEWALK IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO ANY BUILDING OR PROPERTY OWNED OR OCCUPIED BY ANY OFFICIAL, AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OFFICE OR OTHER ENTITY OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, OR WHICH CAN REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO BLOCK, IMPEDE OR OTHERWISE HINDER INGRESS THERETO AND/OR EGRESS THEREFROM; TO AMEND SECTION 9-12-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSATION OF CCID INFERIOR COURT JUDGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Jeremy England
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Jimmy Fondren

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--108.

Nays--Osborne, Scott, Summers. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Clark, Faulkner, Hulum, James-Jones, Watson.
Total-5.

Present--Brown, Butler-Washington, Crudup, Gibbs, J, Holloway, G, Thompson.
Total--6.

Necessary for passage--56

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Mike Thompson, Juan Barnett

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Beth Luther Waldo

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Gibbs, K, Tubb. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 25-7-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[From and after January 1, 2024, and through December 31, 2027, this section shall read as follows:]

25-7-9. (1) The clerks of the chancery courts shall charge the following fees:

(a) For the act of certifying copies of filed documents, for each complete document \$ 1.00

(b) (i) Recording each deed, will, lease, amendment, subordination, lien, release, cancellation, order, decree, oath, etc., per book and page listed where applicable, each deed of trust, or any other document, for the first five (5) pages \$ 25.00

(ii) Each additional page \$ 1.00

(c) (i) Recording oil and gas leases, cancellations, etc., including indexing in general indices; for the first five (5) pages \$ 25.00

(ii) Recording each oil and gas assignment, amendment of assignment, release, etc., first five (5) pages \$ 25.00

per additional assignee \$ 18.00

(iii) Each additional page \$ 1.00

(iv) Sectional index entries per section or subdivision lot \$ 1.00

(v) Archive fee \$ 1.00

(vi) Entering marginal notations, if requested on document or by cover letter, pertaining to the recording of any oil and gas document only per book and page \$ 4.00

(d) (i) Furnishing copies of any papers of record or on file:

If performed by the clerk or his employee,

per page \$.50

If performed by any other person,

per page \$.25

(ii) Entering marginal notations on

documents of record \$ 1.00

(e) For attending the board of supervisors' meeting, an annual sum not exceeding \$ 2,500.00

(f) For other services as clerk of the board of supervisors an allowance shall be made to him (payable semiannually at the July and January meetings) out of the county treasury, an annual sum not exceeding \$ 5,500.00

(g) For each day's attendance on the chancery court, to be approved by the chancellor:

For the first chancellor sitting only, clerk and two (2) deputies, each \$ 85.00

For the second chancellor sitting, clerk only \$ 85.00

Provided that the fees herein prescribed shall be the total remuneration for the clerk and his deputies for attending chancery court.

(h) On order of the court, clerks and not more than two (2) deputies may be allowed five (5) extra days for each term of court for attendance upon the court to get up records.

(i) For public service not otherwise specifically provided for, the chancery court may by order allow the clerk to be paid by the county on the order of the board of supervisors, an annual sum not exceeding \$ 5,000.00

(j) For each civil filing, to be deposited into the Civil Legal Assistance Fund \$ 5.00

The chancery clerk shall itemize on the original document a detailed fee bill of all charges due or paid for filing, recording and abstracting same. No person shall be required to pay such fees until same have been so itemized, but those fees may be demanded before the document is recorded.

(2) The following fee shall be a total fee for all services performed by the clerk with respect to any civil case filed that includes, but is not limited to, divorce, alteration of birth or marriage certificate, removal of minority, guardianship or conservatorship, estate of deceased, adoption that does not involve the Department of Child Protection Services, land dispute injunction, settlement of small claim, contempt, modification, partition suit, or commitment, which shall be payable upon filing and shall accrue to the chancery clerk at the time of filing. The clerk or his successor in office shall perform all duties set forth without additional compensation or fee \$ 85.00

(3) For every civil case filed:

(a) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Comprehensive Electronic Court Systems Fund established in Section 9-21-14 \$ 10.00

(b) An additional fee to be deposited to the credit of the Judicial System Operation Fund established in Section 9-21-45 \$ 40.00

(4) Cost of process shall be borne by the issuing party. Additionally, should the attorney or person filing the pleadings desire the clerk to pay the cost to the sheriff for serving process on one (1) person or more, or to pay the cost of publication, the clerk shall demand the actual charges therefor, at the time of filing.

(5) For each civil case filed including an adoption involving the Department of Child Protection Services, the filing shall be exempt from any fee under this section.

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(5) For each civil case filed including an adoption involving the Department of Child Protection Services, the filing shall be exempt from any fee under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 93-15-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-15-107. (1) (a) Involuntary termination of parental rights proceedings are commenced upon the filing of a petition under this chapter. The petition may be filed by any interested person, or any agency, institution or person holding custody of the child. The simultaneous filing of a petition for adoption is not a prerequisite for filing a petition under this chapter.

(b) The proceeding shall be triable, either in term time or vacation, thirty (30) days after personal service of process to any necessary party or, for a necessary party whose address is unknown after diligent search, thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of service of process by publication that complies with the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(c) Necessary parties to a termination of parental rights action shall include the mother of the child, the legal father of the child, the putative father of the child when known, and any agency, institution or person holding custody of the child. If the child is twelve (12) years or older at the time of the hearing, a summons must be issued and served upon the minor child, together with a copy of the petition, not less than seven (7) days before the hearing. The minor child shall be represented by counsel throughout the proceedings. The court shall appoint an attorney for any minor child who is unrepresented, so the court has the benefit of knowing the child's stated interest. If the child is fourteen (14) years or older at the time of the hearing, the child's preferences, if any, regarding the termination of parental rights shall be considered by the court. The absence of a necessary party who has been properly served does not preclude the court from conducting the hearing or rendering a final judgment.

(d) A guardian ad litem shall be appointed to protect the best interest of the child, except that the court, in its discretion, may waive this requirement

when a parent executes a written voluntary release to terminate parental rights. The guardian ad litem fees shall be determined and assessed in the discretion of the court.

(e) The style of the case shall not include the child's name when the child is not the party plaintiff or petitioner.

(2) Voluntary termination of parental rights by written voluntary release is governed by Section 93-15-111.

(3) In all cases involving termination of parental rights, a minor parent shall be served with process as an adult.

(4) The court may waive service of process if an adoptive child was born in a foreign country, put up for adoption in the birth country, and has been legally admitted into this country.

(5) The clerk shall docket cases seeking relief under this chapter as priority cases. The assigned judge shall be immediately notified when a case is filed in order to provide for expedited proceedings.

(6) (a) Once the petition for termination of parental rights is filed with the court of competent jurisdiction, the court shall hold a hearing on the petition within ninety (90) calendar days of the date the petition is filed absent extraordinary circumstances.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, the ninety-calendar-day time period will commence when perfected service is made on the parents.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, extraordinary circumstances include:

(i) The Mississippi Supreme Court orders the suspension of in-person court proceedings; or

(ii) One (1) of the following has occurred:

1. The President of the United States has declared a national emergency; or

2. The Governor has declared a state of emergency or a statewide public health emergency; or

(iii) If the best interest of the child is served and the chancellor makes specific findings of such.

SECTION 3. Section 93-15-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-15-111. (1) The court * * * shall accept the parent's written voluntary release if it meets the following minimum requirements:

(a) Is signed under oath and dated at least seventy-two (72) hours after the birth of the child;

(b) States the parent's full name, the relationship of the parent to the child, and the parent's address;

(c) States the child's full name, date of birth, time of birth if known, and place of birth as indicated on the birth certificate;

(d) Identifies the governmental agency or home to which the child has been surrendered, if any;

(e) States the parent's consent to adoption of the child and waiver of service of process for any future adoption proceedings;

(f) Acknowledges that the termination of the parent's parental rights and that the subsequent adoption of the child may significantly affect, or even eliminate, the parent's right to inherit from the child under the laws of Descent and Distribution (Chapter 1, Title 91, Mississippi Code of 1972);

(g) Acknowledges that all provisions of the written voluntary release were entered into knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily; and

(h) Acknowledges that the parent is entitled to consult an attorney regarding the parent's parental rights.

(2) The court's order accepting the parent's written voluntary release terminates all of the parent's parental rights to the child, including, but not limited to, the parental right to control or withhold consent to an adoption. * * * The written voluntary release shall serve as a waiver of the parent's right to have a hearing on acceptance of the release.

SECTION 4. Section 43-21-201, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-201. (1) (a) Each party shall have the right to be represented by counsel at all stages of the proceedings including, but not limited to, detention, shelter, adjudicatory and disposition hearings and parole or probation revocation proceedings.

(b) In delinquency matters the court shall appoint legal defense counsel who is not also a guardian ad litem for the same child. If the party is a child, the child shall be represented by counsel at all critical stages: detention, adjudicatory and disposition hearings; parole or probation revocation proceedings; and post-disposition matters. If indigent, the child shall have the right to have counsel appointed for him by the youth court.

(c) A child who is alleged to have been abused or neglected shall be deemed to be a party to the proceedings under this chapter. The child shall be represented by an attorney at all stages of any proceedings held pursuant to this chapter. The court shall appoint an attorney to any child who is unrepresented.

The guardian ad litem may serve a dual role as long as no conflict of interest is present. If a conflict of interest arises, the guardian ad litem shall inform the youth court of the conflict, and the youth court shall retain the guardian ad litem to represent the best interest of the child and appoint an attorney to represent the child's preferences as required by Uniform Rule of Youth Court Practice 13(f).

(2) (a) When a party first appears before the youth court, the judge shall ascertain whether he is represented by counsel and, if not, inform him of his rights including his right to counsel. If the court determines that a custodial parent or guardian who is a party in an abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceeding is indigent, the youth court judge * * * shall appoint counsel to represent the indigent parent or guardian in the proceeding. The court may appoint counsel to represent a noncustodial parent if the court determines that the noncustodial parent is indigent and has demonstrated a significant custodial relationship with the child. All parents have the right to be appointed counsel in termination of parental rights hearings, and the court shall appoint counsel if the court makes a finding that the parent is indigent and counsel is requested by the parent. For purposes of this section, indigency shall be determined pursuant to Section 25-32-9 and Rule 7.3 of the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(b) (i) The court shall order a financially able parent or custodian to pay all or part of reasonable attorney's fees and expenses for court-appointed representation after review by the court of an affidavit of financial means completed and verified by a parent or custodian and a determination by the court of an ability to pay.

(ii) All monies collected by the clerk under this paragraph must be retained by the clerk and deposited into a special fund to be known as the "Juvenile Court Representation Fund."

(iii) The Administrative Office of Courts may direct that money from the fund be used in providing counsel for indigent parents or custodians at the trial level in dependency-neglect proceedings.

(iv) Upon a determination of indigency and a finding by the court that the fund does not have sufficient funds to pay reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred at the trial court level and that state funds have been exhausted, the court may order the county to pay the reasonable fees and expenses until the state provides funding for counsel.

(v) A special fund, to be designated as the "Juvenile Court Representation Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Administrative Office of Courts as provided in this section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(3) An attorney appointed to represent a child shall be required to complete annual juvenile justice training that is approved by the Mississippi Office of State Public Defender and the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education. An attorney appointed to represent a parent or guardian in an abuse, neglect or termination of parental rights proceeding shall be required to complete annual training that is approved

by the Office of State Public Defender and the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education. The Mississippi Office of State Public Defender and the Mississippi Commission on Continuing Legal Education shall determine the amount of juvenile justice training and continuing education required to fulfill the requirements of this subsection. The State Public Defender shall maintain a roll of attorneys who have complied with the training requirements and shall enforce the provisions of this subsection. Should an attorney fail to complete the annual training requirement or fail to attend the required training within six (6) months of being appointed to a youth court case, the attorney shall be disqualified to serve, and the youth court shall immediately terminate the representation and appoint another attorney. Attorneys appointed by a youth court to five (5) or fewer cases a year are exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

(4) Attorney's for all parties, including the child's attorney, shall owe the * * * duties of undivided loyalty, confidentiality and competent representation to the * * * party client pursuant to the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct.

(5) An attorney shall enter his appearance on behalf of a party in the proceeding by filing a written notice of appearance with the youth court, by filing a pleading, notice or motion signed by counsel or by appearing in open court and advising the youth court that he is representing a party. After counsel has entered his appearance, he shall be served with copies of all subsequent pleadings, motions and notices required to be served on the party he represents. An attorney who has entered his appearance shall not be permitted to withdraw from the case until a timely appeal, if any, has been decided, except by leave of the court then exercising jurisdiction of the cause after notice of his intended withdrawal is served by him on the party he represents.

(6) Each designee appointed by a youth court judge shall be subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct and shall govern himself or herself accordingly.

(7) The Department of Child Protection Services shall be a necessary party at all stages of the proceedings involving a child for whom the department has custody, including, but not limited to, detention, shelter, adjudicatory, disposition, permanency * * *, termination of parental rights and adoption hearings.

(8) The Department of Child Protection Services shall have the right to hire agency counsel to represent the department and be represented by counsel from the Attorney General's Office at all stages of the proceedings involving a child for whom the department has custody of or may be awarded custody of, including, but not limited to, detention shelter, adjudicatory disposition, permanency, termination of parental rights and adoption hearings.

SECTION 5. Section 43-21-105, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-105. The following words and phrases, for purposes of this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly otherwise requires:

(a) "Youth court" means the Youth Court Division.

(b) "Judge" means the judge of the Youth Court Division.

(c) "Designee" means any person that the judge appoints to perform a duty which this chapter requires to be done by the judge or his designee. The judge may not appoint a person who is involved in law enforcement or who is an employee of the Mississippi Department of Human Services or the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services to be his designee.

(d) "Child" and "youth" are synonymous, and each means a person who has not reached his eighteenth birthday. A child who has not reached his eighteenth birthday and is on active duty for a branch of the armed services or is married is not considered a "child" or "youth" for the purposes of this chapter.

(e) "Parent" means the father or mother to whom the child has been born, or the father or mother by whom the child has been legally adopted.

(f) "Guardian" means a court-appointed guardian of the person of a child.

(g) "Custodian" means any person having the present care or custody of a child whether such person be a parent or otherwise.

(h) "Legal custodian" means a court-appointed custodian of the child.

(i) "Delinquent child" means a child who has reached his tenth birthday and who has committed a delinquent act.

(j) "Delinquent act" is any act, which if committed by an adult, is designated as a crime under state or federal law, or municipal or county ordinance other than offenses punishable by life imprisonment or death. A delinquent act includes escape from lawful detention and violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law and violent behavior.

(k) "Child in need of supervision" means a child who has reached his seventh birthday and is in need of treatment or rehabilitation because the child:

(i) Is habitually disobedient of reasonable and lawful commands of his parent, guardian or custodian and is ungovernable; or

(ii) While being required to attend school, willfully and habitually violates the rules thereof or willfully and habitually absents himself therefrom; or

(iii) Runs away from home without good cause; or

(iv) Has committed a delinquent act or acts.

(l) "Neglected child" means a child:

(i) Whose parent, guardian or custodian or any person responsible for his care or support, neglects or refuses, when able so to do, to provide for him proper and necessary care or support, or education as required by law, or medical, surgical, or other care necessary for his well-being; however, a parent who withholds medical treatment from any child who in good faith is under treatment by spiritual means alone through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof shall not, for that reason alone, be considered to be neglectful under any provision of this chapter; or

(ii) Who is otherwise without proper care, custody, supervision or support; or

(iii) Who, for any reason, lacks the special care made necessary for him by reason of his mental condition, whether the mental condition is having mental illness or having an intellectual disability; or

(iv) Who * * * is not provided by the child's parent, guardian or custodian, with food, clothing, or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child, excluding such failure caused primarily by financial inability unless relief services have been offered and refused and the child is in imminent risk of harm.

(m) "Abused child" means a child whose parent, guardian or custodian or any person responsible for his care or support, whether legally obligated to do so or not, has caused or allowed to be caused, upon the child, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, commercial sexual exploitation, emotional abuse, mental injury, nonaccidental physical injury or other maltreatment. However, physical discipline, including spanking, performed on a child by a parent, guardian or custodian in a reasonable manner shall not be deemed abuse under this section. "Abused child" also means a child who is or has been trafficked within the meaning of the Mississippi Human Trafficking Act by any person, without regard to the relationship of the person to the child.

(n) "Sexual abuse" means obscene or pornographic photographing, filming or depiction of children for commercial purposes, or the rape, molestation, incest, prostitution or other such forms of sexual exploitation of children under circumstances which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened.

(o) "A child in need of special care" means a child with any mental or physical illness that cannot be treated with the dispositional alternatives ordinarily available to the youth court.

(p) A "dependent child" means any child who is not a child in need of supervision, a delinquent child, an abused child or a neglected child, and which child has been voluntarily placed in the custody of the Department of Child Protection Services by his parent, guardian or custodian.

(q) "Custody" means the physical possession of the child by any person.

(r) "Legal custody" means the legal status created by a court order which gives the legal custodian the responsibilities of physical possession of the child and the duty to provide him with food, shelter, education and reasonable medical care, all subject to residual rights and responsibilities of the parent or guardian of the person.

(s) "Detention" means the care of children in physically restrictive facilities.

(t) "Shelter" means care of children in physically nonrestrictive facilities.

(u) "Records involving children" means any of the following from which the child can be identified:

(i) All youth court records as defined in Section 43-21-251;

(ii) All forensic interviews conducted by a child advocacy center in abuse and neglect investigations;

(iii) All law enforcement records as defined in Section 43-21-255;

(iv) All agency records as defined in Section 43-21-257; and

(v) All other documents maintained by any representative of the state, county, municipality or other public agency insofar as they relate to the apprehension, custody, adjudication or disposition of a child who is the subject of a youth court cause.

(v) "Any person responsible for care or support" means the person who is providing for the child at a given time. This term shall include, but is not limited to, stepparents, foster parents, relatives, nonlicensed babysitters or other similar persons responsible for a child and staff of residential care facilities and group homes that are licensed by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Child Protection Services.

(w) The singular includes the plural, the plural the singular and the masculine the feminine when consistent with the intent of this chapter.

(x) "Out-of-home" setting means the temporary supervision or care of children by the staff of licensed day care centers, the staff of public, private and state schools, the staff of juvenile detention facilities, the staff of unlicensed residential care facilities and group homes and the staff of, or individuals representing, churches, civic or social organizations.

(y) "Durable legal custody" means the legal status created by a court order which gives the durable legal custodian the responsibilities of physical possession of the child and the duty to provide him with care, nurture, welfare, food, shelter, education and reasonable medical care. All these duties as enumerated are subject to the residual rights and responsibilities of the natural parent(s) or guardian(s) of the child or children.

(z) "Status offense" means conduct subject to adjudication by the youth court that would not be a crime if committed by an adult.

(aa) "Financially able" means a parent or child who is ineligible for a court-appointed attorney.

(bb) "Assessment" means an individualized examination of a child to determine the child's psychosocial needs and problems, including the type and extent of any mental health, substance abuse or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders and recommendations for treatment. The term includes, but is not limited to, a drug and alcohol, psychological or psychiatric evaluation, records review, clinical interview or the administration of a formal test and instrument.

(cc) "Screening" means a process, with or without the administration of a formal instrument, that is designed to identify a child who is at increased risk of having mental health, substance abuse or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders that warrant immediate attention, intervention or more comprehensive assessment.

(dd) "Durable legal relative guardianship" means the legal status created by a youth court order that conveys the physical and legal custody of a child or children by durable legal guardianship to a relative or fictive kin who is licensed as a foster or resource parent.

(ee) "Relative" means a person related to the child by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree.

(ff) "Fictive kin" means a person not related to the child legally or biologically but who is considered a relative due to a significant, familial-like and ongoing relationship with the child and family.

(gg) "Reasonable efforts" means the exercise of reasonable care and due diligence by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, or any other appropriate entity or person to use * * * services * * * appropriate to the child's background, accessible, and available to meet the individualized needs of the child and child's family to prevent removal and reunify the family as soon as safely possible consistent with the best interests of the child. Reasonable efforts must be made in collaboration with the family and must address the individualized needs of the family that brought the child to the attention of the Department of Child Protection Services and must not consist of required services that are not related to the family's needs.

(hh) "Commercial sexual exploitation" means any sexual act or crime of a sexual nature, which is committed against a child for financial or economic gain, to obtain a thing of value for quid pro quo exchange of property or for any other purpose.

SECTION 6. Section 43-21-151, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-151. (1) The youth court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in all proceedings concerning a delinquent child, a child in need of supervision, a neglected child, an abused child or a dependent child except in the following circumstances:

(a) Any act attempted or committed by a child, which if committed by an adult would be punishable under state or federal law by life imprisonment or death, will be in the original jurisdiction of the circuit court;

(b) Any act attempted or committed by a child with the use of a deadly weapon, the carrying of which concealed is prohibited by Section 97-37-1, or a shotgun or a rifle, which would be a felony if committed by an adult, will be in the original jurisdiction of the circuit court; and

(c) When a charge of abuse or neglect of a child first arises in the course of a custody action between the parents of the child already pending in the chancery court and no notice of such abuse was provided prior to such chancery proceedings, the chancery court may proceed with the investigation, hearing and determination of such abuse or neglect charge as a part of its hearing and determination of the custody issue as between the parents, notwithstanding the other provisions of the Youth Court Law. The proceedings in chancery court on the abuse or neglect charge shall be confidential in the same manner as provided in youth court proceedings.

When a child is expelled from the public schools, the youth court shall be notified of the act of expulsion and the act or acts constituting the basis for expulsion.

(2) Jurisdiction of the child in the cause shall attach at the time of the offense, or at the time of the allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation, and shall continue thereafter for that offense or the allegations of abuse, neglect or exploitation until the child's twentieth birthday, unless sooner terminated by order of the youth court. The youth court shall not have jurisdiction over offenses committed by a child on or after his eighteenth birthday, nor have jurisdiction of abuse, neglect, or exploitation committed against a child after their eighteenth birthday.

(3) No child who has not reached his thirteenth birthday shall be held criminally responsible or criminally prosecuted for a misdemeanor or felony; however, the parent, guardian or custodian of such child may be civilly liable for any criminal acts of such child. No child under the jurisdiction of the youth court shall be held criminally responsible or criminally prosecuted by any court for any act designated as a delinquent act, unless jurisdiction is transferred to another court under Section 43-21-157.

(4) The youth court shall also have jurisdiction of offenses committed by a child which have been transferred to the youth court by an order of a circuit court of this state having original jurisdiction of the offense, as provided by Section 43-21-159.

(5) The youth court shall regulate and approve the use of teen court as provided in Section 43-21-753.

(6) Nothing in this section shall prevent the circuit court from assuming jurisdiction over a youth who has committed an act of delinquency upon a youth court's ruling that a transfer is appropriate pursuant to Section 43-21-157.

SECTION 7. The following shall be codified as a new section within Title 93, Chapter 15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

93-15-___. Compelling and extraordinary reasons why termination of parental rights would not be in the child's best interests may include, but are not limited to:

(a) When a child is being cared for by a relative and that relative, who is otherwise an appropriate, safe and loving placement for the child, is unwilling to participate in termination of parental rights proceedings;

(b) Guardianship is available;

(c) When the natural parent(s) are incarcerated but subject to be released within a reasonable time and could be given an opportunity to work a service plan toward possible reunification;

(d) When a natural parent is terminally ill and unable to care or provide for the child;

(e) The absence of the parent is due to the parent's admission or commitment to any institution or health facility or due to active service in State or Federal armed forces;

(f) A child twelve (12) years or older objects to the termination of parental rights;

(g) The child is placed in a residential treatment facility and adoption is unlikely or undesirable or the child is not in an adoptive placement or it is likely the child will age out of the Department of Child Protection Services' custody rather than be adopted;

(h) For compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act;

(i) The Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services has not provided services within the timeframes indicated in the case plan and there is evidence that the family may achieve reunification within six (6) months or there is a finding that reasonable efforts were not made.

SECTION 8. Section 43-21-613, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-613. (1) If the youth court finds, after a hearing which complies with the sections governing adjudicatory hearings, that the terms of a delinquency or child in need of supervision disposition order, probation or parole have been violated, the youth court may, in its discretion, revoke the original disposition and make any disposition which it could have originally ordered. The hearing shall be initiated by the filing of a petition that complies with the sections governing petitions in this chapter and that includes a statement of the youth court's original disposition order, probation or parole, the alleged violation of that order, probation or parole, and the facts which show the violation of that order, probation or parole. Summons shall be served in the same manner as summons for an adjudicatory hearing.

(2) On motion of a child or a child's parent, guardian or custodian, the youth court may, in its discretion, conduct an informal hearing to review the disposition order. If the youth court finds a material change of circumstances relating to the disposition of the child, the youth court may modify the disposition order to any appropriate disposition of equal or greater precedence which the youth court could have originally ordered.

(3) (a) All disposition orders for supervision, probation or placement of a child with an individual or an agency shall be reviewed by the youth court judge or referee at least annually to determine if continued placement, probation or supervision is in the best interest of the child or the public. For children who have been adjudicated abused or neglected, except for those children for which a different timeframe is provided under Section 43-21-603(7), the youth court shall conduct a permanency

hearing within * * * one hundred twenty (120) days or every sixty (60) days for children under three (3) years of age after the earlier of:

(i) An adjudication that the child has been abused or neglected; or

(ii) The date of the child's removal from the allegedly abusive or neglectful custodian/parent. Notice of such hearing shall be given in accordance with the provisions of Section 43-21-505(5). In conducting the hearing, the judge or referee shall require a written report and may require information or statements from the child's youth court counselor, parent, guardian or custodian, which includes, but is not limited to, an evaluation of the child's progress and recommendations for further supervision or treatment. The judge or referee shall, at the permanency hearing determine the future status of the child, including, but not limited to, whether the child should be returned to the parent(s) or placed with suitable relatives, placed for adoption, placed for the purpose of establishing durable legal custody or should, because of the child's special needs or circumstances, be continued in foster care on a permanent or long-term basis. If the child is in an out-of-state placement, the hearing shall determine whether the out-of-state placement continues to be appropriate and in the best interest of the child. At the permanency hearing the judge or referee shall determine, and the youth court order shall recite that reasonable efforts were made by the Department of Child Protection Services to finalize the child's permanency plan that was in effect on the date of the permanency hearing. The judge or referee may find that reasonable efforts to maintain the child within his home shall not be required in accordance with Section 43-21-603(7)(c), and that the youth court shall continue to conduct permanency hearings for a child who has been adjudicated abused or neglected, at least annually thereafter, for as long as the child remains in the custody of the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

(b) The court may find that the filing of a termination of parental rights petition is not in the child's best interest if:

(i) The child is being cared for by a relative; and/or

(ii) The Department of Child Protection Services has documented compelling and extraordinary reasons why termination of parental rights would not be in the best interests of the child.

(c) The provisions of this subsection shall also apply to review of cases involving a dependent child; however, such reviews shall take place not less frequently than once each one hundred eighty (180) days, or upon the request of the child's attorney, a parent's attorney, or a parent as deemed appropriate by the youth court in protecting the best interests of the child. A dependent child shall be ordered by the youth court judge or referee to be returned to the custody and home of the child's parent, guardian or custodian unless the judge or referee, upon such review, makes a written finding that the return of the child to the home would be contrary to the child's best interests.

(d) Reviews are not to be conducted unless explicitly ordered by the youth court concerning those cases in which the court has granted durable legal custody. In such cases, the Department of Child Protection Services shall be released from any oversight or monitoring responsibilities, and relieved of physical and legal custody and supervision of the child.

(4) The provisions of this section do not apply to proceedings concerning durable legal relative guardianship.

SECTION 9. Section 93-15-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-15-121. Any of the following, if established by clear and convincing evidence, may be grounds for termination of the parent's parental rights if reunification between the parent and child is not desirable toward obtaining a satisfactory permanency outcome:

(a) The parent has been medically diagnosed by a qualified mental health professional with a severe mental illness or deficiency that is unlikely to change in a reasonable period of time and which, based upon expert testimony or an established pattern of behavior, * * * prevents the parent, despite reasonable accommodations, from providing minimally acceptable care for the child;

(b) The parent has been medically diagnosed by a qualified health professional with an extreme physical incapacitation that is unlikely to change in a reasonable period of time and which, based upon expert testimony or an established pattern of behavior, prevents the parent, despite reasonable accommodations, from providing minimally acceptable care for the child;

(c) The parent is suffering from habitual alcoholism or other drug addiction and has failed to successfully complete alcohol or drug treatment;

(d) The parent is unwilling to provide reasonably necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical care for the child; reasonably necessary medical care does not include recommended or optional vaccinations against childhood or any other disease;

(e) The parent has failed to exercise reasonable visitation or communication with the child;

(f) The parent's abusive or neglectful conduct has caused, at least in part, an extreme and deep-seated antipathy by the child toward the parent, or some other substantial erosion of the relationship between the parent and the child;

(g) The parent has committed an abusive act for which reasonable efforts to maintain the children in the home would not be required under Section 43-21-603, or a series of physically, mentally, or emotionally abusive incidents, against the child or another child, whether related by consanguinity or affinity or not, making future contacts between the parent and child undesirable; or

(h) (i) The parent has been convicted of any of the following offenses against any child:

1. Rape of a child under Section 97-3-65;
2. Sexual battery of a child under Section 97-3-95(c);
3. Touching a child for lustful purposes under Section 97-5-23;
4. Exploitation of a child under Sections 97-5-31 through 97-5-37;
5. Felonious abuse or battery of a child under Section 97-5-39(2);
6. Carnal knowledge of a step or adopted child or a child of a cohabitating partner under Section 97-5-41; or
7. Human trafficking of a child under Section 97-3-54.1; or

(ii) The parent has been convicted of:

1. Murder or voluntary manslaughter of another child of the parent;
2. Aiding, abetting, attempting, conspiring or soliciting to commit murder or voluntary manslaughter of the child or another child of the parent; or
3. A felony assault that results in the serious bodily injury to the child or another child of the parent.

SECTION 10. Section 97-5-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

97-5-39. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any parent, guardian or other person who intentionally, knowingly or recklessly commits any act or omits the performance of any duty, which act or omission contributes to or tends to contribute to the neglect or delinquency of any child or which act or omission results in the abuse of any child, as defined in Section 43-21-105(m) of the Youth Court Law, or who knowingly aids any child in escaping or absenting himself from the guardianship or custody of any person, agency or institution, or knowingly harbors or conceals, or aids in harboring or concealing, any child who has absented himself without permission from the guardianship or custody of any person, agency or institution to which the child shall have been committed by the youth court shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment not to exceed one (1) year in jail, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(b) For the purpose of this section, a child is a person who has not reached his eighteenth birthday. A child who has not reached his eighteenth birthday and is on active duty for a branch of the armed services, or who is married, is not considered a child for the purposes of this statute.

(c) If a child commits one (1) of the proscribed acts in subsection (2)(a), (b) or (c) of this section upon another child, then original jurisdiction of all such offenses shall be in youth court.

(d) If the * * * parent has failed to provide the child with food, clothing, or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child, excluding failure caused by financial inability unless relief services have been offered and refused and the child is in imminent risk of harm, or the parent is unwilling to provide reasonably necessary medical care, though that medical care does not include recommended or optional vaccinations against childhood or any other disease, the person may be sentenced to imprisonment in custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or both.

(e) A parent, legal guardian or other person who knowingly permits the continuing physical or sexual abuse of a child is guilty of neglect of a child and may be sentenced to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than ten (10) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(2) Any person shall be guilty of felonious child abuse in the following circumstances:

(a) Whether bodily harm results or not, if the person shall intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:

- (i) Burn any child;
- (ii) * * * Torture any child;
- (iii) Strangle, choke, smother or in any way interfere with

any child's breathing;

- (iv) Poison a child;
- (v) Starve a child of nourishments needed to sustain life

or growth;

- (vi) Use any type of deadly weapon upon any child;

(b) If some bodily harm to any child actually occurs, and if the person shall intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:

- (i) Throw, kick, bite, or cut any child;
- (ii) Strike a child under the age of fourteen (14) about the face or head with a closed fist;
- (iii) Strike a child under the age of five (5) in the face or

head;

(iv) Kick, bite, cut or strike a child's genitals; circumcision of a male child is not a violation under this subparagraph (iv);

(c) If serious bodily harm to any child actually occurs, and if the person shall intentionally, knowingly or recklessly:

- (i) Strike any child on the face or head;
- (ii) Disfigure or scar any child;
- (iii) Whip, strike or otherwise abuse any child;

(d) Any person, upon conviction under paragraph (a) or (c) of this subsection, shall be sentenced by the court to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than five (5) years and up to life, as determined by the court. Any person, upon conviction under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall be sentenced by the court to imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term of not less than two (2) years nor more than ten (10) years, as determined by the court. For any second or subsequent conviction under this subsection (2), the person shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

(e) For the purposes of this subsection (2), "bodily harm" means any bodily injury to a child and includes, but is not limited to, bruising, bleeding, lacerations, soft tissue swelling, and external or internal swelling of any body organ.

(f) For the purposes of this subsection (2), "serious bodily harm" means any serious bodily injury to a child and includes, but is not limited to, the fracture of a bone, permanent disfigurement, permanent scarring, or any internal bleeding or internal trauma to any organ, any brain damage, any injury to the eye or ear of a child or other vital organ, and impairment of any bodily function.

(g) For purposes of this subsection (2), "torture" means any act, omission, or intentional neglect committed by an individual upon a child within his custody or physical control, whereby unnecessary or unjustifiable physical or mental pain or suffering is caused or permitted, regardless of whether serious physical injury results. Child torture involves treatment that is intentionally cruel, inhumane, and degrading, including, but not limited to: intentionally starving a child; forcing a child to sit in urine or feces; binding or restraining a child; repeatedly physically injuring a child; exposing the child to extreme temperatures without adequate clothing or shelter; locking a child in closets or other small spaces; and forcing a child into stress positions or exercise resulting in prolonged suffering.

(* * *h) Nothing contained in paragraph (c) of this subsection shall preclude a parent or guardian from disciplining a child of that parent or guardian, or shall preclude a person in loco parentis to a child from disciplining that child, if done in a reasonable manner, and reasonable corporal punishment or reasonable discipline as to that parent or guardian's child or child to whom a person stands in loco parentis shall be a defense to any violation charged under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(* * *i) Reasonable discipline and reasonable corporal punishment shall not be a defense to acts described in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection or if a child suffers serious bodily harm as a result of any act prohibited under paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(3) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent proceedings against the parent, guardian or other person under any statute of this state or any municipal ordinance defining any act as a crime or misdemeanor. Nothing in the provisions of this section shall preclude any person from having a right to trial by jury when charged with having violated the provisions of this section.

(4) (a) A parent, legal guardian or caretaker who endangers a child's person or health by knowingly causing or permitting the child to be present where any person is selling, manufacturing or possessing immediate precursors or chemical substances with intent to manufacture, sell or possess a controlled substance as prohibited under Section 41-29-139 or 41-29-313, is guilty of child endangerment and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ten (10) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), or both.

(b) If the endangerment results in substantial harm to the child's physical, mental or emotional health, the person may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than twenty (20) years or to payment of a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00), or both.

(5) Nothing contained in this section shall prevent proceedings against the parent, guardian or other person under any statute of this state or any municipal ordinance defining any act as a crime or misdemeanor. Nothing in the provisions of this section shall preclude any person from having a right to trial by jury when charged with having violated the provisions of this section.

(6) After consultation with the Department of Child Protection Services, a regional mental health center or an appropriate professional person, a judge may suspend imposition or execution of a sentence provided in subsections (1) and (2) of this section and in lieu thereof require treatment over a specified period of time at any approved public or private treatment facility. A person may be eligible for treatment in lieu of criminal penalties no more than one (1) time.

(7) In any proceeding resulting from a report made pursuant to Section 43-21-353 of the Youth Court Law, the testimony of the physician making the report regarding the child's injuries or condition or cause thereof shall not be excluded on the ground that the physician's testimony violates the physician-patient privilege or similar privilege or rule against disclosure. The physician's report shall not be considered as evidence unless introduced as an exhibit to his testimony.

(8) Any criminal prosecution arising from a violation of this section shall be tried in the circuit, county, justice or municipal court having jurisdiction; provided, however, that nothing herein shall abridge or dilute the contempt powers of the youth court.

SECTION 11. Section 43-21-651, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-651. (1) (a) The court to which appeals may be taken from final orders or decrees of the youth court shall be the Supreme Court of Mississippi pursuant to the Rules of Appellate Procedure. Final Orders in youth court include orders that grant durable legal custody or durable legal relative guardianship, transfer jurisdiction over the minor child to another court, such as for an adoption, or otherwise terminate the jurisdiction of the youth court over the minor child. All factual findings, legal determinations, and adjudication of issues by the youth court prior to the time the final order is entered are preserved for appellate review and any common law to the contrary is expressly abrogated. Any matters adjudicated by the youth court through interim orders such as adjudication/disposition orders, or permanency review orders, may be only appealed through the interlocutory appeal process provided by the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

(b) The rule of construction that statutes in derogation of the common law are to be strictly construed shall have no application to this subsection.

(** *2) In any case wherein an appeal is desired, written notice of intention to appeal shall be filed with the youth court clerk within the time, and costs in the youth court and the filing fee in the Supreme Court shall be paid, as is otherwise required for appeals to the Supreme Court. If the appellant shall make affidavit that he is unable to pay such costs and filing fee, he shall have an appeal without prepayment of court costs and filing fee. Only the initials of the child shall appear on the record on appeal.

(** *3) The pendency of an appeal shall not suspend the order or decree of the youth court regarding a child, nor shall it discharge the child from the custody of that court or of the person, institution or agency to whose care such child shall have been committed, unless the youth court or Supreme Court shall so order. If appellant desires to appeal with supersedeas, the matter first shall be presented to the youth court. If refused, the youth court shall forthwith issue a written order stating the reasons for the denial, which order shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court does not dismiss the proceedings and discharge the child, it shall affirm or modify or reverse the order of the youth court and remand the child to the jurisdiction of the youth court for placement and supervision in accordance with its order, and thereafter the child shall be and remain under the jurisdiction of the youth court in the same manner as if the youth court had made the order without an appeal having been taken.

(** *4) Appeals from the youth court shall be preference cases in the Supreme Court.

SECTION 12. Section 43-21-351, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-351. (1) Any person or agency having knowledge that a child residing or being within the county is within the jurisdiction of the youth court may make a written report to the intake unit alleging facts sufficient to establish the jurisdiction of the youth court. The report shall bear a permanent number that will be assigned by the court in accordance with the standards established by the Administrative Office of Courts pursuant to Section 9-21-9(d), and shall be preserved until destroyed on order of the court.

(2) There shall be in each youth court of the state an intake officer who shall be responsible for the accurate and timely entering of all intake and case information into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services. It shall be the responsibility of the youth court judge or referee of each county to ensure that the intake officer is carrying out the responsibility of this section.

(3) Each intake officer shall receive, at a minimum, six (6) hours of annual training on MYCIDS provided by the Mississippi Judicial College. The required training

under this subsection shall be in addition to technical training provided by the Mississippi Supreme Court MYCIDS Information Technology Department.

(4) The Mississippi Judicial College, in conjunction with the Administrative Office of Courts, shall develop training materials on MYCIDS:

(a) To ensure the accurate and timely entrance of all intake and case information throughout the state by intake officers;

(b) To ensure that youth court judges are equipped to oversee the functions of each intake officer.

SECTION 13. Section 43-21-801, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-801. (1) There is established the Youth Court Support Program. The purpose of the program shall be to ensure that all youth courts have sufficient support funds to carry on the business of the youth court. The Administrative Office of Courts shall establish a formula consistent with this section for providing state support payable from the Youth Court Support Fund for the support of the youth courts.

(a) (i) Each regular youth court referee is eligible for youth court support funds so long as the senior chancellor does not elect to employ a youth court administrator as set forth in paragraph (b); a municipal youth court judge is also eligible. The Administrative Office of Courts shall direct any funds to the appropriate county or municipality. The funds shall be utilized to compensate an intake officer who shall be responsible for ensuring that all intake and case information for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services is entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) in an accurate and timely manner. If the court already has an intake officer responsible for entering all cases of the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services into MYCIDS, the regular youth court referee or municipal court judge may certify to the Administrative Office of Courts that such a person is already on staff. In such a case, each regular youth court referee or municipal youth court judge shall have the sole individual discretion to appropriate those funds as expense monies to assist in hiring secretarial staff and acquiring materials and equipment incidental to carrying on the business of the court within the private practice of law of the referee or judge, or may direct the use of those funds through the county or municipal budget for court support supplies or services. The regular youth court referee and municipal youth court judge shall be accountable for assuring through private, county or municipal employees the proper preparation and filing of all necessary tracking and other documentation attendant to the administration of the youth court.

(ii) Title to all tangible property, excepting stamps, stationery and minor expendable office supplies, procured with funds authorized by this section, shall be and forever remain in the county or municipality to be used by the judge or referee during the term of his office and thereafter by his successors.

(b) (i) When permitted by the Administrative Office of Courts and as funds are available, the senior chancellor for Chancery Districts One, Two, Three, Four, Six, Seven, Nine, Ten, Thirteen, Fourteen, Fifteen and Eighteen may appoint a youth court administrator for the district whose responsibility will be to perform all reporting, tracking and other duties of a court administrator for all youth courts in the district that are under the chancery court system. Any chancery district listed in this paragraph in which a chancellor appoints a referee or special master to hear any youth court matter is ineligible for funding under this paragraph (b). The Administrative Office of Courts may allocate to an eligible chancery district a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per year for the salary, fringe benefits and equipment of the youth court administrator, and an additional sum not to exceed One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$1,900.00) for the administrator's travel expenses.

(ii) The appointment of a youth court administrator shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. The person appointed shall serve at the will and pleasure of the senior chancellor but shall be an employee of the Administrative Office of Courts.

(iii) The Administrative Office of Courts must approve the position, job description and salary before the position can be filled. The

Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan that does not first require the expenditure of the funds from the Youth Court Support Fund before expenditure of county funds is authorized for that purpose.

(iv) Title to any tangible property procured with funds authorized under this paragraph shall be and forever remain in the State of Mississippi.

(c) (i) Each county court is eligible for youth court support funds. The funds shall be utilized to provide compensation to an intake officer who shall be responsible for ensuring that all intake and case information for the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters, and the Department of Child Protection Services is entered into the Mississippi Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS) in an accurate and timely manner. If the county court already has an intake officer or other staff person responsible for entering all cases of the Department of Human Services - Division of Youth Services, truancy matters and the Department of Child Protection Services into MYCIDS, the senior county court judge may certify that such a person is already on staff. In such a case, the senior county court judge shall have discretion to direct the expenditure of those funds in hiring other support staff to carry on the business of the court.

(ii) For the purposes of this paragraph, "support staff" means court administrators, law clerks, legal research assistants, secretaries, resource administrators or case managers appointed by a youth court judge, or any combination thereof, but shall not mean school attendance officers.

(iii) The appointment of support staff shall be evidenced by the entry of an order on the minutes of the court. The support staff so appointed shall serve at the will and pleasure of the senior county court judge but shall be an employee of the county.

(iv) The Administrative Office of Courts must approve the positions, job descriptions and salaries before the positions may be filled. The Administrative Office of Courts shall not approve any plan that does not first require the expenditure of funds from the Youth Court Support Fund before expenditure of county funds is authorized for that purpose.

(v) The Administrative Office of Courts may approve expenditure from the fund for additional equipment for support staff appointed pursuant to this paragraph if the additional expenditure falls within the formula. Title to any tangible property procured with funds authorized under this paragraph shall be and forever remain in the county to be used by the youth court and support staff.

(2) (a) (i) The formula developed by the Administrative Office of Courts for providing youth court support funds shall be devised so as to distribute appropriated funds proportional to caseload and other appropriate factors as set forth in regulations promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts. The formula will determine a reasonable maximum amount per judge or referee per annum that will not be exceeded in allocating funds under this section.

(ii) The formula shall be reviewed by the Administrative Office of Courts every two (2) years to ensure that the youth court support funds provided herein are proportional to each youth court's caseload and other specified factors.

(iii) The Administrative Office of Courts shall have wide latitude in the first two-year cycle to implement a formula designed to maximize caseload data collection.

(b) Application to receive funds under this section shall be submitted in accordance with procedures established by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(c) Approval of the use of any of the youth court support funds distributed under this section shall be made by the Administrative Office of Courts in accordance with procedures established by the Administrative Office of Courts.

(3) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Youth Court Support Fund," which shall consist of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any

investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be distributed to the youth courts by the Administrative Office of Courts for the purposes described in this section.

(b) (i) During the regular legislative session held in calendar year 2007, the Legislature may appropriate an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to the Youth Court Support Fund.

(ii) During each regular legislative session subsequent to the 2007 Regular Session, the Legislature shall appropriate Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to the Youth Court Support Fund.

(c) No youth court judge or youth court referee shall be eligible to receive funding from the Youth Court Support Fund who has not received annual continuing education in the field of juvenile justice in an amount to conform with the requirements of the Rules and Regulations for Mandatory Continuing Judicial Education promulgated by the Supreme Court or received at least one (1) hour of annual continuing education concerning oversight of youth court intake officers and MYCIDS. The Administrative Office of Courts shall maintain records of all referees and youth court judges regarding such training and shall not disburse funds to any county or municipality for the budget of a youth court judge or referee who is not in compliance with the judicial training requirements.

(4) Any recipient of funds from the Youth Court Support Fund shall not be eligible for continuing disbursement of funds if the recipient is not in compliance with the terms, conditions and reporting requirements set forth in the procedures promulgated by the Administrative Office of Courts.

SECTION 14. Section 43-21-301, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-301. (1) No court other than the youth court shall issue an arrest warrant or custody order for a child in a matter in which the youth court has exclusive original jurisdiction but shall refer the matter to the youth court.

(2) Except as otherwise provided, no child in a matter in which the youth court has exclusive original jurisdiction shall be taken into custody by a law enforcement officer, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, or any other person unless the judge or his designee has issued a custody order to take the child into custody.

(3) The judge or his designee may require a law enforcement officer, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Child Protection Services, or any suitable person to take a child into custody for a period not longer than forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and statutory state holidays.

(a) Custody orders under this subsection may be issued if it appears that there is probable cause to believe that:

(i) The child is within the jurisdiction of the court;

(ii) Custody is necessary because of any of the following reasons: the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm, any person would be in danger of a significant risk of harm by the child, to ensure the child's attendance in court at such time as required, or a parent, guardian or custodian is not available to provide for the care and supervision of the child; and

(iii) There is no reasonable alternative to custody.

A finding of probable cause under this subsection (3)(a) shall not be based solely upon a positive drug test of a newborn or parent for marijuana or solely upon the status of a parent as a cardholder under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; however, a finding of probable cause may be based upon an evidence-based finding of harm to the child or a parent's inability to provide for the care and supervision of the child due to the parent's use of marijuana. Probable cause for unlawful use of any controlled substance, except as otherwise provided in this subsection (3)(a) for marijuana, may be based: 1. upon a parent's positive drug test for unlawful use of a controlled substance only if the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; and 2. upon a newborn's positive drug screen for a controlled substance that was used unlawfully only if the child is in danger of a

significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody.

A child shall not be considered "neglected" solely because the child's parent, guardian or custodian has failed to provide the child with food, clothing, or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child when the failure is caused primarily by financial inability, unless relief services had been offered and refused and the child is in imminent risk of harm.

(b) Custody orders under this subsection shall be written. In emergency cases, a judge or his designee may issue an oral custody order, but the order shall be reduced to writing within forty-eight (48) hours of its issuance.

(c) Each youth court judge shall develop and make available to law enforcement a list of designees who are available after hours, on weekends and on holidays.

(4) The judge or his designee may order, orally or in writing, the immediate release of any child in the custody of any person or agency. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, custody orders as provided by this chapter and authorizations of temporary custody may be written or oral, but, if oral, reduced to writing within forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory state holidays. The written order shall:

(a) Specify the name and address of the child, or, if unknown, designate him or her by any name or description by which he or she can be identified with reasonable certainty;

(b) Specify the age of the child, or, if unknown, that he or she is believed to be of an age subject to the jurisdiction of the youth court;

(c) Except in cases where the child is alleged to be a delinquent child or a child in need of supervision, state that the effect of the continuation of the child's residing within his or her own home would be contrary to the welfare of the child, that the placement of the child in foster care is in the best interests of the child, and unless the reasonable efforts requirement is bypassed under Section 43-21-603(7)(c), also state that (i) reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his or her own home, but that the circumstances warrant his removal and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; or (ii) the circumstances are of such an emergency nature that no reasonable efforts have been made to maintain the child within his own home, and that there is no reasonable alternative to custody. If the court makes a finding in accordance with (ii) of this paragraph, the court shall order that reasonable efforts be made toward the reunification of the child with his or her family;

(d) State that the child shall be brought immediately before the youth court or be taken to a place designated by the order to be held pending review of the order;

(e) State the date issued and the youth court by which the order is issued; and

(f) Be signed by the judge or his designee with the title of his office.

(5) The taking of a child into custody shall not be considered an arrest except for evidentiary purposes.

(6) (a) No child who has been accused or adjudicated of any offense that would not be a crime if committed by an adult shall be placed in an adult jail or lockup. An accused status offender shall not be held in secure detention longer than twenty-four (24) hours prior to and twenty-four (24) hours after an initial court appearance, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and statutory state holidays, except under the following circumstances: a status offender may be held in secure detention for violating a valid court order pursuant to the criteria as established by the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, and any subsequent amendments thereto, and out-of-state runaways may be detained pending return to their home state.

(b) No accused or adjudicated juvenile offender, except for an accused or adjudicated juvenile offender in cases where jurisdiction is waived to the adult criminal court, shall be detained or placed into custody of any adult jail or lockup for a period in excess of six (6) hours.

(c) If any county violates the provisions of paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, the state agency authorized to allocate federal funds received pursuant

to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, 88 Stat. 2750 (codified in scattered Sections of 5, 18, 42 USCS), shall withhold the county's share of such funds.

(d) Any county that does not have a facility in which to detain its juvenile offenders in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection may enter into a contractual agreement to detain or place into custody the juvenile offenders of that county with any county or municipality that does have such a facility, or with the State of Mississippi, or with any private entity that maintains a juvenile correctional facility.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this subsection, all counties shall be allowed a one-year grace period from March 27, 1993, to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 15. Section 43-21-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

43-21-303. (1) No child in a matter in which the youth court has original exclusive jurisdiction shall be taken into custody by any person without a custody order except that:

(a) A law enforcement officer may take a child in custody if:

(i) Grounds exist for the arrest of an adult in identical circumstances; and

(ii) Such law enforcement officer has probable cause to believe that custody is necessary as defined in Section 43-21-301; and

(iii) Such law enforcement officer can find no reasonable alternative to custody; or

(b) A law enforcement officer or an agent of the Department of Child Protection Services or the Department of Human Services may take a child into immediate custody if:

(i) There is probable cause to believe that the child is in immediate danger of personal harm; however, probable cause shall not be based solely upon a positive drug test of a newborn or parent for marijuana or solely upon the status of a parent as a cardholder under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, but a finding of probable cause may be based upon an evidence-based finding of harm to the child or a parent's inability to provide for the care and supervision of the child due to the parent's use of marijuana. Probable cause for unlawful use of any controlled substance, except as otherwise provided in this subparagraph (i) for marijuana, may be based: 1. upon a parent's positive drug test for unlawful use of a controlled substance only if the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody; and 2. upon a newborn's positive drug screen for a controlled substance that was used unlawfully only if the child is in danger of a significant risk of harm or the parent is unable to provide proper care or supervision of the child because of the unlawful use and there is no reasonable alternative to custody.

A child shall not be considered "neglected" solely because the child's parent, guardian or custodian has failed to provide the child with food, clothing, or shelter necessary to sustain the life or health of the child when the failure is caused primarily by financial inability, unless relief services had been offered and refused and the child is in imminent risk of harm; and

(ii) There is probable cause to believe that immediate custody is necessary as set forth in Section 43-21-301(3); and

(iii) There is no reasonable alternative to custody; and

(c) Any other person may take a child into custody if grounds exist for the arrest of an adult in identical circumstances. Such other person shall immediately surrender custody of the child to the proper law enforcement officer who shall thereupon continue custody only as provided in *** paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(2) When it is necessary to take a child into custody, the least restrictive custody should be selected.

(3) Unless the child is immediately released, the person taking the child into custody shall immediately notify the judge or his designee. A person taking a child into

custody shall also make continuing reasonable efforts to notify the child's parent, guardian or custodian and invite the parent, guardian or custodian to be present during any questioning.

(4) A child taken into custody shall not be held in custody for a period longer than reasonably necessary, but not to exceed twenty-four (24) hours, and shall be released to his parent, guardian or custodian unless the judge or his designee authorizes temporary custody.

SECTION 16. Section 93-17-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

93-17-3. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a court of this state has jurisdiction over a proceeding for the adoption or readoption of a minor commenced under this chapter if:

(a) Immediately before commencement of the proceeding, the minor lived in this state with a parent, a guardian, a prospective adoptive parent or another person acting as parent, for at least six (6) consecutive months, excluding periods of temporary absence, or, in the case of a minor under six (6) months of age, lived in this state from soon after birth with any of those individuals and there is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(b) Immediately before commencement of the proceeding, the prospective adoptive parent lived in this state for at least six (6) consecutive months, excluding periods of temporary absence, and there is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(c) The agency that placed the minor for adoption is licensed in this state and it is in the best interest of the minor that a court of this state assume jurisdiction because:

(i) The minor and the minor's parents, or the minor and the prospective adoptive parent, have a significant connection with this state; and

(ii) There is available in this state substantial evidence concerning the minor's present or future care;

(d) The minor and the prospective adoptive parent or parents are physically present in this state and the minor has been abandoned or it is necessary in an emergency to protect the minor because the minor has been subjected to or threatened with mistreatment or abuse or is otherwise neglected, and the prospective adoptive parent or parents, if not residing in Mississippi, have completed and provided the court with a satisfactory Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (ICPC) home study and accompanying forms, unless the court determines that the home study is not necessary in the case of an adoption by a stepparent or a relative or in the case of an adoption in a foster-to-adopt placement;

(e) It appears that no other state would have jurisdiction under prerequisites substantially in accordance with paragraphs (a) through (d), or another state has declined to exercise jurisdiction on the ground that this state is the more appropriate forum to hear a petition for adoption of the minor, and it is in the best interest of the minor that a court of this state assume jurisdiction; or

(f) The child has been adopted in a foreign country, the agency that placed the minor for adoption is licensed in this state, and it is in the best interest of the child to be readopted in a court of this state having jurisdiction.

(2) A court of this state may not exercise jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption of a minor if, at the time the petition for adoption is filed, a proceeding concerning the custody or adoption of the minor is pending in a court of another state exercising jurisdiction substantially in conformity with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act or this section unless the proceeding is stayed by the court of the other state.

(3) If a court of another state has issued a decree or order concerning the custody of a minor who may be the subject of a proceeding for adoption in this state, a court of this state may not exercise jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption of the minor unless:

(a) The court of this state finds that the court of the state which issued the decree or order:

(i) Does not have continuing jurisdiction to modify the decree or order under jurisdictional prerequisites substantially in accordance with the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act or has declined to assume jurisdiction to modify the decree or order; or

(ii) Does not have jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption substantially in conformity with subsection (1)(a) through (d) or has declined to assume jurisdiction over a proceeding for adoption; and

(b) The court of this state has jurisdiction over the proceeding.

(4) Any person may be adopted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter in term time or in vacation by an unmarried adult, by a married person whose spouse joins in the petition, by a married person whose spouse does not join in the petition because such spouse does not cohabit or reside with the petitioning spouse, and in any circumstances determined by the court that the adoption is in the best interest of the child. Only the consenting adult will be a legal parent of the child. The adoption shall be by sworn petition filed in the chancery court of the county in which the adopting petitioner or petitioners reside or in which the child to be adopted resides or was born, or was found when it was abandoned or deserted, or in which the home is located to which the child has been surrendered by a person authorized to so do. The petition shall be accompanied by a doctor's or nurse practitioner's certificate showing the physical and mental condition of the child to be adopted and a sworn statement of all property, if any, owned by the child. In addition, the petition shall be accompanied by affidavits of the petitioner or petitioners stating the amount of the service fees charged by any adoption agencies or adoption facilitators used by the petitioner or petitioners and any other expenses paid by the petitioner or petitioners in the adoption process as of the time of filing the petition. If the doctor's or nurse practitioner's certificate indicates any abnormal mental or physical condition or defect, the condition or defect shall not, in the discretion of the chancellor, bar the adoption of the child if the adopting parent or parents file an affidavit stating full and complete knowledge of the condition or defect and stating a desire to adopt the child, notwithstanding the condition or defect. The court shall have the power to change the name of the child as a part of the adoption proceedings. The word "child" in this section shall be construed to refer to the person to be adopted, though an adult.

(5) No person may be placed in the home of or adopted by the prospective adopting parties before a court-ordered or voluntary home study is satisfactorily completed by a licensed adoption agency, a licensed, experienced social worker approved by the chancery court, a court-appointed guardian ad litem that has knowledge or training in conducting home studies if so directed by the court, or by the Department of Child Protection Services on the prospective adoptive parties if required by Section 93-17-11.

(6) No person may be adopted by a person or persons who reside outside the State of Mississippi unless the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Placement of Children (Section 43-18-1 et seq.) have been complied with. In such cases Forms 100A, 100B (if applicable) and evidence of Interstate Compact for Placement of Children approval shall be added to the permanent adoption record file within one (1) month of the placement, and a minimum of two (2) post-placement reports conducted by a licensed child-placing agency shall be provided to the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services Interstate Compact for Placement of Children office.

(7) No person may be adopted unless the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) have been complied with, if applicable. When applicable, proof of compliance shall be included in the court adoption file prior to finalization of the adoption. If not applicable, a written statement or paragraph in the petition for adoption shall be included in the adoption petition stating that the provisions of ICWA do not apply before finalization.

(8) The readoption of a child who has automatically acquired United States citizenship following an adoption in a foreign country and who possesses a Certificate of Citizenship in accordance with the Child Citizenship Act, CAA, Public Law 106-395, may be given full force and effect in a readoption proceeding conducted by a court of competent jurisdiction in this state by compliance with the Mississippi Registration of Foreign Adoptions Act, Article 9 of this chapter.

(9) For adult adoptees who consent to the adoption, a chancellor may waive any of the petition requirements and procedural requirements within subsections (4), (5), (6) and (7) of this section.

(10) The clerk shall docket cases seeking relief under this chapter as priority cases. The assigned judge shall be immediately notified when a case is filed in order to provide for expedited proceedings.

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SECTION 17. Section 89-2-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-2-3. The term "outdoor recreational purposes" as used in this article shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, hunting, fishing, swimming, boating, camping, picnicking, hiking, cycling, pleasure driving, nature study, water skiing and visiting historical, archaeological, scenic or scientific sites.

SECTION 18. Section 89-2-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

89-2-25. Any landowner who gives permission to another person to hunt, fish, trap, camp, hike, cycle or sightsee upon land or premises shall not, by the sole act of giving such permission, be considered or construed to have:

(a) Extended any assurance that the premises are safe for such purposes;

(b) Caused the person to whom permission has been granted to be constituted the legal status of an invitee to whom a duty of care is owed; or

(c) Assumed responsibility or liability for any injury to such person or his property caused by any act of such person to whom permission has been granted, except as provided in Section 89-2-27.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO WAIVE THE ADOPTION FILING FEE FOR CASES INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE SUMMONS TO BE ISSUED AND SERVED ON A CHILD WHO IS 12 YEARS OR OLDER IN AN INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDING; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MINOR CHILD SHALL BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL THROUGHOUT THE PROCEEDINGS; TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO CONSIDER THE CHILD'S PREFERENCES, IF ANY, IF THE CHILD IS 14 YEARS OR OLDER AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STYLE OF THE CASE SHALL NOT INCLUDE THE CHILD'S NAME; TO REQUIRE A COURT TO HOLD A HEARING ON THE PETITION WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF DAYS; TO AUTHORIZE THE COURT TO CONTINUE THE HEARING UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-111, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A COURT TO ACCEPT A PARENT'S WRITTEN VOLUNTARY RELEASE TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-201, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A YOUTH COURT JUDGE TO APPOINT COUNSEL FOR AN INDIGENT CUSTODIAL PARENT OR GUARDIAN WHO IS A PARTY IN AN ABUSE, NEGLECT OR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDING; TO AUTHORIZE A YOUTH COURT JUDGE TO APPOINT COUNSEL FOR AN INDIGENT NONCUSTODIAL PARENT IF THE YOUTH COURT JUDGE DETERMINES THAT THE PARENT HAS DEMONSTRATED A SIGNIFICANT CUSTODIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHILD; TO CLARIFY THE DUTY OF AN ATTORNEY UNDER THE SECTION; TO REQUIRE A FINANCIALLY ABLE PARENT TO PAY FOR COURT-APPOINTED REPRESENTATION OR SOME PORTION THEREOF; TO REQUIRE MONIES COLLECTED TO BE DEPOSITED INTO A SPECIAL FUND TO BE KNOWN AS THE "JUVENILE COURT REPRESENTATION FUND"; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE USED BY THE COURT TO COVER THE COSTS OF COUNSEL IN INDIGENT CASES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO HIRE AGENCY COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE DEPARTMENT AND BE REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AT ALL STAGES OF THE PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING A CHILD FOR WHOM THE DEPARTMENT HAS CUSTODY OF OR MAY BE AWARDED CUSTODY OF; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "NEGLECTED CHILD" AND "REASONABLE EFFORTS"; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-151, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT JURISDICTION OF THE YOUTH COURT SHALL ATTACH AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSE, OR AT THE TIME OF THE ALLEGATION OF ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION WITHIN TITLE 93, CHAPTER 15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A NONCOMPREHENSIVE LIST OF REASONS THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE COMPELLING AND EXTRAORDINARY REASONS WHY TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS WOULD NOT BE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-613, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TIMELINE FOR AND FREQUENCY OF PERMANENCY HEARINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 93-15-121, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY A GROUND FOR THE TERMINATION OF A PARENT'S PARENTAL RIGHTS; TO AMEND SECTION 97-5-39, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM THE SECTION TO THE REVISED DEFINITION OF "NEGLECTED CHILD"; TO DEFINE "TORTURE" FOR THE PURPOSES OF FELONY CHILD ABUSE; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-651, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE RIGHT OF APPEAL FROM YOUTH COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-351, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE YOUTH COURT INTAKE OFFICERS TO RECEIVE TRAINING ON MYCIDS; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI JUDICIAL COLLEGE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS, TO DEVELOP TRAINING MATERIALS ON MYCIDS; TO AMEND SECTION 43-21-801, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE YOUTH COURT JUDGES TO RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 HOUR OF ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION CONCERNING OVERSIGHT OF YOUTH COURT INTAKE OFFICERS AND MYCIDS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 43-21-301, 43-21-303 AND 93-17-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTIONS 89-2-3 AND 89-2-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ADD CYCLING TO THE ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM LIABILITY FOR RECREATIONAL LANDOWNERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Nicole Boyd, Angela Turner-Ford
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Jimmy Fondren

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Blackwell, Ladner. Total--2.

Absent or those not voting--Burch, Currie, Faulkner, Keen, Summers. Total-5.

Present--Hulum. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 37-181-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-181-5. (1) An eligible student shall qualify to participate in the ESA program if the parent or guardian signs an agreement promising:

(a) To provide an organized, appropriate educational program with measurable annual goals to their participating student and to provide an education for the participating student in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science;

(b) To document their participating student's disability at intervals and in a manner required under subsection (8) of this section;

(c) Not to enroll their participating student in a public school and to acknowledge as part of the agreement that the eligible school has provided clear notice to the parent or guardian that the participating student has no individual entitlement to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) from their home school district, including special education and related services, for as long as the student is participating in the ESA program;

(d) Not to file for their participating student a certificate of enrollment indicating participation in a home instruction program under Section 37-13-91, Mississippi Code of 1972; and

(e) Not to participate in the Mississippi Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia Program or the Mississippi Speech-Language Therapy Scholarship for Students with Speech-Language Impairments Program while participating in the ESA program.

(2) Parents or guardians shall use the funds deposited in a participating student's ESA for any of the following qualifying expenses, which shall be incurred within the awarded ESA school year, to educate the student using any of the below methods or combination of methods that meet the requirement in subsection (1)(a) of this section:

(a) Tuition and/or academic fees at an eligible school;

(b) Textbooks related to academic coursework;

(c) Payment to a tutor, as defined in Section 37-181-3(h);

(d) Payment for purchase of curriculum, including any supplemental materials required by the curriculum;

(e) Fees for nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement tests, including alternate assessments; and fees for Advanced Placement examinations or similar courses and any examinations related to college or university admission;

(f) Educational services or therapies from a licensed or certified practitioner or provider, including licensed or certified paraprofessionals or educational aides;

(g) Tuition and fees related to dual enrollment at a postsecondary institution;

(h) Textbooks related to academic coursework at a postsecondary institution;

(i) Surety bond payments if required by the department;

(j) No more than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in annual consumable school supplies necessary for educational services and therapies, daily classroom activities, and tutoring;

(k) Computer hardware and software and other technological devices if an eligible school, licensed or certified tutor, licensed or certified educational service practitioner or provider, or licensed medical professional verifies in writing that these items are essential for the student to meet annual, measurable educational and academic goals or goals within the scope of the eligible student's IEP. Once a student is no longer participating in the ESA program, computer hardware and software and other technological devices purchased with ESA funds shall be donated to a public school or public library. Qualifying expenses for computer hardware and software include only those expenses incurred within the awarded ESA school year.

(3) To qualify to participate in the program, the parent or guardian of an eligible student shall also certify to the department that they have been accepted into an eligible school qualified to provide services for the participating student's disability or special education needs, or provide services addressing a participating student's IEP, as required under this act.

(**4) Neither a participating student, nor anyone on the student's behalf, may receive cash or cash-equivalent items, such as gift cards or store credit, from any refunds or rebates from any provider of services or products in the ESA program. Any refunds or rebates shall be credited directly to the participating student's ESA. The funds in an ESA may only be used for education-related purposes as defined in this chapter.

(**5) (a) Eligible schools, postsecondary institutions and educational service providers that serve participating students shall provide the parent or guardian who submitted the ESA program application with an original itemized receipt, including the service provider's name and address, for all qualifying expenses. The parent or guardian who submitted the ESA application shall provide the original itemized receipt to the department.

(b) In lieu of providing the parent or guardian who submitted the ESA program application with an original itemized receipt, the eligible schools, postsecondary institutions and educational service providers may provide to the department an original itemized receipt approved and signed off on by the parent or guardian who submitted the ESA application, including the service provider's name and address, for all qualifying expenses.

(**6) Payment for educational services through an ESA shall not preclude parents or guardians from paying for educational services using non-ESA funds.

(**7) For purposes of continuity of educational attainment, students who enroll in the ESA program shall remain eligible to receive quarterly ESA payments until the participating student returns to a public school, completes high school, completes the school year in which the student reaches the age of twenty-one (21), or does not have eligibility verified by a parent or guardian as required under subsection (8) of this section, whichever occurs first.

(**8) Any funds remaining in a student's Education Scholarship Account upon completion of high school shall be returned to the state's General Fund.

(**9) Every three (3) years after initial enrollment in the ESA program, a parent or guardian of a participating student, except a student diagnosed as being a person with a permanent disability, shall document that the student continues to be

identified by the school district, a federal or state government agency, or a licensed physician or psychometrist as a child with a disability, as defined by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 USCS Section 1401(3)).

(** *10) An eligible student shall be allowed to return to his home school district at any time after enrolling in the ESA program, in compliance with regulations adopted by the department providing for the least disruptive process for doing so. Upon the participating student's return to his or her home school district, the student's Education Scholarship Account shall be closed and any remaining funds shall be distributed to the student's home school district at the end of the awarded ESA school year.

SECTION 2. Section 37-181-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 4130, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

37-181-7. (1) *** New enrollment in the ESA program created in this chapter shall be limited to five hundred (500) additional students each year ***. Subject to appropriation from the General Fund, each student's ESA shall be funded at Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00) for school year 2015-2016. For each subsequent year, this amount shall increase or decrease by the same proportion as the *** student base amount under Section *** 37-151-203 is increased or decreased.

(2) Subject to appropriation, eligible students shall be approved for participation in the ESA program as follows:

(a) *** Students shall be approved on a first-come, first-served basis, with applications being reviewed on a rolling basis;

(b) After participation reaches fifty percent (50%) of the annual enrollment limits in subsection (1) of this section, the department shall set annual application deadlines for the remaining number of available ESAs and begin to maintain a waiting list of eligible students. The waitlist shall only include eligible students who have certified to the department that they have been accepted into an eligible school qualified to provide services for the participating student's disability or special education needs, or provide services addressing a participating student's IEP. The waitlist will be maintained in the chronological order in which applications are received. The department shall award ESA program applications in chronological order according to the waitlist; and

(c) Participating students who remain eligible for the ESA program are automatically approved for participation for the following year and are not subject to the random selection process.

(3) No funds for an ESA may be expended from the *** total funding formula funds provided in this act, nor shall any school district be required to provide funding for an ESA.

SECTION 3. Section 37-181-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-181-9. (1) The department shall create a standard form that parents or guardians of students submit to establish their student's eligibility for an Education Scholarship Account. The department shall ensure that the application is readily available to interested families through various sources, including the department's website and the copy of procedural safeguards annually given to parents or guardians. To be considered, an application must include certification that the student has been accepted into an eligible school qualified to provide services for the student's disability or special education needs, or provide services addressing a participating student's IEP.

(2) The department shall provide parents or guardians of participating students with a written explanation of the allowable uses of Education Scholarship Accounts, the responsibilities of parents and the duties of the department. This information shall also be made available on the department's website.

(3) The department shall annually notify all students with an IEP of the existence of the ESA program and shall ensure that lower-income families are made aware of their potential eligibility.

(4) The department may deduct an amount up to a limit of six percent (6%) from appropriations used to fund Education Scholarship Accounts to cover the costs of overseeing the funds and administering the ESA program.

(5) (a) The department shall make a determination of eligibility, and shall approve the application, within twenty-one (21) business days of receiving an application for participation in the ESA program, subject to the provisions of Section 37-181-3(b).

(b) The department shall provide for a procedure that children with a ruling of hearing impairment or children suspected of a hearing loss shall receive a comprehensive educational assessment which may include the areas of cognitive development, language/speech, audiological and academic achievement from the state-funded Mississippi Assistance Center for Hearing Loss. Children with a ruling of visual impairment or children suspected of a visual impairment shall receive a comprehensive low vision evaluation from the state-funded Low Vision Clinic.

(6) The home school district shall provide the parent or guardian of a participating student with a complete copy of the student's school records, while complying with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 USCS Section 1232(g)). The record shall be provided no later than thirty (30) days after a parent signs an agreement to participate in the ESA program.

SECTION 4. Section 37-181-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-181-13. (1) The Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) shall prepare a biannual report, beginning in 2018 and every two (2) years thereafter, assessing efficacy of Education Scholarship Accounts, to include the sufficiency of funding, and recommending any suggested changes in state law or policy necessary to improve the ESA program.

(2) The report shall assess:

(a) The degree to which eligible schools are meeting the needs of participating students as defined by the participating students' IEPs;

(b) The level of participating students' satisfaction with the ESA program;

(c) The level of parental or guardian satisfaction with the ESA program;

(d) Participating students' performance, both pre-assessment and post-assessment, on the eligible school's current assessment used to demonstrate academic progress, a nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement test, or a current state board-approved screener, as required in Section 37-181-15(f);

(e) Participating students' performance on Advanced Placement examinations or similar courses and any examinations related to college or university admission; provided that eligible schools must report participating students' performance on Advance Placement examinations and any examinations related to college or university admission;

(f) The four-year high school graduation rates and college acceptance rates of participating students; provided that eligible schools must report participating students' high school graduation rates and, if known, college acceptance rates;

(g) The percentage of funds used for each qualifying expense identified in Section 37-181-5(2); and

(h) The fiscal impact to the state and home school districts of the ESA program, which must consider both the impact on revenue and the impact on expenses. Furthermore, the fiscal savings associated with students departing public schools must be explicitly quantified, even if the public school losing the student(s) does not reduce its spending accordingly.

(3) The report shall:

(a) Apply appropriate analytical and behavioral science methodologies to ensure public confidence in the study; and

(b) Protect the identity of participating students and schools by, among other things, keeping anonymous all disaggregated data.

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(* * *4) PEER shall provide the Legislature with a final copy of the report of the ESA program before December 31 each year the report is due. At the same time, the study shall also be placed in a prominent location on the PEER website.

(** *5) PEER must make its data and methodology available for public review while complying with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 USCS Section 1232(g)).

SECTION 5. Section 37-181-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-181-15. (1) To ensure that students are treated fairly and kept safe, all eligible schools shall:

(a) Comply with the nondiscrimination policies set forth in 42 USCS 1981;

(b) Prior to a participating student's application for enrollment, provide parents or guardians with details of the school's programs, record of student achievement, qualifications, experience, capacities to serve students with special needs, and capacity to serve the participating student within the scope of their IEP;

(c) Comply with all health and safety laws or codes that apply to nonpublic schools;

(d) Hold a valid occupancy permit if required by their municipality;

(e) Have no public record of fraud or malfeasance;

(f) Require participating students to take a pre-assessment at the beginning of the school year and a post-assessment at the end of the school year. The eligible school shall have the option to select their current assessment used to demonstrate academic progress, a nationally standardized norm-referenced achievement test, or a current state board-approved screener;

(g) Notify a parent or guardian applying for the ESA program that the parent or guardian waives the right of the participating student to an individual entitlement to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) from their home school district, including special education and related services, for as long as the student is participating in the ESA program;

(h) Conduct criminal background checks on employees and:

(i) Exclude from employment any person not permitted by state law to work in a nonpublic school; and

(ii) Exclude from employment any person who might reasonably pose a threat to the safety of students; and

(i) An eligible school shall certify to the department upon enrollment of a participating student that the eligible school shall provide services for the participating student's disability or special education needs, or shall provide services addressing a participating student's IEP. Such certification must be received by the department before the ESA is reimbursed to an eligible student.

(2) Failure to comply with these requirements shall deem the eligible school ineligible to participate in the ESA program the following year.

SECTION 6. Section 37-181-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-181-17. (1) An eligible nonpublic school is autonomous and not an agent of the state or federal government and therefore:

(a) The State Department of Education or any other government agency shall not regulate the educational program of a nonpublic school, postsecondary institution or educational service provider that accepts funds from the parent or guardian of a participating student beyond the requirements of the ESA program as promulgated in this chapter;

(b) The creation of the Education Scholarship Account program does not expand the regulatory authority of the state, its officers, or any school district to impose any additional regulation of nonpublic schools, postsecondary institutions or educational service providers beyond those necessary to enforce the requirements of the ESA program; and

(c) Eligible schools, postsecondary institutions and educational service providers shall be given the maximum freedom to provide for the educational needs of their students without governmental control. No eligible school, postsecondary institution or educational service provider shall be required to alter its creed, practices, admission policies or curriculum in order to accept participating students.

(2) Eligible schools, or the parent or guardian who submitted the ESA application, must submit student performance data to the State Department of Education at the end of the school year, including the individual results of the pre-assessment and post-assessment required in Section 37-181-15(f). The department shall develop a uniformed reporting format for eligible schools to use when submitting assessment results.

(3) In any legal proceeding challenging the application of this chapter to an eligible school, postsecondary institution or educational service provider the state bears the burden of establishing that the law is necessary and does not impose any undue burden on the eligible school, postsecondary institution or educational service provider.

SECTION 7. Section 37-181-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-181-1. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as "The Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act."

SECTION 8. Section 37-181-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-181-3. The terms used in this chapter shall have the meanings ascribed herein, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "ESA program" means the Education Scholarship Account (ESA) program created in this chapter.

(b) "Eligible student" means any student who has had an active Individualized Education Program (IEP) within the past three (3) years and has maintained eligibility.

(c) "Participating student" means any student who meets the qualifications of an eligible student as defined in paragraph (b) of this section and is participating in an ESA program at an eligible school.

(d) "Parent" means a resident of this state who is a parent, legal guardian, custodian or other person with the authority to act on behalf of the eligible student.

(e) "Department" means the State Department of Education.

(f) "Home school district" means the public school district in which the student resides.

(g) "Eligible school" means a state-accredited special purpose school, a state-accredited nonpublic school, or a nonpublic school located in the state that has enrolled a participating student and is providing services for the participating student's disability or special education needs, or is providing services addressing a participating student's IEP. An eligible school does not include a home instruction program under Section 37-13-91, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(h) "Tutor" means a person who is certified or licensed by a state, regional, or national certification, licensing, or accreditation organization or who has earned a valid teacher's license or who has experience teaching at an eligible postsecondary institution.

(i) "Postsecondary institution" means a community college, college, or university accredited by a state, regional or national accrediting organization.

(j) "Educational service provider" means an eligible school, tutor, or other person or organization that provides education-related services and products to participating students.

(k) "Awarded ESA school year" means the duration of the school year in which ESA program funds are deposited in a student's ESA.

(l) Nothing in this section shall negate federal law requiring public school districts to identify and provide services to students with disabilities who live within the public school district, including those enrolled in nonpublic schools or home instruction programs.

(m) An eligible school shall provide notice to a participating student's home school district when the eligible student enrolls in the eligible school with an ESA. Furthermore, a public school district providing special education services to a participating student enrolled in an eligible school shall be reimbursed by the eligible school, or parent or guardian who submitted the ESA application, fair market value for any special education services rendered to the eligible student in an amount not to

exceed the amount of ESA funds reimbursed to the eligible student during the awarded ESA school year.

SECTION 9. Section 37-181-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-181-11. (1) To ensure that funds are spent appropriately, the State Department of Education shall adopt rules and policies necessary for the administration of the ESA program, including the auditing of Education Scholarship Accounts, and shall conduct or contract for random audits throughout the year.

(2) (a) The department shall develop a system for payment of benefits, including, but not limited to, allowing educational service providers to invoice the department for qualified expenses consistent with Section 37-181-5(2), or allowing the parent or guardian who submitted the ESA program application to seek reimbursement for qualified expenses consistent with Section 37-181-5(2).

(b) The department may make payments to educational service providers or reimbursement to the parent or guardian who submitted the ESA program application via check or warrant or electronic funds transfer or any other means of payment deemed to be commercially viable or cost-effective.

(c) The department may also establish by rule that some payments to educational service providers will be made on a quarterly basis, rather than an annual basis, if the educational services will be rendered over an extended period of time.

(3) The department shall adopt a process for removing educational service providers that defraud parents and for referring cases of fraud to law enforcement.

(4) The department shall establish or contract for the establishment of an online anonymous fraud reporting service.

(5) The department shall establish or contract for the establishment of an anonymous telephone hotline for fraud reporting.

SECTION 10. Section 37-181-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-181-19. The State Department of Education may receive and expend contributions from any public or private source to fund ESAs for participating students.

SECTION 11. Section 37-181-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted as follows:

37-181-21. If any provision of this law or its application is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this law are severable.

SECTION 12. Section 37-181-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is reenacted and amended as follows:

37-181-23. Sections 37-181-1 through 37-181-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall stand repealed on July 1, * * * 2028.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 37-181-5, 37-181-9, 37-181-13, 37-181-15, 37-181-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AND SECTION 37-181-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 4130, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT PROGRAM TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL REVISIONS THERETO; TO PROVIDE THAT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM, THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF AN ELIGIBLE STUDENT MUST CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT THEY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO AN ELIGIBLE SCHOOL QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE PARTICIPATING STUDENT'S DISABILITY OR SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS, OR PROVIDE SERVICES ADDRESSING A PARTICIPATING STUDENT'S IEP; TO SET CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS, INCLUDING PARTICIPANTS' GRADUATION RATES AND ADVANCE PLACEMENT EXAMINATION PERFORMANCE; TO PROVIDE THAT ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS SHALL HAVE THE

OPTION OF SELECTING A NATIONALLY STANDARDIZED NORM-REFERENCED ACHIEVEMENT TEST, OR A CURRENT STATE BOARD-APPROVED SCREENER FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS TO TAKE EACH YEAR; TO PROVIDE THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHAPTER SHALL DEEM THE ELIGIBLE SCHOOL INELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ESA PROGRAM THE FOLLOWING YEAR; TO REENACT SECTIONS 37-181-1, 37-181-3, 37-181-11, 37-181-19 AND 37-181-21, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ACT; TO AMEND REENACTED SECTION 37-181-23, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO EXTEND THE DATE OF REPEAL OF SUCH ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Rob Roberson, Kent McCarty, Jansen Owen

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., David Parker, Robin Robinson

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Summers. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Roberson called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The Governor is authorized and directed to execute the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact on behalf of this state with any other state or states legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

The purpose of this compact is to facilitate the mobility of teachers across the member states with the goal of supporting teachers through a new pathway to licensure. Through this compact, the member states seek to establish a collective regulatory framework which expedites and enhances the ability of teachers from a variety of backgrounds to move across state lines. This compact is intended to achieve the following objectives, as applied in the State of Mississippi, and shall be interpreted according to Mississippi law. The member states hereby ratify the same intentions by subscribing hereto:

- A. Create a streamlined pathway to licensure mobility for teachers;
- B. Support the relocation of eligible military spouses;
- C. Facilitate and enhance the exchange of licensure information between the member states;
- D. Enhance the power of state and district-level education officials to hire qualified, competent teachers by removing barriers to the employment of out-of-state teachers;
- E. Support the retention of teachers in the profession by removing barriers to relicensure in a new state; and
- F. Maintain state sovereignty in the regulation of the teaching profession.

ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS

As used in this compact, and except as otherwise provided, the following definitions shall govern the terms herein:

- A. "Active military member" means any person with full-time duty status in the Armed Forces of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve.
- B. "Adverse action" means any limitation or restriction imposed by a member state's licensing authority, such as revocation, suspension, reprimand, probation or limitation on the licensee's ability to work as a teacher.
- C. "Bylaws" means those bylaws established by the Commission.
- D. "Career and technical education license" means a current, valid authorization issued by a member state's licensing authority allowing an individual to serve as a teacher in P-12 public educational settings in a specific career and technical education area.
- E. "Charter member states" means a member state that has enacted legislation to adopt this compact where such legislation predates the initial meeting of the Commission after the effective date of the compact.
- F. "Commission" means the interstate administrative body which membership consists of delegates of all states that have enacted this compact, and which is known as the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission.
- G. "Commissioner" means the delegate of a member state.
- H. "Eligible license" means a license to engage in the teaching profession which requires at least a bachelor's degree and the completion of a state-approved program for teacher licensure.
- I. "Eligible military spouse" means the spouse of any individual in full-time duty status in the active Armed Forces of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve moving as a result of a military mission or military career progression requirements or are on their terminal move as a result of separation or retirement (to include surviving spouses of deceased military members).
- J. "Executive committee" means a group of Commissioners elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, the Commission as provided for herein.

K. "Licensing authority" means an official, agency, board, or other entity of a state that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of teachers authorized to teach in P-12 public educational settings.

L. "Member state" means any state that has adopted this compact, including all agencies and officials of such a state.

M. "Receiving state" means any state where a teacher has applied for licensure under this compact.

N. "Rule" means any regulation promulgated by the Commission under this compact, which shall have the force of law in each member state. As applied in the State of Mississippi, such rules shall only be binding and have the force of law if consistent with Mississippi law.

O. "State" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, and the District of Columbia.

P. "State practice laws" means a member state's laws, rules, and regulations that govern the teaching profession, define the scope of such profession, and create the methods and grounds for imposing discipline.

Q. "State specific requirements" means a requirement for licensure covered in coursework or examination that includes content of unique interest to the state.

R. "Teacher" means an individual who currently holds an authorization from a member state that forms the basis for employment in the P-12 public schools of the state to provide instruction in a specific subject area, grade level or student population.

S. "Unencumbered license" means a current, valid authorization issued by a member state's licensing authority allowing an individual to serve as a teacher in P-12 public educational settings. An unencumbered license is not a restricted, probationary, provisional, substitute or temporary credential.

ARTICLE III

LICENSURE UNDER THE COMPACT

A. Licensure under this compact pertains only to the initial grant of a license by the receiving state. Nothing herein applies to any subsequent or ongoing compliance requirements that a receiving state might require for teachers.

B. Each member state shall, in accordance with rules of the commission, define, compile and update, as necessary, a list of eligible licenses and career and technical education licenses that the member state is willing to consider for equivalency under this compact and provide the list to the commission. The list shall include those licenses that a receiving state is willing to grant teachers from other member states, pending a determination of equivalency by the receiving state's licensing authority.

C. Upon the receipt of an application for licensure by a teacher holding an unencumbered license, the receiving state shall determine which of the receiving state's eligible licenses the teacher is qualified to hold and shall grant such a license or licenses to the applicant. Such a determination shall be made in the sole discretion of the receiving state's licensing authority and may include a determination that the applicant is not eligible for any of the receiving state's licenses. For all teachers who hold an unencumbered license, the receiving state shall grant one or more unencumbered licenses that, in the receiving state's sole discretion, are equivalent to the license held by the teacher in any other member state.

D. For active duty military members and eligible military spouses who hold a license that is not unencumbered, the receiving state shall grant an equivalent license or licenses that, in the receiving state's sole discretion, is equivalent to the license or licenses held by the teacher in any other member state, except where the receiving state does not have an equivalent license.

E. For a teacher holding an unencumbered career and technical education license, the receiving state shall grant an unencumbered license equivalent to the career and technical education license held by the applying teacher and issued by another member state, as determined by the receiving state in its sole discretion, except where a career and technical education teacher does not hold a bachelor's degree and the receiving state requires a bachelor's degree for licenses to teach career

and technical education. A receiving state may require career and technical education teachers to meet state industry recognized requirements, if required by law in the receiving state.

ARTICLE IV

LICENSURE NOT UNDER THE COMPACT

A. Except as provided in Article III, nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit or inhibit the power of a member state to regulate licensure or endorsements overseen by the member state's licensing authority.

B. When a teacher is required to renew a license received pursuant to this compact, the state granting such a license may require the teacher to complete state-specific requirements as a condition of licensure renewal or advancement in that state.

C. For purposes of determining compensation, a receiving state may require additional information from teachers receiving a license under the provisions of this compact.

D. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to limit the power of a member state to control and maintain ownership of its information pertaining to teachers or limit the application of a member state's laws or regulations governing the ownership, use or dissemination of information pertaining to teachers.

E. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to invalidate or alter any existing agreement or other cooperative arrangement which a member state may already be a party to or limit the ability of a member state to participate in any future agreement or other cooperative arrangement to:

1. Award teaching licenses or other benefits based on additional professional credentials, including, but not limited to, National Board Certification;

2. Participate in the exchange of names of teachers whose license has been subject to an adverse action by a member state; or

3. Participate in any agreement or cooperative arrangement with a nonmember state.

ARTICLE V

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE COMPACT

A. Except as provided for active military members or eligible military spouses under Article III.D, a teacher may only be eligible to receive a license under this compact where that teacher holds an unencumbered license in a member state.

B. A teacher eligible to receive a license under this compact shall, unless otherwise provided herein:

1. As the compact is applied in Mississippi, upon their application to receive a license under this compact and receipt of an employment offer by a school district, undergo a criminal background check in the receiving state in accordance with the laws and regulations of the receiving state; and

2. Provide the receiving state with information in addition to the information required for licensure for the purposes of determining compensation, if applicable.

ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE AND ADVERSE ACTIONS

A. Nothing in this compact shall be deemed or construed to limit the authority of a member state to investigate or impose disciplinary measures on teachers according to the state practice laws thereof.

B. Member states shall be authorized to receive, and shall provide, files and information regarding the investigation and discipline, if any, of teachers in other member states upon request. Any member state receiving such information or files shall protect and maintain the security and confidentiality thereof, in at least the same manner that it maintains its own investigatory or disciplinary files and information. Prior to disclosing any disciplinary or investigatory information received from another member state, the disclosing state shall communicate its intention and purpose for such disclosure to the member state which originally provided that information.

ARTICLE VII
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY
COMPACT COMMISSION

A. The interstate compact member states hereby create and establish a joint public agency known as the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission:

1. The Commission is a joint interstate governmental agency comprised of states that have enacted the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; and

2. Nothing in this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity.

B. Membership, Voting, and Meetings

1. Each member state shall have and be limited to one (1) delegate to the Commission, who shall be given the title of Commissioner.

2. The Commissioner shall be the primary administrative officer of the state licensing authority or their designee.

3. Any Commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state from which the Commissioner is appointed.

4. The member state shall fill any vacancy occurring in the Commission within ninety (90) days.

5. Each Commissioner shall be entitled to one (1) vote about the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the Commission. A Commissioner shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for Commissioners' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

6. The Commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the bylaws.

7. The Commission shall establish, by rule, a term of office for Commissioners.

C. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Establish a Code of Ethics for the Commission;

2. Establish the fiscal year of the Commission;

3. Establish bylaws for the Commission;

4. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws of the Commission;

5. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this interstate compact, the bylaws and rules of the Commission;

6. Promulgate uniform rules to implement and administer this interstate compact. The rules shall have the force and effect of law and shall be binding in all member states, except that in Mississippi, the rules shall only be binding if consistent with Mississippi law. In the event the Commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes of the compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the Commission shall be invalid and have no force and effect of law;

7. Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the Commission, provided that the standing of any member state licensing authority to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

8. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

9. Borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a member state, or an associated nongovernmental organization that is open to membership by all states;

10. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact, and establish the Commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

11. Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise own, hold, improve, or use, any property, real, personal or mixed, provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;

12. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal or mixed;

13. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

14. Borrow money;

15. Appoint committees, including standing committees composed of members and such other interested persons as may be designated in this interstate compact, rules or bylaws;

16. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

17. Establish and elect an Executive Committee;

18. Establish and develop a charter for an Executive Information Governance Committee to advise on facilitating exchange of information, use of information, data privacy and technical support needs, and provide reports as needed;

19. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this interstate compact consistent with the state regulation of teacher licensure; and

20. Determine whether a state's adopted language is materially different from the model compact language such that the state would not qualify for participation in the compact.

D. The Executive Committee of the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact Commission

1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the Commission according to the terms of this interstate compact;

2. The Executive Committee shall be composed of eight (8) voting members:

a. The Commission chair, vice chair and treasurer; and

b. Five (5) members who are elected by the Commission from the current membership:

i. Four (4) voting members representing geographic regions in accordance with commission rules; and

ii. One (1) at-large voting member in accordance with commission rules;

3. The Commission may add or remove members of the Executive Committee as provided in commission rules;

4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once annually;

5. The Executive Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

a. Recommend to the entire Commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to the compact legislation, fees paid by interstate compact member states such as annual dues, and any compact fee charged by the member states on behalf of the Commission. As applied in Mississippi, implementation of any recommendation or rules or bylaws related to annual dues shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature;

b. Ensure Commission administration services are appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;

c. Prepare and recommend the budget;

d. Maintain financial records on behalf of the Commission;

e. Monitor compliance of member states and provide reports to the Commission; and

f. Perform other duties as provided in rules or bylaws.

6. Meetings of the Commission

a. All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of meetings shall be given in accordance with Commission bylaws;

b. The Commission or the Executive Committee or other committees of the Commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the Commission or Executive Committee or other committees of the Commission must discuss:

i. Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations under the compact;

ii. The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other matters related to the Commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

iii. Current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

iv. Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease or sale of goods, services or real estate;

v. Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

vi. Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

vii. Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

viii. Disclosure of investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

ix. Disclosure of information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the Commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the compact;

x. Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or member state statute; and

xi. Others matters as set forth by Commission bylaws and rules;

c. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this provision, the Commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision; and

d. The Commission shall keep minutes of Commission meetings and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the Commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

7. Financing of the Commission

a. The Commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and ongoing activities;

b. The Commission may accept all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services, and receive, utilize and dispose of the same, provided that at all times the Commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

c. The Commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the Commission, in accordance with the commission rules, but the requirement to pay the assessment in Mississippi, shall be subject to appropriation by the Legislature;

d. The Commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the

Commission pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the member state; and

e. The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be subject to accounting procedures established under Commission bylaws. All receipts and disbursements of funds of the Commission shall be reviewed annually in accordance with Commission bylaws, and a report of the review shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the Commission.

8. Qualified Immunity, Defense and Indemnification

a. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the Commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

b. The Commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the Commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

c. The Commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the Commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of Commission employment, duties or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

ARTICLE VIII
RULEMAKING

A. The Commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this interstate compact and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment, provided that as applied in the State of Mississippi, the rules shall only be binding if consistent with Mississippi law.

B. The Commission shall promulgate reasonable rules to achieve the intent and purpose of this interstate compact. In the event the Commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond purpose and intent of this interstate compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the Commission shall be invalid and have no force and effect of law in the member states.

C. If a majority of the legislatures of the member states rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact within four (4) years of the date of adoption of the rule, then such rule shall have no further force and effect in any member state.

D. Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted or ratified at a regular or special meeting of the Commission in accordance with commission rules and bylaws.

E. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the Commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule with forty-eight (48) hours' notice, with opportunity to comment, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures shall be

retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

1. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;
2. Prevent a loss of Commission or member state funds;
3. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is established by federal law or rule; or
4. Protect public health and safety.

F. As applied in the State of Mississippi, if a rule or amendment promulgated by the Commission conflicts with Mississippi law, Mississippi law shall control and the rule or amendment promulgated by the Commission shall have no effect.

ARTICLE IX

FACILITATING INFORMATION EXCHANGE

A. The Commission shall provide for facilitating the exchange of information to administer and implement the provisions of this compact in accordance with the rules of the Commission, consistent with generally accepted data protection principles and federal and state law.

B. Nothing in this compact shall be deemed or construed to alter, limit or inhibit the power of a member state to control and maintain ownership of its licensee information or alter, limit or inhibit the laws or regulations governing licensee information in the member state.

ARTICLE X

OVERSIGHT, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. Oversight

1. The executive and judicial branches of state government in each member state shall enforce this compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent, provided that as applied in the State of Mississippi, the compact shall only be binding if consistent with Mississippi law. The provisions of this compact shall have standing as statutory law, provided that as applied in the State of Mississippi, the compact shall only be binding if consistent with Mississippi law.

2. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the Commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the Commission is located. The Commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect or limit the selection or propriety of venue in any action against a licensee for professional malpractice, misconduct or any such similar matter.

3. All courts and all administrative agencies shall take judicial notice of the compact, the rules of the Commission, and any information provided to a member state pursuant thereto in any judicial or quasi-judicial proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact, or which may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the Commission.

4. The Commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding regarding the enforcement or interpretation of the compact and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide the Commission service of process shall render a judgment or order void as to the Commission, this compact or promulgated rules.

B. Default, Technical Assistance and Termination

1. If the Commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the Commission shall:

- a. Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other member states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of curing the default or any other action to be taken by the Commission; and
- b. Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

2. If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state may be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners of the member states, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred on that state by this compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination.

3. Termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the Commission to the Governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's Legislature, the state licensing authority and each of the member states.

4. A state that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination.

5. The Commission shall not bear any costs related to a state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the Commission and the defaulting state.

6. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the Commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the Commission has its principal offices.

C. Dispute Resolution

1. Upon request by a member state, the Commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among member states and between member and nonmember states.

2. The Commission shall promulgate a rule providing for nonbinding alternative dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

D. Enforcement

1. The Commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this compact.

2. By majority vote, the Commission may initiate legal action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include injunctive relief.

ARTICLE XI

EFFECTUATION, WITHDRAWAL, AND AMENDMENT

A. The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state.

1. On or after the effective date of the compact, the Commission shall convene and review the enactment of each of the charter member states to determine if the statute enacted by each such charter member state is materially different from the model compact statute.

2. A charter member state whose enactment is found to be materially different from the model compact statute shall be entitled to the default process set forth in Article X.

3. Member states enacting the compact subsequent to the charter member states shall be subject to the process set forth in Article VII.C.20 to determine if their enactments are materially different from the model compact statute and whether they qualify for participation in the compact.

B. If any member state is later found to be in default, or is terminated or withdraws from the compact, the Commission shall remain in existence and the compact shall remain in effect even if the number of member states should be less than ten (10).

C. Any state that joins the compact after the Commission's initial adoption of the rules and bylaws shall be subject to the rules and bylaws as they exist on the date on which the compact becomes law in that state, provided that as applied in the State of Mississippi, the compact shall only be binding if consistent with Mississippi law. Any rule that has been previously adopted by the Commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day the compact becomes law in that state, provided that as applied in the State of Mississippi, the compact shall only be binding if

consistent with Mississippi law, as the rules and bylaws may be amended as provided in this compact.

D. Any member state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same. A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect until six (6) months after enactment of the repealing statute.

E. This compact may be amended by the member states. No amendment to this compact shall become effective and binding upon any other member state until it is enacted into the laws of all member states.

ARTICLE XII

CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any member state or a state seeking membership in the compact, contrary to Mississippi law, or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any other government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any member state, or as applicable in the State of Mississippi, with Mississippi law, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining member states and in full force and effect as to the member state affected as to all severable matters.

ARTICLE XIII

CONSISTENT EFFECT AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER STATE LAWS

A. Nothing herein shall prevent or inhibit the enforcement of Mississippi law that is not inconsistent with the compact.

B. Any laws, statutes, regulations or other legal requirements in a member state in conflict with the compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict, provided that as applied in the State of Mississippi, the compact shall only be binding if consistent with Mississippi law.

C. All permissible agreements between the Commission and the member states are binding in accordance with their terms, provided that as applied in the State of Mississippi, the agreements shall only be binding if consistent with Mississippi law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT ENTERING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI INTO THE INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE MOBILITY OF TEACHERS ACROSS MEMBER STATES TO THE COMPACT; TO ESTABLISH A COLLECTIVE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK THAT EXPEDITES AND ENHANCES THE ABILITY OF TEACHERS TO MOVE ACROSS STATE LINES; TO SET OUT THE AGREEMENT OF THE CONTRACTING STATES AND THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPACT; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION OF THE STATES AND PRESCRIBE THE POWERS AND DUTIES PERTAINING THERETO; TO ESTABLISH THE COMMITTEES OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Rob Roberson, Jansen Owen, Gregory Holloway, Sr. CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Dennis DeBar, Jr., Scott DeLano, Chad McMahan

On motion of Rep. Roberson the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones,

Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Young. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

At 11:30 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:35 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Zuber called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Until January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

7-1-35. (1) The Governor shall fill by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate, all offices subject to such appointment when the term of the incumbent will expire within nine (9) months after the meeting of the Legislature, and also vacancies in such offices occurring from any cause during the session of the Senate or during the vacation of that body. All such appointments to offices made in vacation shall be reported to the Senate within ten (10) days after the commencement of the session of that body for its advice and consent to the appointment, and the vacancy shall not be filled if caused by the Senate's refusal to confirm any appointment or nomination, or if it * * * does not occur during the last five (5) days of the session, by the appointment of the Governor in the vacation of the Senate, without its concurrence. Any appointment in vacation to which the Senate shall refuse to consent shall be thereby annulled from that date, but the acts of the appointee prior thereto shall not be affected thereby.

(2) The Secretary of State shall be the records repository for all appointments to boards, commissions, executive directors and agency directors. Appointing authorities shall notify the Secretary of State prior to submitting the appointment to the Senate. The Secretary of State shall send a list of the required appointments to boards, commissions, executive directors and agency directors whose terms are expiring or have been vacated prior to the next legislative session to the appointing authorities by December 15 preceding the legislative session. The Secretary of State shall also compile and issue a report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House annually, detailing the number of official meetings each board and commission has held in the previous years.

[From and after January 1, 2028, this section shall read as follows:]

7-1-35. (1) Unless otherwise provided by law, all appointments to agencies, boards, commissions, director or executive director positions whose term is expiring shall serve until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, but in no event shall he or she serve past the July 1 occurring after the end of his term, unless he shall be reappointed by the Governor or other appointing authority.

(2) The Secretary of State shall be the records repository for all appointments to boards, commissions, executive directors and agency directors. Appointing authorities shall notify the Secretary of State prior to submitting the appointment to the Senate. The Secretary of State shall send a list of the required appointments to boards, commissions, executive directors and agency directors whose terms are expiring or have been vacated prior to the next legislative session to the appointing authorities by December 15 preceding the legislative session. The Secretary of State shall also compile and issue a report to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House annually, detailing the number of official meetings each board and commission has held in the previous years.

(3) If, for any cause, a vacancy occurs in the office of an appointed agency, board, or commission member, executive director or director position, the appointing authority shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date the vacancy occurs.

(4) Interim appointments shall be allowed to serve for no more than nine (9) months. No interim appointee may serve consecutive interim terms. If an appointment occurs in vacation of the legislative session, it shall be considered an interim appointment until confirmed by the Senate.

(5) Unless otherwise provided by law, an appointed agency, board or commission member may be removed by the Governor or other appointing authority for chronic absenteeism, which shall consist of more than three (3) unexcused absences in any one (1) year, and such person shall not be reappointed until their original term has expired. This provision is not applicable to meetings where a designee has attended in place of the agency, board or commission member if the attendance by a designee is authorized by law.

(6) All appointments to an agency, board, commission or director position made in vacation of the legislative session shall be reported to the Senate within ten (10) days after the commencement of the next regular session of that body for its advice and consent to the appointment. Any vacancy to an agency, board, commission, executive director or director position shall not be filled if caused by the Senate's refusal to confirm or the Senate's inaction on the nomination, unless the vacancy occurs during the last five (5) days of the session. Any appointment in vacation of the Senate to which the Senate shall refuse to consent or takes no action shall be thereby annulled from the date of sine die adjournment, but the acts of the appointee prior thereto shall not be affected thereby.

(7) Unless otherwise provided by law, all appointment procedures, term of office provisions, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in this Section 7-1-35 shall be fully applicable to the appointment of agency directors by the Governor or by the respective board or commission.

SECTION 2. Section 73-4-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-4-7. (1) The Mississippi Auctioneer Commission is created, and it shall have the authority to make such rules and regulations as are reasonable and necessary for the orderly regulation of the auctioneering profession and the protection of the public, which rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 and state laws. The commission shall have the following powers:

(a) The power to set reasonable license fees, to collect and hold such fees and to disburse such fees in any manner not inconsistent with this chapter.

(b) The power to make such rules and regulations as will promote the orderly functioning of the auction profession and ensure the protection of the public.

(c) The power to hire and retain such staff and support personnel as are necessary to conduct business and assure compliance with this chapter.

(d) The power to conduct investigations, hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, make findings of fact and otherwise enforce the disciplinary provisions contained in this chapter.

(2) The Mississippi Auctioneer Commission shall consist of five (5) members, one (1) from each * * * Mississippi Supreme Court District and two (2) from the state at large, who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. All appointees shall possess the following minimum qualifications:

(a) An appointee shall be a citizen of Mississippi.

(b) An appointee shall have been engaged as an auctioneer for a period of not less than five (5) years immediately preceding his appointment.

(c) An appointee shall be of good reputation, trustworthy and knowledgeable in the auction profession.

An individual may not act as a member of the commission while holding another elected or appointed office in either the state or federal government or while owning a school or other facility to train individuals to be auctioneers.

(3) * * * The Mississippi Auctioneer Commission, created by former Section 73-4-7, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, each commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of office of four (4) years, provided that three (3) such members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and two (2) such members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the Mississippi Auctioneer Commission, and to the position of executive director.

(4) Each member of the commission shall receive a per diem as provided by Section 25-3-69 per meeting and shall be reimbursed for ordinary and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official duties as provided in Section 25-3-41.

SECTION 3. Section 73-4-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-4-11. (1) At the meeting to be held each January, the commission shall elect from its membership a chairman and a vice chairman. Each officer shall serve a term of one (1) year and shall not vacate office until a successor is elected.

(2) The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the commission.

(3) The vice chairman shall act as presiding officer in the absence of the chairman and shall perform such other duties as the chairman may direct.

(4) The commission shall appoint an executive director who shall not be a member of the commission, to a term of four (4) years, with the advice and consent of the Senate, consistent with the provisions of Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(5) The executive director shall:

(a) Notify all members of meetings;

(b) Keep a record of all meetings of the commission, votes taken by the commission and other proceedings, transactions, communications, official acts and records of the commission; and

(c) Perform such other duties as the chairman directs.

SECTION 4. Section 37-155-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-155-7. (1) The board of directors shall consist of thirteen (13) members as follows:

(a) Nine (9) voting members as follows: the State Treasurer; the Commissioner of Higher Education, or his designee; the Executive Director of the Community and Junior College Board, or his designee; the Department of Finance and Administration Executive Director, or his designee; and one (1) member from each * * * Mississippi Supreme Court District and two (2) from the state at large to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. * * * The MPACT Board of Directors, created by former Section 37-155-7, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, the appointed MPACT Board members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of office of four (4) years, provided that three (3) such members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and two (2) such members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the MPACT Board of Directors. Ex officio members of the board may be represented at official meetings by their deputy, or other designee, and such designees shall have full voting privileges and shall be included in the determination of a quorum for conducting board business.

(b) Two (2) nonvoting, advisory members of the board shall be appointed by each of the following officers: the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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(* * *2) Each member appointed shall possess knowledge, skill and experience in business or financial matters commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of the trust fund.

(* * *3) Members of the board of directors shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for each day's official duties of the board at the same per diem as established by Section 25-3-69 and actual travel and lodging expenses as established by Section 25-3-41.

(* * *4) The board of directors shall annually elect one (1) member to serve as chairman of the board and one (1) member to serve as vice chairman. The vice chairman shall act as chairman in the absence of or upon the disability of the chairman or in the event of a vacancy of the office of chairman.

(* * *5) A majority of the currently serving members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of conducting business and exercising its official powers and duties. Any action taken by the board shall be upon the vote of a majority of the members present.

SECTION 5. Section 37-4-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-4-3. (1) From and after July 1, 1986, there shall be a Mississippi Community College Board which shall receive and distribute funds appropriated by the Legislature for the use of the public community and junior colleges and funds from federal and other sources that are transmitted through the state governmental organization for use by said colleges. This board shall provide general coordination of

the public community and junior colleges, assemble reports and such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

(2) The board shall consist of ten (10) members of which none shall be an elected official. Until January 1, 2028, the Governor shall appoint two (2) members from the First Mississippi Congressional District, one (1) who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years and one (1) who shall serve an initial term of five (5) years; two (2) members from the Second Mississippi Congressional District, one (1) who shall serve an initial term of five (5) years and one (1) who shall serve an initial term of three (3) years; and two (2) members from the Third Mississippi Congressional District, one (1) who shall serve an initial term of four (4) years and one (1) who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years; two (2) members from the Fourth Mississippi Congressional District, one (1) who shall serve an initial term of three (3) years and one (1) who shall serve an initial term of four (4) years; and two (2) members from the Fifth Mississippi Congressional District, one (1) who shall serve an initial term of five (5) years and one (1) who shall serve an initial term of two (2) years. All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of six (6) years and continue until their successors are appointed and qualify. An appointment to fill a vacancy which arises for reasons other than by expiration of a term of office shall be for the unexpired term only. All members shall be appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Mississippi Community College Board, created by former Section 37-4-3, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, the Governor shall appoint three (3) members from each Mississippi Supreme Court District and one (1) from the state at large. The members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of office of four (4) years, provided that six (6) members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and four (4) members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the Mississippi Community College Board, and to the position of executive director.

(3) There shall be a chairman and vice chairman of the board, elected by and from the membership of the board; and the chairman shall be the presiding officer of the board. The board shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business.

(4) The members of the board shall receive no annual salary, but shall receive per diem compensation as authorized by Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for each day devoted to the discharge of official board duties and shall be entitled to reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, including mileage as authorized by Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(5) Effective July 1, 2028, the board shall name a director for the state system of public junior and community colleges, who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the board, with the advice and consent of the Senate, not less than every four (4) years. Such director shall be the chief executive officer of the board, give direction to the board staff, carry out the policies set forth by the board, and work with the presidents of the several community and junior colleges to assist them in carrying out the mandates of the several boards of trustees and in functioning within the state system and policies established by the Mississippi Community College Board. The Mississippi Community College Board shall set the salary of the director of the board. The Legislature shall provide adequate funds for the Mississippi Community College Board, its activities and its staff.

(6) The powers and duties of the Mississippi Community College Board shall be:

(a) To authorize disbursements of state-appropriated funds to community and junior colleges through orders in the minutes of the board.

(b) To make studies of the needs of the state as they relate to the mission of the community and junior colleges.

(c) To approve new, changes to and deletions of vocational and technical programs to the various colleges.

(d) To require community and junior colleges to supply such information as the board may request and compile, publish and make available such reports based thereon as the board may deem advisable.

(e) To approve proposed new attendance centers (campus locations) as the local boards of trustees should determine to be in the best interest of the district. Provided, however, that no new community/junior college branch campus shall be approved without an authorizing act of the Legislature.

(f) To serve as the state approving agency for federal funds for proposed contracts to borrow money for the purpose of acquiring land, erecting, repairing, etc., dormitories, dwellings or apartments for students and/or faculty, such loans to be paid from revenue produced by such facilities as requested by local boards of trustees.

(g) To approve applications from community and junior colleges for state funds for vocational-technical education facilities.

(h) To approve any university branch campus offering lower undergraduate level courses for credit.

(i) To appoint members to the Post-Secondary Educational Assistance Board.

(j) To appoint members to the Authority for Educational Television.

(k) To contract with other boards, commissions, governmental entities, foundations, corporations or individuals for programs, services, grants and awards when such are needed for the operation and development of the state public community and junior college system.

(l) To fix standards for community and junior colleges to qualify for appropriations, and qualifications for community and junior college teachers.

(m) To have sign-off approval on the State Plan for Vocational Education which is developed in cooperation with appropriate units of the State Department of Education.

(n) To approve or disapprove of any proposed inclusion within municipal corporate limits of state-owned buildings and grounds of any community college or junior college and to approve or disapprove of land use development, zoning requirements, building codes and delivery of governmental services applicable to state-owned buildings and grounds of any community college or junior college. Any agreement by a local board of trustees of a community college or junior college to annexation of state-owned property or other conditions described in this paragraph shall be void unless approved by the board and by the board of supervisors of the county in which the state-owned property is located.

SECTION 6. Section 49-2-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-2-4. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality whose offices shall be located in Jackson, Mississippi.

(2) The department shall be headed by an executive director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The appointment of the executive director shall be made with the advice and consent of the Senate, not less than every four (4) years. The executive director may assign to the appropriate bureaus such powers and duties as deemed appropriate to carry out the department's lawful functions. The executive director shall have the following minimum qualifications:

(a) A master's degree in a field related to natural resources, and at least six (6) years' full-time experience in natural resources, including at least three (3) years of management experience; or

(b) A bachelor's degree in a field related to natural resources or administration and at least eight (8) years of full-time work in the field of natural resources, including four (4) years of management experience.

The executive director shall be the chief administrative officer of the department.

SECTION 7. Section 49-2-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-2-5. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality, to be composed of seven (7) persons appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of *** four (4) years. *** Two (2) persons shall be appointed from each *** Mississippi Supreme Court District, and *** one (1) member shall be appointed from the state at large. *** The Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality, created by former Section 49-2-5, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, each member shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of office of four (4) years, provided that four (4) members shall be appointed in 2028 to as term ending December 31, 2031, and three (3) members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality.

(2) The commission shall elect from its membership a chairman who shall preside over meetings and a vice chairman who shall preside in the absence of the chairman or when the chairman shall be excused.

(3) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings, and governing the manner of conducting its business. Each member of the commission shall take the oath prescribed by Section 268 of the Constitution and shall enter into bond in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be approved by the Secretary of State, conditioned according to law and payable to the State of Mississippi before assuming the duties of office. ***

(4) The members of the commission shall receive no annual salary, but shall receive per diem compensation as authorized by law for each day devoted to the discharge of official duties, and shall be entitled to reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, including mileage as authorized by law.

The commission shall be composed of persons with extensive knowledge of or practical experience in at least one (1) of the matters of jurisdiction of the commission.

(5) The commission is authorized and empowered to use and expend any funds received by it from any source for the purposes of this chapter. Such funds shall be expended in accordance with the statutes governing the expenditure of state funds.

(6) At least a majority of the members of the commission shall represent the public interest and shall not derive any significant portion of their income from persons subject to permits under the federal Clean Air Act or enforcement order under the federal Clean Air Act. In the event of any potential conflict of interest by a member of the commission, such member shall disclose the potential conflict to the other members of the commission and shall recuse himself or herself from participating in or voting on any matter related to such conflict of interest.

SECTION 8. Section 41-4-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-4-3. (1) There is created a State Board of Mental Health, referred to in this chapter as "board," consisting of nine (9) members, to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, each of whom shall be a qualified

elector. * * * Three (3) members shall be appointed from each * * * Mississippi Supreme Court District * * *. One (1) * * * appointee shall be a licensed medical doctor who is a psychiatrist, one (1) * * * shall hold a Ph.D. degree and be a licensed clinical psychologist, one (1) * * * shall be a licensed medical doctor, and one (1) of whom shall be a social worker with experience in the mental health field.
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The State Board of Mental Health, created by former Section 41-4-3, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, each member shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of office of four (4) years, provided that five (5) members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and four (4) members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the State Board of Mental Health.

The board shall elect a chairman whose term of office shall be one (1) year and until his successor shall be elected.

(2) Each board member shall be entitled to a per diem as is authorized by law and all actual and necessary expenses, including mileage as provided by law, incurred in the discharge of official duties.

(3) The board shall hold regular meetings quarterly and such special meetings deemed necessary, except that no action shall be taken unless there is present a quorum of at least five (5) members.

(4) No board member may be appointed for more than two (2) consecutive terms. * * *

SECTION 9. Section 41-4-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-4-7. The State Board of Mental Health shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a full-time Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health, who shall be employed by the board and shall serve as executive secretary to the board. The executive director shall serve for a term of four (4) years, consistent with the provisions of Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972. The first director shall be a duly licensed physician with special interest and competence in psychiatry, and shall possess a minimum of three (3) years' experience in clinical and administrative psychiatry. Subsequent directors shall possess at least a master's degree or its equivalent, and shall possess at least ten (10) years' administrative experience in the field of mental health. The salary of the executive director shall be determined by the board;

(b) To appoint a Medical Director for the Department of Mental Health. The medical director shall provide clinical oversight in the implementation of evidence-based and best practices; provide clinical leadership in the integration of mental health, intellectual disability and addiction services with community partners in the public and private sectors; and provide oversight regarding standards of care. The medical director shall serve at the will and pleasure of the board, and will undergo an annual review of job performance and future service to the department;

(c) To establish and implement its state strategic plan;

(d) To develop a strategic plan for the development of services for persons with mental illness, persons with developmental disabilities and other clients of the public mental health system. Such strategic planning program shall require that the board, acting through the Strategic Planning and Best Practices Committee, perform the following functions respecting the delivery of services:

(i) Establish measures for determining the efficiency and effectiveness of the services specified in Section 41-4-1(2);

(ii) Conducting studies of community-based care in other jurisdictions to determine which services offered in these jurisdictions have the potential to provide the citizens of Mississippi with more effective and efficient community-based care;

(iii) Evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of the services specified in Section 41-4-1(2);

(iv) Recommending to the Legislature by January 1, 2014, any necessary additions, deletions or other changes necessary to the services specified in Section 41-4-1(2);

(v) Implementing by July 1, 2012, a system of performance measures for the services specified in Section 41-4-1(2);

(vi) Recommending to the Legislature any changes that the department believes are necessary to the current laws addressing civil commitment;

(vii) Conducting any other activities necessary to the evaluation and study of the services specified in Section 41-4-1(2);

(viii) Assisting in conducting all necessary strategic planning for the delivery of all other services of the department. Such planning shall be conducted so as to produce a single strategic plan for the services delivered by the public mental health system and shall establish appropriate mission statements, goals, objectives and performance indicators for all programs and services of the public mental health system. For services other than those specified in Section 41-4-1(2), the committee shall recommend to the State Board of Mental Health a strategic plan that the board may adopt or modify;

(e) To set up state plans for the purpose of controlling and treating any and all forms of mental and emotional illness, alcoholism, drug misuse and developmental disabilities;

(f) [Repealed]

(g) To enter into contracts with any other state or federal agency, or with any private person, organization or group capable of contracting, if it finds such action to be in the public interest;

(h) To collect reasonable fees for its services; however, if it is determined that a person receiving services is unable to pay the total fee, the department shall collect no more than the amount such person is able to pay;

(i) To certify, coordinate and establish minimum standards and establish minimum required services, as specified in Section 41-4-1(2), for regional mental health and intellectual disability commissions and other community service providers for community or regional programs and services in adult mental health, children and youth mental health, intellectual disabilities, alcoholism, drug misuse, developmental disabilities, compulsive gambling, addictive disorders and related programs throughout the state. Such regional mental health and intellectual disability commissions and other community service providers shall, on or before July 1 of each year, submit an annual operational plan to the State Department of Mental Health for approval or disapproval based on the minimum standards and minimum required services established by the department for certification and itemize the services specified in Section 41-4-1(2), including financial statements. As part of the annual operation plan required by this paragraph (i) submitted by any regional community mental health center or by any other reasonable certification deemed acceptable by the department, the community mental health center shall state those services specified in Section 41-4-1(2) that it will provide and also those services that it will not provide. If the department finds deficiencies in the plan of any regional commission or community service provider based on the minimum standards and minimum required services established for certification, the department shall give the regional commission or community service provider a six-month probationary period to bring its standards and services up to the established minimum standards and minimum required services. The regional commission or community service provider shall develop a sustainability business plan within thirty (30) days of being placed on probation, which shall be signed by all commissioners and shall include policies to address one or more of the following:

the deficiencies in programmatic services, clinical service staff expectations, timely and appropriate billing, processes to obtain credentialing for staff, monthly reporting processes, third-party financial reporting and any other required documentation as determined by the department. After the six-month probationary period, if the department determines that the regional commission or community service provider still does not meet the minimum standards and minimum required services established for certification, the department may remove the certification of the commission or provider and from and after July 1, 2011, the commission or provider shall be ineligible for state funds from Medicaid reimbursement or other funding sources for those services. However, the department shall not mandate a standard or service, or decertify a regional commission or community service provider for not meeting a standard or service, if the standard or service does not have funding appropriated by the Legislature or have a state, federal or local funding source identified by the department. No county shall be required to levy millage to provide a mandated standard or service above the minimum rate required by Section 41-19-39. After the six-month probationary period, the department may identify an appropriate community service provider to provide any core services in that county that are not provided by a community mental health center. However, the department shall not offer reimbursement or other accommodations to a community service provider of core services that were not offered to the decertified community mental health center for the same or similar services. The State Board of Mental Health shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this paragraph (i), in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Law (Section 25-43-1.101 et seq.);

(j) To establish and promulgate reasonable minimum standards for the construction and operation of state and all Department of Mental Health certified facilities, including reasonable minimum standards for the admission, diagnosis, care, treatment, transfer of patients and their records, and also including reasonable minimum standards for providing day care, outpatient care, emergency care, inpatient care and follow-up care, when such care is provided for persons with mental or emotional illness, an intellectual disability, alcoholism, drug misuse and developmental disabilities;

(k) To implement best practices for all services specified in Section 41-4-1(2), and to establish and implement all other services delivered by the Department of Mental Health. To carry out this responsibility, the board shall require the department to establish a division responsible for developing best practices based on a comprehensive analysis of the mental health environment to determine what the best practices for each service are. In developing best practices, the board shall consider the cost and benefits associated with each practice with a goal of implementing only those practices that are cost-effective practices for service delivery. Such best practices shall be utilized by the board in establishing performance standards and evaluations of the community mental health centers' services required by paragraph (d) of this section;

(l) To assist community or regional programs consistent with the purposes of this chapter by making grants and contracts from available funds;

(m) To establish and collect reasonable fees for necessary inspection services incidental to certification or compliance;

(n) To accept gifts, trusts, bequests, grants, endowments or transfers of property of any kind;

(o) To receive monies coming to it by way of fees for services or by appropriations;

(p) To serve as the single state agency in receiving and administering any and all funds available from any source for the purpose of service delivery, training, research and education in regard to all forms of mental illness, intellectual disabilities, alcoholism, drug misuse and developmental disabilities, unless such funds are specifically designated to a particular agency or institution by the federal government, the Mississippi Legislature or any other grantor;

(q) To establish mental health holding centers for the purpose of providing short-term emergency mental health treatment, places for holding persons awaiting commitment proceedings or awaiting placement in a state mental health facility following commitment, and for diverting placement in a state mental health facility.

These mental health holding facilities shall be readily accessible, available statewide, and be in compliance with emergency services' minimum standards. They shall be comprehensive and available to triage and make appropriate clinical disposition, including the capability to access inpatient services or less restrictive alternatives, as needed, as determined by medical staff. Such facility shall have medical, nursing and behavioral services available on a twenty-four-hour-a-day basis. The board may provide for all or part of the costs of establishing and operating the holding centers in each district from such funds as may be appropriated to the board for such use, and may participate in any plan or agreement with any public or private entity under which the entity will provide all or part of the costs of establishing and operating a holding center in any district;

(r) To certify/license case managers, mental health therapists, intellectual disability therapists, mental health/intellectual disability program administrators, addiction counselors and others as deemed appropriate by the board. Persons already professionally licensed by another state board or agency are not required to be certified/licensed under this section by the Department of Mental Health. The department shall not use professional titles in its certification/licensure process for which there is an independent licensing procedure. Such certification/licensure shall be valid only in the state mental health system, in programs funded and/or certified by the Department of Mental Health, and/or in programs certified/licensed by the State Department of Health that are operated by the state mental health system serving persons with mental illness, an intellectual disability, a developmental disability or addictions, and shall not be transferable;

(s) To develop formal mental health worker qualifications for regional mental health and intellectual disability commissions and other community service providers. The State Personnel Board shall develop and promulgate a recommended salary scale and career ladder for all regional mental health/intellectual disability center therapists and case managers who work directly with clients. The State Personnel Board shall also develop and promulgate a career ladder for all direct care workers employed by the State Department of Mental Health;

(t) The employees of the department shall be governed by personnel merit system rules and regulations, the same as other employees in state services;

(u) To establish such rules and regulations as may be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, including the establishment of a formal grievance procedure to investigate and attempt to resolve consumer complaints;

(v) To grant easements for roads, utilities and any other purpose it finds to be in the public interest;

(w) To survey statutory designations, building markers and the names given to mental health/intellectual disability facilities and proceedings in order to recommend deletion of obsolete and offensive terminology relative to the mental health/intellectual disability system. Based upon a recommendation of the executive director, the board shall have the authority to name/rename any facility operated under the auspices of the Department of Mental Health for the sole purpose of deleting such terminology;

(x) To ensure an effective case management system directed at persons who have been discharged from state and private psychiatric hospitals to ensure their continued well-being in the community;

(y) To develop formal service delivery standards designed to measure the quality of services delivered to community clients, as well as the timeliness of services to community clients provided by regional mental health/intellectual disability commissions and other community services providers;

(z) To establish regional state offices to provide mental health crisis intervention centers and services available throughout the state to be utilized on a case-by-case emergency basis. The regional services director, other staff and delivery systems shall meet the minimum standards of the Department of Mental Health;

(aa) To require performance contracts with community mental health/intellectual disability service providers to contain performance indicators to measure successful outcomes, including diversion of persons from inpatient psychiatric

hospitals, rapid/timely response to emergency cases, client satisfaction with services and other relevant performance measures;

(bb) To enter into interagency agreements with other state agencies, school districts and other local entities as determined necessary by the department to ensure that local mental health service entities are fulfilling their responsibilities to the overall state plan for behavioral services;

(cc) To establish and maintain a toll-free grievance reporting telephone system for the receipt and referral for investigation of all complaints by clients of state and community mental health/intellectual disability facilities;

(dd) To establish a peer review/quality assurance evaluation system that assures that appropriate assessment, diagnosis and treatment is provided according to established professional criteria and guidelines;

(ee) To develop and implement state plans for the purpose of assisting with the care and treatment of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. This plan shall include education and training of service providers, caregivers in the home setting and others who deal with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia, and development of adult day care, family respite care and counseling programs to assist families who maintain persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia in the home setting. No agency shall be required to provide any services under this section until such time as sufficient funds have been appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature specifically for the purposes of the treatment of persons with Alzheimer's and other dementia;

(ff) Working with the advice and consent of the administration of Ellisville State School, to enter into negotiations with the Economic Development Authority of Jones County for the purpose of negotiating the possible exchange, lease or sale of lands owned by Ellisville State School to the Economic Development Authority of Jones County. It is the intent of the Mississippi Legislature that such negotiations shall ensure that the financial interest of the persons with an intellectual disability served by Ellisville State School will be held paramount in the course of these negotiations. The Legislature also recognizes the importance of economic development to the citizens of the State of Mississippi and Jones County, and encourages fairness to the Economic Development Authority of Jones County. Any negotiations proposed which would result in the recommendation for exchange, lease or sale of lands owned by Ellisville State School must have the approval of the State Board of Mental Health. The State Board of Mental Health may and has the final authority as to whether or not these negotiations result in the exchange, lease or sale of the properties it currently holds in trust for persons with an intellectual disability served at Ellisville State School.

If the State Board of Mental Health authorizes the sale of lands owned by Ellisville State School, as provided for under this paragraph (ff), the monies derived from the sale shall be placed into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury to be known as the "Ellisville State School Client's Trust Fund." The principal of the trust fund shall remain inviolate and shall never be expended. Any interest earned on the principal may be expended solely for the benefits of clients served at Ellisville State School. The State Treasurer shall invest the monies of the trust fund in any of the investments authorized for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program under Section 37-155-9, and those investments shall be subject to the limitations prescribed by Section 37-155-9. Unexpended amounts remaining in the trust fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the trust fund shall be deposited to the credit of the trust fund. The administration of Ellisville State School may use any interest earned on the principal of the trust fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, as needed for services or facilities by the clients of Ellisville State School. Ellisville State School shall make known to the Legislature, through the Legislative Budget Committee and the respective Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate, its proposed use of interest earned on the principal of the trust fund for any fiscal year in which it proposes to make expenditures thereof. The State Treasurer shall provide Ellisville State School with an annual report on the Ellisville State School Client's Trust Fund to indicate the total monies in the trust fund, interest earned during the year, expenses paid from the trust fund and such other related information.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to or affecting mental health/intellectual disability services provided by hospitals as defined in Section 41-9-3(a), and/or their subsidiaries and divisions, which hospitals, subsidiaries and divisions are licensed and regulated by the Mississippi State Department of Health unless such hospitals, subsidiaries or divisions voluntarily request certification by the Mississippi State Department of Mental Health.

All new programs authorized under this section shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated therefor by the Legislature;

(gg) Working with the advice and consent of the administration of Boswell Regional Center, to enter into negotiations with the Economic Development Authority of Simpson County for the purpose of negotiating the possible exchange, lease or sale of lands owned by Boswell Regional Center to the Economic Development Authority of Simpson County. It is the intent of the Mississippi Legislature that such negotiations shall ensure that the financial interest of the persons with an intellectual disability served by Boswell Regional Center will be held paramount in the course of these negotiations. The Legislature also recognizes the importance of economic development to the citizens of the State of Mississippi and Simpson County, and encourages fairness to the Economic Development Authority of Simpson County. Any negotiations proposed which would result in the recommendation for exchange, lease or sale of lands owned by Boswell Regional Center must have the approval of the State Board of Mental Health. The State Board of Mental Health may and has the final authority as to whether or not these negotiations result in the exchange, lease or sale of the properties it currently holds in trust for persons with an intellectual disability served at Boswell Regional Center. In any such exchange, lease or sale of such lands owned by Boswell Regional Center, title to all minerals, oil and gas on such lands shall be reserved, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same, whether such provisions be included in the terms of any such exchange, lease or sale or not.

If the State Board of Mental Health authorizes the sale of lands owned by Boswell Regional Center, as provided for under this paragraph (gg), the monies derived from the sale shall be placed into a special fund that is created in the State Treasury to be known as the "Boswell Regional Center Client's Trust Fund." The principal of the trust fund shall remain inviolate and shall never be expended. Any earnings on the principal may be expended solely for the benefits of clients served at Boswell Regional Center. The State Treasurer shall invest the monies of the trust fund in any of the investments authorized for the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program under Section 37-155-9, and those investments shall be subject to the limitations prescribed by Section 37-155-9. Unexpended amounts remaining in the trust fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any earnings on amounts in the trust fund shall be deposited to the credit of the trust fund. The administration of Boswell Regional Center may use any earnings on the principal of the trust fund, upon appropriation by the Legislature, as needed for services or facilities by the clients of Boswell Regional Center. Boswell Regional Center shall make known to the Legislature, through the Legislative Budget Committee and the respective Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate, its proposed use of the earnings on the principal of the trust fund for any fiscal year in which it proposes to make expenditures thereof. The State Treasurer shall provide Boswell Regional Center with an annual report on the Boswell Regional Center Client's Trust Fund to indicate the total monies in the trust fund, interest and other income earned during the year, expenses paid from the trust fund and such other related information.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as applying to or affecting mental health/intellectual disability services provided by hospitals as defined in Section 41-9-3(a), and/or their subsidiaries and divisions, which hospitals, subsidiaries and divisions are licensed and regulated by the Mississippi State Department of Health unless such hospitals, subsidiaries or divisions voluntarily request certification by the Mississippi State Department of Mental Health.

All new programs authorized under this section shall be subject to the availability of funds appropriated therefor by the Legislature;

(hh) Notwithstanding any other section of the code, the Board of Mental Health shall be authorized to fingerprint and perform a criminal history record

check on every employee or volunteer. Every employee and volunteer shall provide a valid current social security number and/or driver's license number which shall be furnished to conduct the criminal history record check. If no disqualifying record is identified at the state level, fingerprints shall be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record check;

(ii) The Department of Mental Health shall have the authority for the development of a consumer friendly single point of intake and referral system within its service areas for persons with mental illness, an intellectual disability, developmental disabilities or alcohol or substance abuse who need assistance identifying or accessing appropriate services. The department will develop and implement a comprehensive evaluation procedure ensuring that, where appropriate, the affected person or their parent or legal guardian will be involved in the assessment and planning process. The department, as the point of intake and as service provider, shall have the authority to determine the appropriate institutional, hospital or community care setting for persons who have been diagnosed with mental illness, an intellectual disability, developmental disabilities and/or alcohol or substance abuse, and may provide for the least restrictive placement if the treating professional believes such a setting is appropriate, if the person affected or their parent or legal guardian wants such services, and if the department can do so with a reasonable modification of the program without creating a fundamental alteration of the program. The least restrictive setting could be an institution, hospital or community setting, based upon the needs of the affected person or their parent or legal guardian;

(jj) To have the sole power and discretion to enter into, sign, execute and deliver long-term or multiyear leases of real and personal property owned by the Department of Mental Health to and from other state and federal agencies and private entities deemed to be in the public's best interest. Any monies derived from such leases shall be deposited into the funds of the Department of Mental Health for its exclusive use. Leases to private entities shall be approved by the Department of Finance and Administration and all leases shall be filed with the Secretary of State;

(kk) To certify and establish minimum standards and minimum required services for county facilities used for housing, feeding and providing medical treatment for any person who has been involuntarily ordered admitted to a treatment center by a court of competent jurisdiction. The minimum standard for the initial assessment of those persons being housed in county facilities is for the assessment to be performed by a physician, preferably a psychiatrist, or by a nurse practitioner, preferably a psychiatric nurse practitioner. If the department finds deficiencies in any such county facility or its provider based on the minimum standards and minimum required services established for certification, the department shall give the county or its provider a six-month probationary period to bring its standards and services up to the established minimum standards and minimum required services. After the six-month probationary period, if the department determines that the county or its provider still does not meet the minimum standards and minimum required services, the department may remove the certification of the county or provider and require the county to contract with another county having a certified facility to hold those persons for that period of time pending transportation and admission to a state treatment facility. Any cost incurred by a county receiving an involuntarily committed person from a county with a decertified holding facility shall be reimbursed by the home county to the receiving county; and

(ll) To provide orientation training to all new commissioners of regional commissions and annual training for all commissioners with continuing education regarding the Mississippi mental health system and services as developed by the State Department of Mental Health. Training shall be provided at the expense of the department except for travel expenses which shall be paid by the regional commission.

SECTION 10. Section 73-19-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-19-7. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a State Board of Optometry, consisting of five (5) persons, citizens of Mississippi, each of whom shall be a nonmedical man or woman actually engaged in

the practice of optometry for five (5) years next preceding his appointment. * * * The appointments to the board shall be made with one (1) member to be appointed from each of the * * * Mississippi Supreme Court Districts as existing on January 1, 1980 * * * and two (2) from the state at large.

The State Board of Optometry, created by former Section 73-19-7, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, each board member shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of office of four (4) years, provided that three (3) members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and two (2) members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the State Board of Optometry.

No person so appointed shall be a stockholder in or a member of the faculty or of the board of trustees of any school of optometry, or serve to exceed two (2) five-year terms.

Vacancies on said board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from a list of names submitted by the Mississippi Optometric Association consisting of three (3) of its members, or by appointment of any qualified member of the association.

SECTION 11. Section 73-19-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-19-9. The State Board of Optometry shall organize by the election from its members a president and a secretary, who shall hold their respective offices for one (1) year.

It shall hold regular meetings for examination, beginning on the second week of January and July of each year, and additional meetings at such times and places as the board shall determine, said additional meetings not to exceed ten (10) meeting days annually, but the July meeting shall be held in the City of Jackson.

A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from time to time.

The board shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter; however, the board shall not adopt any rule or regulation or impose any requirement regarding the licensing of optometrists that conflicts with the prohibitions in Section 73-49-3.

The board is authorized to appoint an executive director for a term of four (4) years, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and consistent with the provisions of Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 12. Section 73-35-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

73-35-5. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Real Estate Commission. The commission shall consist of five (5) persons, to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each appointee shall have been a resident and citizen of this state for at least six (6) years prior to his appointment, and his vocation for at least five (5) years shall have been that of a real estate broker. One (1) member shall be appointed for the term of one (1) year; two (2) members for terms of two (2) years; two (2) members for terms of four (4) years; thereafter, the term of the members of said commission shall be for four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. There shall be * * * one (1) commissioner from each * * * Supreme Court District, as such districts are constituted * * * at the time of appointment, and two (2) from the state at large. The commissioners appointed from each of the * * * Supreme Court Districts shall be bona fide residents of the district from which each is

appointed, and the commissioners appointed from the state at large shall be bona fide residents of the State of Mississippi. * * * Members to fill vacancies shall be appointed by the Governor for the unexpired term. The Governor may remove any commissioner for cause. The State of Mississippi shall not be required to furnish office space for such commissioners. The provisions of this section shall not affect persons who are members of the Real Estate Commission as of January 1, 2002. Such members shall serve out their respective terms, upon the expiration of which the provisions of this section shall take effect. Nothing provided herein shall be construed as prohibiting the reappointment of any member of the said commission.

(2) The Mississippi Real Estate Commission, created by former Section 73-35-5, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, the members designated in subsection (1) of this section shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, provided that three (3) such members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and two (2) such members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the Mississippi Real Estate Commission.

(* * *3) The commission shall organize by selecting from its members a chairman, and may do all things necessary and convenient for carrying into effect the provisions of this chapter, and may from time to time promulgate rules and regulations. Each member of the commission shall receive per diem as authorized in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, and his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties pertaining to his office as authorized in Section 25-3-41, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(* * *4) The commission shall adopt a seal by which it shall authenticate its proceedings. Copies of all records and papers in the office of the commission, duly certified and authenticated by the seal of said commission, shall be received in evidence in all courts equally and with like effect as the original. All records kept in the office of the commission under the authority of this chapter shall be open to public inspection except pending investigative files.

(5) The board is authorized to appoint an executive director for a term of four (4) years, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and consistent with the provisions of Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. Section 35-7-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

35-7-7. The administration of the provisions hereof is vested in a Veterans' Home Purchase Board consisting of six (6) members who shall be appointed, or reappointed, by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Members appointed to the board shall be veterans of either World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Southeast Asia Conflict, the Persian Gulf Conflict or have served in active duty for at least one hundred eighty (180) days during a time of war or a conflict in which a campaign ribbon or medal was issued and shall possess a background in business, banking, real estate or the legal profession which enables them to carry out the duties of the board. No state/departments commander of any federally recognized veterans organization, no national officer of any federally recognized veterans organization and no member of the Mississippi Council of Veterans Organizations shall be eligible for appointment to the board until the expiration of a period of three (3) years after the termination of his service in such disqualifying positions. Appointments shall be staggered, with each Governor appointing or reappointing two (2) members in the first year of his administration * * *, one (1) member in the second year, two (2) members in the third year, and one (1) member in the fourth year. Appointments for terms that

expire in 1988 shall be made as follows: one (1) shall be made for a term ending on July 1, 1989; one (1) shall be made for a term ending on July 1, 1991; and two (2) shall be made for a term ending on July 1, 1992. Persons appointed to succeed the two (2) members whose terms expired in 1986, or any such member holding over after 1986 because no successor was appointed, shall serve until July 1, 1990. After the expiration of the foregoing terms, all appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. From and after July 1, 1988, one (1) appointee shall be selected from each of the five (5) congressional districts of this state as such districts are composed on May 1, 1987, and one (1) appointee shall be selected from the state at large. Any vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled by appointment of a member for the unexpired portion of the term.

The Veterans' Home Purchase Board, created by former Section 35-7-7, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, one (1) appointed member shall be from each Supreme Court District as they exist at the time of appointment, and two (2) from the state at large. Effective January 1, 2028, the appointed members of the board designated in this section, shall be appointed by the Governor to terms of office of four (4) years, with the advice and consent of the Senate, provided that three (3) such members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and three (3) such members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

The board is hereby authorized and empowered to make and promulgate such reasonable rules and regulations under this chapter as it shall deem to be necessary or advisable and to enforce the same. The board shall have authority to render the final decision on the purchase application process, approval of purchases, funding of purchase commitments, servicing loans and default, property security, management, resale, release from security, and all other matters relating to the purchases and loans made under this law. The board shall likewise, by an order spread on its minutes, elect a chairman and vice chairman to serve for one-year terms, and all such officers are eligible to succeed themselves in such offices. The chairman may appoint a three-member loan committee from the membership of the board and shall specify the conditions, responsibilities and authority of such committee.

Each member of the board and his successor shall be reimbursed all of his actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the attendance of the meetings of the board or in the performance of other duties in connection with the business of the board as provided for state officers and employees in Section 25-3-41, and shall be allowed a per diem as provided in Section 25-3-69 for such attendance; provided that the number of days per diem shall not exceed sixty-six (66) days for the chairman and fifty (50) days for other members of the board during any one (1) fiscal year. The above limitation of days per year shall not apply to board members appointed on a full-time basis to the loan committee.

The board is authorized to appoint an executive director for a term of four (4) years, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and consistent with the provisions of Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972. The director, or other executive officer employed by the board, shall execute a surety bond in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duties and upon his accounting for all monies coming into his hands; and each employee handling funds shall execute a like bond in the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), and the premiums thereon shall be paid from the funds provided for administering this chapter.

The board may designate one (1) of its employees as the acting director or executive officer by a vote of the majority of the members of the board, officially recorded in the minutes of a regular or special meeting, and such acting director shall be vested with all the authority conferred upon the director by the provisions of this chapter * * *. The acting director, when so designated, will be required to furnish surety bond in the same amount and under the same conditions as the director. The purpose of this provision is to designate an executive officer during any temporary illness, absence or incapacity of the regularly designated director.

The board may designate one (1) of its employees by a vote of the majority of the members of the board, officially recorded in the minutes of a regular or special meeting, to be authorized to sign a Deed of Conveyance or other closing documents necessary as to not delay the closing or settlement of a home purchase during the absence or unavailability of the director.

The board may select and employ such expert, technical and clerical assistance as in its judgment may be necessary in the proper administration of said board and fix the salaries of such employees.

The board is empowered to employ auditors and accountants to examine the books, accounts and records of the board if it so desires, and the board is also authorized to employ legal counsel if it deems such a course necessary in the proper administration of its affairs.

SECTION 14. Section 49-4-4, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-4-4. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, to be composed of five (5) persons appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of five (5) years. One (1) person shall be appointed from each congressional district. The initial terms of the members shall be one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) years, respectively. Thereafter, all terms shall be for five (5) years. An appointment to fill a vacancy which arises for reasons other than by expiration of a term of office shall be made from the respective congressional district for the unexpired term only.

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, created by former Section 49-4-4, is continued and reconstituted as follows: Effective January 1, 2028, one (1) appointed member shall be from each Supreme Court District as they exist at the time of appointment, and two (2) from the state at large. Effective January 1, 2028, the appointed members of the commission designated in this section, shall be appointed by the Governor to terms of office of four (4) years, with the advice and consent of the Senate, provided that three (3) such members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and two (2) such members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

(2) The commission shall elect from its membership a chairman who shall preside over meetings and a vice chairman who shall preside in the absence of the chairman or when the chairman shall be excused.

(3) The commission shall adopt rules and regulations governing times and places for meetings and governing the manner of conducting its business. Each member of the commission shall take the oath prescribed by Section 268 of the Mississippi Constitution, and shall enter into bond in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be approved by the Secretary of State, conditioned according to law, and payable to the State of Mississippi before assuming the duties of office. Any

member who shall not attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the commission shall be subject to removal by a majority vote of the commission members.

(4) The members of the commission shall receive no annual salary but shall receive per diem compensation as authorized by law for each day devoted to the discharge of official duties and shall be entitled to reimbursement for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, including mileage as authorized by law.

The commission shall be composed of persons with a demonstrated history of involvement in at least one (1) of the matters of jurisdiction of the commission and whose employment and activities are not in conflict. All of the commissioners shall be an active outdoorsman holding a resident hunting or fishing license in at least five (5) of the ten (10) years preceding appointment. A member shall not have a record of conviction of violation of fish or game laws and regulations within five (5) years preceding appointment or a record of any felony conviction.

(5) The commission shall have the power to adopt, amend and repeal such regulations and rules as may be necessary for the operation of the department.

(6) The commission shall have the power and authority to issue all licenses and permits under the jurisdiction of the department.

(7) In the furtherance of its duties and responsibilities, the commission may conduct hearings, gather testimony and perform other functions required to carry out its powers and duties as prescribed by statute.

(8) The commission shall have all power for conserving, managing and developing wildlife and fishery resources except for saltwater aquatic life and marine resources under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources.

SECTION 15. Section 49-4-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

49-4-6. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, whose principal office shall be located in Jackson, Mississippi.

(2) The department shall be headed by an executive director who shall be appointed by the Governor. The commission shall submit to the Governor three (3) qualified nominees for the position of executive director. The Governor shall appoint the executive director from the list of qualified nominees submitted with the advice and consent of the Senate. The executive director shall serve for a term of four (4) years, consistent with the provisions of Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972. The executive director may assign those powers and duties as deemed appropriate to carry out the department's lawful functions. Upon recommendation by the Governor to the commission, the executive director may be removed from office only by both a majority vote of the membership of the commission and the Governor's approval of the removal. To remove the executive director the commission must determine on sound evidence that there is good cause for removal such as willful dereliction in carrying out the duties of executive director, obvious malfeasance in his actions as executive director or conviction of any criminal act. After the determination is made by the commission that the executive director should be removed from office, the commission shall notify the Governor of its determination and the Governor must approve that determination before the executive director is actually removed from office.

(3) The executive director shall appoint heads, who will serve at the pleasure of the executive director.

(4) The executive director shall have the authority to organize the department as deemed appropriate to carry out the responsibilities of the department. The organizational charts of the department shall be presented annually with the budget request of the Governor for review by the Legislature.

(5) The executive director shall develop and implement a merit promotion system for all sworn law enforcement officers. Promotion to higher rank shall be based on an individual's merit and length of service. The executive director shall implement the merit promotion system before July 1, 1995.

SECTION 16. Section 47-5-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-5-8. (1) There is created the Mississippi Department of Corrections, which shall be under the policy direction of the Governor. The chief administrative

officer of the department shall be the Commissioner of Corrections. Effective July 1, 2028, the commissioner shall be appointed by the Governor in the manner provided in Section 47-5-24 with the advice and consent of the Senate, not less than every four (4) years. All appointment procedures specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the position of Commissioner of Corrections.

(2) (a) There shall be an Executive Deputy Commissioner who shall be directly responsible to the Commissioner of Corrections within the department who shall serve as the Commissioner of Corrections in the absence of the commissioner and shall assume any and all duties that the Commissioner of Corrections assigns, including, but not limited to, supervising all other deputy commissioners. The salary of the Executive Deputy Commissioner shall not exceed the salary of the Commissioner of Corrections.

(b) There shall be a Division of Administration and Finance within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner.

(c) There shall be a Division of Community Corrections within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Community Corrections, who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner. The Probation and Parole Board shall continue to exercise the authority as provided by law, but after July 1, 1976, the Division of Community Corrections shall serve as the administrative agency for the Probation and Parole Board.

(d) There shall be a Division of Workforce Development within the department, which shall have as its chief administrative officer a Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development, who shall be appointed by the commissioner, and shall be directly responsible to the commissioner.

(3) The department shall succeed to the exclusive control of all records, books, papers, equipment and supplies, and all lands, buildings and other real and personal property now or hereafter belonging to or assigned to the use and benefit or under the control of the Mississippi State Penitentiary and the Mississippi Probation and Parole Board, except the records of parole process and revocation and legal matters related thereto, and shall have the exercise and control of the use, distribution and disbursement of all funds, appropriations and taxes now or hereafter in possession, levied, collected or received or appropriated for the use, benefit, support and maintenance of these two (2) agencies except as otherwise provided by law, and the department shall have general supervision of all the affairs of the two (2) agencies herein named except as otherwise provided by law, and the care and conduct of all buildings and grounds, business methods and arrangements of accounts and records, the organization of the administrative plans of each institution, and all other matters incident to the proper functioning of the two (2) agencies.

(4) The commissioner may lease the lands for oil, gas, mineral exploration and other purposes, and contract with other state agencies for the proper management of lands under such leases or for the provision of other services, and the proceeds thereof shall be paid into the General Fund of the state.

SECTION 17. Section 25-4-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

25-4-5. (1) There is hereby created the Mississippi Ethics Commission which shall be composed of eight (8) members, each of whom shall be a qualified elector of the State of Mississippi, of good moral character and integrity.

(2) Two (2) members of the commission shall be appointed by each of the following officers in strict accordance with the above standards: the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court. Not more than one (1) person appointed by each appointing authority shall be an elected official.

(3) The members of the initial commission shall be appointed for terms of office expiring one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4) years, respectively, from November 15, 1979, the members appointed by the Governor having a one-year term and a four-year term, the members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor having a two-year

term and a three-year term, the members appointed by the Speaker having a three-year term and a two-year term, and the members appointed by the Chief Justice having a four-year term and a one-year term.

(4) Successors to the members of the initial commission shall each be appointed for terms of four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and have been duly qualified.

(5) If any of the above-listed appointing authorities should fail to make his appointment to the initial commission within forty-five (45) days after November 15, 1979, fail to fill a vacancy within forty-five (45) days after such vacancy occurs, or fail to make his appointment for a full term to the commission, then the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court shall make such appointment; provided, however, that the term of such appointee shall be for the period prescribed for the appointment by the authority who was to have made the appointment but who failed to do so. If at any time there should be a vacancy on the commission, a successor member to serve for the unexpired term applicable to such vacancy shall be appointed by the same appointing authority as the member whose unexpired term such successor is to fill.

(6) Any member of the commission who is indicted for any felony may be suspended by the commission from service on the commission. A commission member who is convicted of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or convicted of any felony shall be ineligible to serve and the member's position on the commission shall be vacant and subject to reappointment as for other vacancies. A registered lobbyist shall be ineligible to serve as a commission member while registered and until one (1) year after the end of such lobbying relationship that required registration.

SECTION 18. Section 47-7-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

47-7-5. (1) Effective January 1, 2028, the State Parole Board, created under former Section 47-7-5, is hereby created, continued and reconstituted and shall be composed of five (5) members, one (1) appointed from each Mississippi Supreme Court District and two (2) from the state at large. The Governor shall appoint the members to serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, not less than every four (4) years. * * * Provided that three (3) members shall be appointed in 2028 to a term ending December 31, 2031, and two (2) members shall be appointed in 2030 to a term ending December 31, 2033. Appointments made at the beginning of the four-year cycle shall be made to fill any member's term which actually expires that year and any member's term which expires next until the majority of the membership of the board or commission is reached. Appointments made at the beginning of the third year of the four-year cycle shall be made for the remainder of the membership positions irrespective of the time of their prior appointment. Any question regarding the order of appointments shall be determined by the Secretary of State in accordance with the specific statute. All appointment procedures, vacancy provisions, interim appointment provisions and removal provisions specifically provided for in Section 7-1-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be fully applicable to appointments to the State Parole Board. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Governor shall appoint a chairman of the board.

(2) Any person who is appointed to serve on the board shall possess at least a bachelor's degree or a high school diploma and four (4) years' work experience. Each member shall devote his full time to the duties of his office and shall not engage in any other business or profession or hold any other public office. A member shall receive compensation or per diem in addition to his or her salary. Each member shall keep such hours and workdays as required of full-time state employees under Section 25-1-98. Individuals shall be appointed to serve on the board without reference to their political affiliations. Each board member, including the chairman, may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses as authorized by Section 25-3-41. Each member of the board shall complete annual training developed based on guidance from the National Institute of Corrections, the Association of Paroling Authorities International, or the American Probation and Parole Association. Each first-time appointee of the board shall, within sixty (60) days of appointment, or as soon as practical, complete training for first-time Parole Board members developed in consideration of information from the

National Institute of Corrections, the Association of Paroling Authorities International, or the American Probation and Parole Association.

(3) The board shall have exclusive responsibility for the granting of parole as provided by Sections 47-7-3 and 47-7-17 and shall have exclusive authority for revocation of the same. The board shall have exclusive responsibility for investigating clemency recommendations upon request of the Governor.

(4) The board, its members and staff, shall be immune from civil liability for any official acts taken in good faith and in exercise of the board's legitimate governmental authority.

(5) The budget of the board shall be funded through a separate line item within the general appropriation bill for the support and maintenance of the department. Employees of the department which are employed by or assigned to the board shall work under the guidance and supervision of the board. There shall be an executive secretary to the board who shall be responsible for all administrative and general accounting duties related to the board. The executive secretary shall keep and preserve all records and papers pertaining to the board.

(6) The board shall have no authority or responsibility for supervision of offenders granted a release for any reason, including, but not limited to, probation, parole or executive clemency or other offenders requiring the same through interstate compact agreements. The supervision shall be provided exclusively by the staff of the Division of Community Corrections of the department.

(7) (a) The Parole Board is authorized to select and place offenders in an electronic monitoring program under the conditions and criteria imposed by the Parole Board. The conditions, restrictions and requirements of Section 47-7-17 and Sections 47-5-1001 through 47-5-1015 shall apply to the Parole Board and any offender placed in an electronic monitoring program by the Parole Board.

(b) Any offender placed in an electronic monitoring program under this subsection shall pay the program fee provided in Section 47-5-1013. The program fees shall be deposited in the special fund created in Section 47-5-1007.

(c) The department shall have absolute immunity from liability for any injury resulting from a determination by the Parole Board that an offender be placed in an electronic monitoring program.

(8) (a) The Parole Board shall maintain a central registry of paroled inmates. The Parole Board shall place the following information on the registry: name, address, photograph, crime for which paroled, the date of the end of parole or flat-time date and other information deemed necessary. The Parole Board shall immediately remove information on a parolee at the end of his parole or flat-time date.

(b) When a person is placed on parole, the Parole Board shall inform the parolee of the duty to report to the parole officer any change in address ten (10) days before changing address.

(c) The Parole Board shall utilize an Internet website or other electronic means to release or publish the information.

(d) Records maintained on the registry shall be open to law enforcement agencies and the public and shall be available no later than July 1, 2003.

(9) An affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the Parole Board shall be required to grant parole to an inmate convicted of capital murder or a sex crime.

(10) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2025.

SECTION 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024; provided, however, that Section 12 which amends Section 73-35-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT RELATING TO APPOINTMENTS TO STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND AGENCY DIRECTOR POSITIONS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS WHICH REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 7-1-35, 73-4-7, 73-4-11, 37-155-7, 37-4-3, 49-2-4, 49-2-5, 41-4-3, 41-4-7, 73-19-7, 73-19-9, 73-35-5, 35-7-7, 49-4-4, 49-4-6, 47-5-8, 25-4-5 AND 47-7-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES AND TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE APPOINTMENTS

OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STATE BOARDS, AGENCIES, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND AUTHORITIES WHICH REQUIRE SENATE CONFIRMATION; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Chris Johnson, Daniel H. Sparks, Sollie B. Norwood (Not Signed)

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Henry Zuber III, Robert L. Johnson III, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Zuber the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barton, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Karriem, Kinkade, Lamar, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, McCray, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tulos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--Eubanks. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Anderson, J, Barnett, Bell, D, Currie, Keen, Ladner, Lancaster, Massengill, McCarty, McGee, Oliver, Steverson, Young. Total-13.

Present--Banks, Bell, C, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Evans, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, James-Jones, Johnson, Porter, Rosebud, Scott, Summers. Total--14.

Necessary for passage--48

On request of Rep. Zuber, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2803**:

Unanimous Consent of the House and Senate is requested to make the following change to the Conference Report for Senate Bill No. 2803, 2024 Regular Session:

AMEND by removing the underlining and deletion marks on lines 342-365.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 13 by inserting the following after "1972,":
AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 776, 2024 REGULAR SESSION,

FURTHER, AMEND on line 1197 by inserting the following after "1972,":
as amended by House Bill No. 776, 2024 Regular Session,

FURTHER, AMEND on line 1227 by inserting the following after the period:
However, notwithstanding this provision, municipalities that have voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law may enforce such proper rules and regulations for fixing zones and territories to promote public health, morals, and safety, as they may by ordinance provide. The board of supervisors of any county that has voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law may make such rules and regulations as to territory outside of municipalities as are herein provided for municipalities.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, municipalities may enforce such proper location of package retailer stores within the municipality by application of a properly adopted zoning ordinance.

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. C. R. No. 65: Suspend deadline for introduction; governmental buildings; regulate.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Burnett, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--86.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, McCray, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Jackson, L. Total-1.

Present--Anthony, Rosebud. Total--2.
Necessary for passage--60

On motion of Rep. Shanks unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. C. R. No. 65: Suspend deadline for introduction; governmental buildings; regulate.

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

Rep. Scoggin moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Rosebud entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

At 1:54 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:37 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1086: Land partitions; revise provision that regulate.

Rep. Hood moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Representative Zuber called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2803:** (Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."), and moved to reconsider, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Zuber moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2466: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21.

Rep. Lamar moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. McGee called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1725: Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act.

Rep. McGee moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Barnett called up:

H. B. No. 4129: City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation.

YEAS AND NAYS ON H. B. No. 4129. On motion of Rep. Barnett the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Evans, Morgan, Pigott. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Burch, Crudup, Eubanks, Smith, Turner. Total-5.

Necessary for passage--59

On motion of Rep. Barnett unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. B. No. 4129: City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation.

Representative Powell entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2170: Appropriation; additional to Department of Health.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of.

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority.

H. B. No. 776: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise certain provisions regarding authority of municipalities and counties under.

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures.

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development; revise various provisions related to.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2634: Memorial highways; designate segments in Bolivar County and Jones County as in honor individuals.

S. B. No. 2696: Mississippi Main Street Grant Program; amend administration of and qualifications for.

S. C. R. No. 543: Commend Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; revise bidding procedure.

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability".

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2408: Identification cards; require certain to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Zuber moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Leonard Kye Busby, IV, which motion prevailed.

Representative Denton moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Earline Fair Denton, which motion prevailed.

Representative Luther-Waldo moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Charles Robert Stubblefield, which motion prevailed.

At 2:49 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 10:00 AM, Thursday, May 2, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINETIETH DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Dr. Cory Kneppshield, Senior Pastor at Clearview Baptist Church, Southaven.

Rep. Remak led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, May 2, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 1489: Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies. Thursday, May 2, 2024, 5:55 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Thursday, May 2, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 652: State Port Authority and other ports; delete repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:30 PM

H. B. No. 757: State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:40 PM

H. B. No. 819: Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from preclicensing requirements. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 3:58 PM

H. B. No. 844: State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:40 PM

H. B. No. 903: Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:23 PM

H. B. No. 1126: "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:28 PM

H. B. No. 1135: Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:47 PM

H. B. No. 1350: Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare supplements. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 3:59 PM

H. B. No. 1471: BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:43 PM

H. B. No. 1646: City of West Point; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:00 PM

H. B. No. 1716: Jackson County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:01 PM

H. B. No. 1723: Pike County; authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize certain lease-purchase arrangement. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:34 PM

H. B. No. 1743: Humphreys County; authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:02 PM

H. B. No. 1752: City of Fulton; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:03 PM

H. B. No. 1758: Jefferson Davis County; increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage collection and disposal. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:04 PM

H. B. No. 1880: Grenada County; expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:39 PM

H. B. No. 1931: Greene County; extend repeal date on assessments in justice court. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:07 PM

H. B. No. 1948: City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:10 PM

H. B. No. 1968: Humphreys County; authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:12 PM

H. B. No. 4090: Adams County; authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:12 PM

H. B. No. 4115: City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:15 PM

H. B. No. 4120: City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:16 PM

H. B. No. 4122: Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:50 PM

H. B. No. 4127: City of Gautier; authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance. Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:38 PM

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

S. C. R. No. 549: Legislature; suspend deadlines for Senate Bill No. 2753, 2024 Regular Session.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

Adopted: 04/30/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of.

Adopted: 05/01/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation: Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.

Adopted: 05/01/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options.

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age.

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

shows. **S. B. No. 3037:** Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

of. **S. B. No. 3042:** Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

Adopted: 05/01/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST AND SECOND READING

The following Senate Bills, under suspension of the rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the titles of the said bills:

S. C. R. No. 549: Legislature; suspend deadlines for Senate Bill No. 2753, 2024 Regular Session. Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 147: Eris T. Sims; commend upon being the NAACP Chief of Staff and for numerous accomplishments with the NAACP. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 153: Rockford (Rocky) Vaughn; commend for designing the new Mississippi State Flag. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 154: Lafayette High School Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 155: Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon the passing of. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measure and reports same back with the following recommendation:

S. C. R. No. 549: Legislature; suspend deadlines for Senate Bill No. 2753, 2024 Regular Session. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

H. R. No. 156: (Representative Creekmore IV) West Union Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A Cross Country State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 157: (Representative Creekmore IV) Myrtle High School Girls Cross Country Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 158: (Representative Creekmore IV) Ingomar Attendance Center Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 2023-2024 Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 159: (Representative Creekmore IV) Ingomar Attendance Center Girls Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 160: (Representative Creekmore IV) Ingomar High School Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 161: (Representative Creekmore IV) East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rules.

H. R. No. 162: (Representative Ford (73rd)) Germantown High School Robotics Team; commend for winning Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship. Rules.

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to the Department of Mental Health for the purpose of entering into a subgrant with Canopy Children's Solutions for the construction and renovation of the CARES Center, including the children and youth Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for Trauma Recovery for the period beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 20,000,000.00.

SECTION 2. As a condition of expending the funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act, the Department of Mental Health shall enter into a memorandum of agreement with Canopy Children's Solutions governing the operation of the CARES Center that requires Canopy Children's Solutions to:

(a) Designate a minimum of thirty-three (33) beds for first preference and priority admission for individuals who meet admission criteria and are under the care of the Department of Mental Health and Child Protection Services;

(b) Agree to provide and maintain such beds in a condition to satisfy the regulatory standards of the Department of Health by a date to be determined by the Department of Mental Health;

(c) Execute a promissory note and a deed of trust between Canopy Children's Solutions and the Department of Mental Health evidencing a security interest in the CARES Center for a sum equal to the amount of state funds expended to construct or renovate the CARES Center;

(d) Consistent with the terms of the promissory note, reimburse a sum equal to the amount of state funds expended to construct or renovate the CARES Center to the Department of Mental Health upon the substantial breach of the memorandum of agreement required by this section;

(e) Authorize the Department of Mental Health to assert or maintain a claim in any proceeding instituted in the First Judicial District of Hinds County Chancery Court, to recoup a sum equal to the amount of state funds expended to construct and renovate the CARES Center upon the substantial breach of the memorandum of agreement required by this section; and

(f) Release the Department of Mental Health, the state, and any of its political subdivisions from any obligation to maintain the CARES Center or any designated state beds.

For purposes of this section, a substantial breach of the memorandum of agreement shall include the failure to maintain the designated state beds in a condition to satisfy the regulatory standards required by this section for a period of three (3) consecutive months, the dissolution of Canopy Children's Solutions, a filing for bankruptcy by Canopy Children's Solutions, or the permanent cessation of operation of the CARES Center.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be used to pay employee premium payments.

SECTION 4. The money appropriated by this act shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING INTO A SUBGRANT WITH CANOPY CHILDREN'S SOLUTIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF THE CARES CENTER, INCLUDING THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY FOR TRAUMA RECOVERY, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Hillman Terome Frazier

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims,

Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--117.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Newman. Total-2.

Present--Bell, C, Crudup, Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise related programs, provide procedure of unobligated funds, and transfer certain funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise and bring forward related provisions and provide for determination of unobligated funds by Nov. 1.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 27-104-323, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-323. (1) All funds received by or on behalf of the State of Mississippi through the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) for distribution to nonentitlement units of local government shall be deposited into the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund created in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund" to be administered by the Department of Finance and Administration. The special fund shall consist of funds required to be deposited into the special fund by subsection (1) of this section, funds appropriated or otherwise made available by the Legislature in any manner, and funds from any other source designated for deposit into the special fund. The Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the funds to the nonentitlement units of local government in accordance with the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) and any applicable federal guidelines. Such funds shall only be used as provided in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law No. 117-2) or as authorized by federal rule or regulation or guidelines.

(3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund but shall remain in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The State Fiscal Officer shall transfer to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund the full amount of any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund that are remaining

in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund on July 1, 2024. Any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the * * * Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund after July 1, 2024, shall be deposited to the credit of the * * * Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund created in Section 27-104-321.

(4) The State Fiscal Officer is authorized, in his or her discretion, to transfer to the federal government any funds in the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund that have not been used for the purpose for which they were received.

SECTION 2. Section 37-106-64, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-106-64. (1) There is established the "Skilled Nursing Home and Hospital Nurses Retention Loan Repayment Program" for * * * nursing graduates to be administered by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board.

(2) Subject to the availability of funds, an eligible applicant for an initial award must have:

(a) Legal residency in the State of Mississippi;

(b) Gained employment * * * as a full-time licensed practical nurse or licensed registered nurse at a skilled nursing home in the State of Mississippi or a general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi that is licensed by the Mississippi State Department of Health;

(c) A current relevant Mississippi professional license; and

(d) Outstanding qualifying educational loans, received at any point during the recipients postsecondary education career, which may include the principal, interest and related expenses such as the required interest premium on the unpaid balances of government and commercial loans obtained by the recipient for educational expense.

(3) Persons who have received funds from state-forgivable loan programs established under Mississippi law, or who are in default or delinquent on any federal, state, local or commercial qualifying educational loan, shall not be eligible for this program.

(4) Recipients in the program shall be selected on a first-come, first-served basis from all eligible applicants. The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board shall renew eligible applicants approved in prior years only if the renewal applicant continues to meet the standards set forth in this act, and the renewal applicant has not received full funding provided by this subsection (4).

(5) Awards for recipients who are employed at a skilled nursing home or a licensed general acute care hospital in the state may be a maximum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) for each year of employment up to three (3) years.

(6) A recipient shall not be penalized for ending employment at a skilled nursing home or a licensed general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi if the recipient begins working for another skilled nursing home or licensed general acute care hospital in the State of Mississippi during the year on which the award is based.

(7) Awards shall be granted on a year-to-year basis, and recipients have no obligation to seek a subsequent award.

(8) Awards shall be paid annually, after the expiration of the year of employment for which the award was granted, to the recipient's lender or loan service provider, to be applied to the outstanding balance. Monies paid by the recipient or on the recipient's behalf toward qualifying educational loans before payment of the award shall not be eligible for reimbursement through the program.

(9) During the employment year for which the award is granted, a recipient shall at all times keep the State Financial Aid Board informed of any changes to the recipient's current, correct and complete employment information and status.

(10) Recipients, who fail to maintain a relevant Mississippi professional license or fail to fulfill the year of employment on which the award was based, forfeit any right to the award.

(11) The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, in collaboration with the State Board of Nursing and any other applicable state agency as determined by the Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board, shall attempt to track award recipients under this program through their third employment year, unless the recipient leaves employment at a skilled nursing home or

a licensed general acute care hospital in the state at an earlier date. Data collected shall include each recipients' place of employment and any other pertinent information necessary to determine the efficacy of the program in retaining nurses in skilled nursing homes or licensed general acute care hospitals in the State of Mississippi.

(12) The Mississippi Postsecondary Education Financial Assistance Board shall promulgate regulations necessary for the proper administration of this section, including setting a fiscal year policy for the program and application dates and deadlines.

(13) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2027.

SECTION 3. Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-3-16.1. (1) (a) The State Department of Health (department) shall establish a grant program to be known as the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program (program) to assist rural water associations and entities in the construction of eligible drinking water infrastructure projects as provided in the Final Rule for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as established by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

(b) Rural water associations and any entity that received funding under the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program or the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure (MCWI) Grant Program before April 14, 2023, shall be ineligible for additional grants under this section.

(2) The program shall be funded from appropriations by the Legislature to the department from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund, and the department shall expend all such funds for the purposes provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The department shall obligate the funds by the deadline set by the rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the Treasury and will adhere to the Treasury's rules and guidelines for reporting and monitoring projects funded through ARPA.

(4) (a) The department shall develop a system for use in ranking the grant applications received. The ranking system shall include the following factors, at a minimum: (a) the environmental impact of the proposed project; (b) the proposed project's ability to address noncompliance with state/federal requirements; (c) the extent to which the project promotes economic development; (d) the number of people served by the project (both new and existing users); (e) impacts of the proposed project on disadvantaged/ overburdened communities; (f) the grant applicant's prior efforts to secure funding to address the proposed project's objectives; (g) the grant applicant's proposed contribution of other funds or in-kind cost-sharing to the proposed project; (h) the grant applicant's long-term plans for the financial and physical operation and maintenance of the project; and (i) the grant applicant's capacity to initiate construction in a timely manner and complete the proposed project by the deadline specified by rules and guidelines of the United States Department of the Treasury for ARPA funds.

(b) For the second round of grant awards, the department shall apply a greater weight to grant applications that promote consolidation of separate systems. In order to receive the additional weight, the systems that will consolidate shall be in a proximity of each other as determined by the department.

(c) In addition to the points awarded under paragraph (b) of this subsection, an additional ten (10) points shall be added to any application with at least one (1) system that has consolidated after January 1, 2018, and before application to this program and is otherwise eligible under this section.

(5) An application for a grant under this section shall be submitted at such time, be in such form, and contain such information as the department prescribes.

(6) (a) Upon the approval of an application for a grant under this section, the department shall enter into a project grant agreement with each grantee to establish the terms of the grant for the project, including the amount of the grant.

(b) (i) For the first award of grants, the maximum amount of funds that may be provided to any rural water association or entity from all grants under the program is Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00).

(ii) For the second round of grant awards, the maximum amount of funds that may be provided to any eligible association or entity from all grants under the program is Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

(c) Associations or entities that received funding under the first round of grant awards for this program or received funding in the Mississippi Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program Act of 2022 are ineligible to receive funding under the second round.

(7) With any funds appropriated to the department for the program after April 1, 2024, the department shall distribute the funds to projects from the second round of grant awards in the order in which the applications were ranked for grants as long as the department determines that the project can obligate the funds by October 1, 2024, and expend the funds by December 31, 2026. Where the department determines that a project cannot obligate or expend the funds by the required dates, the department shall not fund the project, and it shall continue from the second round of grant awards in the order in which the applications were ranked for grants.

(* * *8) The department shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program. Of the funds appropriated to the department for the program, not more than five percent (5%) may be used by the department to cover the department's costs of administering the program.

(* * *9) In carrying out its responsibilities under the program, for any contract under the purview of the Public Procurement Review Board (PPRB), the department shall be exempt from any requirement that the PPRB approve any personal or professional services contracts or pre-approve any solicitation of such contracts. This subsection shall stand repealed on July 1, 2026.

(* * *10) The department shall submit an annual report regarding the program no later than December 31 of each year to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees.

(* * *11) For the purposes of this section, "entity" means:

(a) Any entity operating as a rural water association, regardless of whether such entities were user created, were initially organized not for profit, or have been granted tax-exempt status under state or federal law.

(b) Any nonprofit water or sewer provider not owned by the municipality or county and are not a Rural Water Association.

(c) Any entity eligible under this program shall be currently operating as a not-for-profit entity.

(d) "Entity" under this subsection does not include any state agency. No state agency shall be eligible under this program.

SECTION 4. (1) The Legislature, based upon current United States Treasury guidance, has determined that all Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

(2) (a) In order to meet the obligation deadline set forth by the United States Treasury, the State Fiscal Officer shall determine the amount of Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds appropriated to various agencies that will not be obligated as of October 1, 2024.

(b) In making the determination required by this section, the State Fiscal Officer shall use the guidance released by the United States Treasury to determine if the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds are not obligated.

(3) If at any time during the period from passage of this act to October 1, 2024, a state agency determines that Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds will not be obligated by October 1, 2024, the state agency shall notify the State Fiscal Officer.

(4) If at any time the State Fiscal Officer determines that funds will be unobligated as of October 1, 2024, under subsection (2) or (3) of this section, the State Treasurer, in coordination with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer these funds to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund No. 682111300) by no later than October 5, 2024. The State Fiscal Officer may retain an amount not to exceed the lesser of the estimated cost of ARPA administration or Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to be utilized for administrative and reporting costs. No later than October 6, 2024, the State Treasurer,

in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the funds to the ARPA - MDOT Maintenance Project Fund.

SECTION 5. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "ARPA - MDOT Maintenance Project Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the Department of Transportation for eligible Surface Transportation maintenance projects included in the Maintenance Program of the Three-Year Plan as adopted by, amended by, or reissued by the Mississippi Transportation Commission under the authority of Section 65-1-141. The Department of Transportation may escalate its budget upon receiving Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

The Department of Transportation shall determine if a project is eligible based upon Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United States Department of the Treasury, including, but not limited to, Federal Register Volume 88, Issue 181, September 20, 2023, which allows for Surface Transportation projects.

SECTION 6. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund No. 6821113000) from the following named funds the following sums:

FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT
Mississippi Municipal and County Water Infrastructure Fund	6822147000	\$ 25,265,726.00
ARPA- Tourism Fund	6822113300	\$ 861,050.00
Mississippi Hospital Sustainability Grant Program Fund	6822130500	\$ 39,460,629.00
MH SB Corona State Fiscal Rec Funds ARPA Fund	6822437100	\$ 29,384,500.00
MH CO Corona State Fiscal Rec Funds ARPA Fund	6822337100	\$ 18,057,096.00
Mississippi Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters Premium Pay Fund	6822171100	\$ 3,316,000.00
Trial Judges-ARPA 2021-(CPS) Fund	6822105100	\$ 1,500,000.00
Trial Judges-ARPA 2021-Temporary Courts Fund	6822105200	\$ 3,063,505.00
TOTAL		\$120,908,506.00

SECTION 7. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Fifty-four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$54,100,000.00) from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund No. 6821113000) to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Lost Revenue Fund (Fund No. 3822113000).

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-323, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER TO THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND THE FULL AMOUNT OF ANY INTEREST EARNED ON AMOUNTS IN THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND THAT ARE REMAINING IN THE LOCAL FUND ON JULY 1, 2024; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INTEREST EARNED ON AMOUNTS IN THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND AFTER JULY 1, 2024, SHALL BE DEPOSITED TO THE CREDIT OF THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANY FUNDS IN THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND THAT HAVE NOT BEEN USED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE RECEIVED; TO AMEND SECTION 37-106-64, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SKILLED NURSING HOME AND HOSPITAL NURSES RETENTION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 41-3-16.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE ARPA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS; TO CREATE THE "ARPA-MDOT MAINTENANCE PROJECT FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER, TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS TO THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER, TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS TO THE CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY LOST REVENUE FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Karl Oliver, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. For the purposes of this act, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "Exchange" means a state, federal, or partnership exchange or marketplace operating in Mississippi pursuant to Section 1311 of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and regulations and guidance issued under those acts.

(b) "Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association" means the mechanism as established in Sections 83-9-201 through 83-9-223.

(c) "Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Board" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 83-9-205(b).

SECTION 2. The Commissioner of Insurance shall have the authority to:

(a) Establish any program, promulgate any rule, policy, guideline, or plan; or change any program, rule, policy or guideline to implement, establish, create, administer, or otherwise operate an exchange;

(b) Apply for, accept or expend federal monies related to the creation, implementation or operation of an exchange;

(c) Establish any advisory board or committee the Commissioner deems necessary for providing recommendations on the creation, implementation or operation of an exchange;

(d) Use the services and funds of the Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association and the Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Board to fulfill the purposes of this section; and

(e) Engage such actuarial and other assistance as shall be necessary to carry out the duties of the department under this act. The engagement of such services shall not be subject to the procurement provisions of Section 31-7-13.

The Commissioner of Insurance may, immediately after the effective date of this act, begin action to carry out the authority provided in this section.

SECTION 3. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi Health Insurance State Exchange Trust Fund." The Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to expend monies from this fund for the payment of the expenses incurred in the creation, implementation or operation of an exchange. The amount to be contributed annually to the special fund shall be fixed each year by the commissioner as a percentage of fees assessed on the gross premiums charged on all policies sold on the exchange. This percentage shall not be more than three and a half percent (3.5%), unless otherwise approved by the Legislature. The user fees shall be collected directly by the exchange on all policies sold and remitted to the special fund on a monthly basis. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund.

SECTION 4. The Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association shall have the authority to develop and fund an online portal that shall be available to

all Mississippians to assist consumers in selection of a health plan. This program shall have the capacity to aggregate information regarding providers, drug coverage and pricing that would allow consumers to make informed decisions in selecting a health plan.

SECTION 5. Section 83-9-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-9-203. It is the purpose of the Legislature to establish a mechanism to allow the availability of a health insurance program and to allow the availability of health and accident insurance coverage to those citizens of this state who (a) because of health conditions cannot secure such coverage, or (b) desire to obtain or continue health insurance coverage under any state or federal program designed to enable persons to obtain or maintain health insurance coverage. It is further the purpose of the Legislature to establish a mechanism to assist the Commissioner of Insurance with the creation, implementation or operation of an exchange.

SECTION 6. Section 83-9-205, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-9-205. As used in Sections 83-9-201 through 83-9-222, the following words shall have the meaning ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Association" means the Comprehensive Health Insurance Risk Pool Association.

(b) "Board" means the board of directors of the association.

(c) "Church plan" has the meaning given such term under Section 3(33) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(d) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Insurance of this state.

(e) "Creditable coverage" has the meaning set forth in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (26 USCS Section 9801(c)(1)). A period of creditable coverage shall not be counted, with respect to the enrollment of an individual who seeks coverage under the plan, if, after such period and before the enrollment date, the individual experiences a significant break in coverage.

(f) "Dependent" means a resident spouse or resident unmarried child under the age of nineteen (19) years, a child who is a student under the age of twenty-three (23) years and who is financially dependent upon the parent or a child of any age who is disabled and dependent upon the parent.

(g) "Excess or stoploss coverage" means an arrangement whereby an insurer insures against the risk that any one (1) claim will exceed a specific dollar amount or that the entire loss of a self-insurance plan will exceed a specific amount.

(h) "Federally defined eligible individual" means an individual:

(i) For whom, as of the date on which the individual seeks coverage under the plan, the aggregate of the periods of creditable coverage is eighteen (18) or more months;

(ii) Whose most recent prior creditable coverage was under a group health plan, governmental plan, church plan or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan;

(iii) Who is not eligible for coverage under a group health plan, Part A or Part B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (Medicare), or a state plan under Title XIX of the act (Medicaid) or any successor program, and who does not have other health insurance coverage;

(iv) With respect to whom the most recent coverage within the period of aggregate creditable coverage was not terminated based on a factor relating to nonpayment of premiums or fraud;

(v) Who, if offered the option of continuation coverage under a COBRA continuation provision or under a similar state program, elected this coverage; and

(vi) Who has exhausted continuation coverage under this provision or program, if the individual elected the continuation coverage described in subparagraph (v).

(i) "Governmental plan" has the meaning given such term under Section 3(32) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and any federal governmental plan.

(j) "Group health plan" means an employee welfare benefit plan as defined in Section 3(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to the extent that the plan provides medical care to employees or their dependents as defined under the terms of the plan directly or through insurance, reimbursement or otherwise.

(k) "Health insurance coverage" means any hospital and medical expense incurred policy, nonprofit health care services plan contract, health maintenance organization subscriber contract or any other health care plan or arrangement that pays for or furnishes medical or health care services whether by insurance or otherwise.

(i) "Health insurance coverage" shall not include one or more, or any combination of, the following:

1. Coverage only for accident, or disability income insurance, or any combination thereof;
2. Coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;
3. Liability insurance, including general liability insurance and automobile liability insurance;
4. Workers' compensation or similar insurance;
5. Automobile medical payment insurance;
6. Credit-only insurance;
7. Coverage for on-site medical clinics; and
8. Other similar insurance coverage, specified in federal regulations issued pursuant to Public Law 104-191, under which benefits for medical care are secondary or incidental to other insurance benefits.

(ii) "Health insurance coverage" shall not include the following benefits if they are provided under a separate policy, certificate or contract of insurance or are otherwise not an integral part of the coverage:

1. Limited scope dental or vision benefits;
2. Benefits for long-term care, nursing home care, home health care, community-based care, or any combination thereof; or
3. Other similar, limited benefits specified in federal regulations issued pursuant to Public Law 104-191.

(iii) "Health insurance coverage" shall not include the following benefits if the benefits are provided under a separate policy, certificate or contract of insurance, there is no coordination between the provision of the benefits and any exclusion of benefits under any group health plan maintained by the same plan sponsor, and the benefits are paid with respect to an event without regard to whether benefits are provided with respect to such an event under any group health plan maintained by the same plan sponsor:

1. Coverage only for a specified disease or illness; or
2. Hospital indemnity or other fixed indemnity insurance.

(iv) "Health insurance coverage" shall not include the following if offered as a separate policy, certificate or contract of insurance:

1. Medicare supplemental health insurance as defined under Section 1882(g)(1) of the Social Security Act;
2. Coverage supplemental to the coverage provided under Chapter 55, Title 10, United States Code (Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS)); or
3. Similar supplemental coverage provided to coverage under a group health plan.

(l) "Health maintenance organization" means any organization authorized under the Health Maintenance Organization, Preferred Provider

Organization and Other Prepaid Health Benefit Plans Protection Act, Section 83-41-301 et seq., to operate a health maintenance organization in this state.

(m) "Insurer" means any entity that is authorized in this state to write health insurance coverage or that provides health insurance coverage in this state or any third-party administrator. For the purposes of Sections 83-9-201 through 83-9-222, insurer includes an insurance company, nonprofit health care services plan, fraternal benefit society, health maintenance organization, to the extent consistent with federal law any self-insurance arrangement covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, that provides health care benefits in this state, any other entity providing a plan of health insurance coverage or health benefits subject to state insurance regulation and any reinsurer reinsuring health insurance coverage in this state.

(n) "Medicare" means coverage under both Parts A or B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 USC, Section 1395 et seq., as amended.

(o) "Plan" means the health insurance plan adopted by the board under Sections 83-9-201 through 83-9-222.

(p) "Resident" means an individual who is legally located in the United States and has been legally domiciled in this state for a period to be established by the board and subject to the approval of the commissioner but in no event shall such residency requirement be greater than one (1) year, except that for a federally defined eligible individual, there shall not be a prior residency requirement.

(q) "Agent" means a person who is licensed to sell health insurance in this state or a third-party administrator.

(r) "Covered person" means any individual resident of this state (excluding dependents) who is eligible to receive benefits from any insurer.

(s) "Third-party administrator" means any entity who is paying or processing health insurance claims for any Mississippi resident.

(t) "Reinsurer" means any insurer from whom any person providing health insurance coverage for any Mississippi resident procures insurance for itself in the insurer, with respect to all or part of the health insurance coverage risk of the person.

(u) "Significant break in coverage" means a period of sixty-three (63) consecutive days during all of which the individual does not have any creditable coverage, except that neither a waiting period nor an affiliation period is taken into account in determining a significant break in coverage.

(v) "Exchange" means a state, federal, or partnership exchange or marketplace operating in Mississippi pursuant to Section 1311 of the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), as amended by the federal Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-152), and regulations and guidance issued under those acts.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH ANY PROGRAM OR PROMULGATE ANY RULE, POLICY, GUIDELINE OR PLAN OR TO CHANGE ANY PROGRAM, RULE, POLICY OR GUIDELINE TO IMPLEMENT, ESTABLISH, CREATE, ADMINISTER OR OTHERWISE OPERATE AN EXCHANGE, TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT OR EXPEND FEDERAL MONIES RELATED TO THE CREATION, IMPLEMENTATION OR OPERATION OF AN EXCHANGE, TO ESTABLISH ANY ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMITTEE AS NECESSARY FOR PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CREATION, IMPLEMENTATION OR OPERATION OF AN EXCHANGE, TO USE THE SERVICES AND FUNDS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL ASSOCIATION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL BOARD TO FULFILL THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AND TO ENGAGE ACTUARIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI HEALTH INSURANCE STATE EXCHANGE TRUST FUND, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF

INSURANCE TO EXPEND MONIES FROM THIS FUND FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CREATION, IMPLEMENTATION OR OPERATION OF AN EXCHANGE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT TO BE CONTRIBUTED ANNUALLY TO THE FUND SHALL BE FIXED EACH YEAR BY THE COMMISSIONER AS A PERCENTAGE OF FEES ASSESSED ON THE GROSS PREMIUMS CHARGED ON ALL POLICIES SOLD ON THE EXCHANGE, WHICH PERCENTAGE SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN 3.5%, UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE; TO PROVIDE THAT USER FEES SHALL BE COLLECTED DIRECTLY BY THE EXCHANGE ON ALL POLICIES SOLD AND REMITTED TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE STATE EXCHANGE FUND ON A MONTHLY BASIS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE RISK POOL ASSOCIATION SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND FUND AN ONLINE PORTAL THAT SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL MISSISSIPPIANS TO ASSIST CONSUMERS IN SELECTION OF A HEALTH PLAN; TO AMEND SECTIONS 83-9-203 AND 83-9-205, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steversen, Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, J. Walter Michel, John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Eubanks, Hale, Hall. Total--3.

Absent or those not voting--Bennett. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--73

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 67-1-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill No. 2457, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-5. For the purposes of this article and unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) "Alcoholic beverage" means any alcoholic liquid, including wines of more than five percent (5%) of alcohol by weight, capable of being consumed as a beverage by a human being, but shall not include light wine, light spirit product and beer, as defined in Section 67-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, but shall include native wines and native spirits. The words "alcoholic beverage" shall not include ethyl alcohol manufactured or distilled solely for fuel purposes or beer of an alcoholic content of more than eight percent (8%) by weight if the beer is legally manufactured in this state for sale in another state.

(b) "Alcohol" means the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, whatever the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol, but does not include denatured alcohol or wood alcohol.

(c) "Distilled spirits" means any beverage containing more than six percent (6%) of alcohol by weight produced by distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages.

(d) "Wine" or "vinous liquor" means any product obtained from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of sound, ripe grapes, fruits, honey or berries and made in accordance with the revenue laws of the United States.

(e) "Person" means and includes any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other legal entity whatsoever.

(f) "Manufacturer" means any person engaged in manufacturing, distilling, rectifying, blending or bottling any alcoholic beverage.

(g) "Wholesaler" means any person, other than a manufacturer, engaged in distributing or selling any alcoholic beverage at wholesale for delivery within or without this state when such sale is for the purpose of resale by the purchaser.

(h) "Retailer" means any person who sells, distributes, or offers for sale or distribution, any alcoholic beverage for use or consumption by the purchaser and not for resale.

(i) "State Tax Commission," "commission" or "department" means the Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi, which shall create a division in its organization to be known as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division. Any reference to the commission or the department hereafter means the powers and duties of the Department of Revenue with reference to supervision of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(j) "Division" means the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Municipality" means any incorporated city or town of this state.

(l) "Hotel" means an establishment within a municipality, or within a qualified resort area approved as such by the department, where, in consideration of payment, food and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located at least twenty (20) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations. Hotels in towns or cities of more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) population are similarly defined except that they must have fifty (50) or more sleeping rooms. Any such establishment described in this paragraph with less than fifty (50) beds shall operate one or more regular dining rooms designed to be constantly frequented by customers each day. When used in this article, the word "hotel" shall also be construed to include any establishment that meets the definition of "bed and breakfast inn" as provided in this section.

(m) "Restaurant" means:

(i) A place which is regularly and in a bona fide manner used and kept open for the serving of meals to guests for compensation, which has suitable seating facilities for guests, and which has suitable kitchen facilities connected therewith for cooking an assortment of foods and meals commonly ordered at various hours of the day; the service of such food as sandwiches and salads only shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, no place shall qualify as a restaurant under this article unless twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the revenue derived from such place shall be from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, or unless the value of food given to and consumed by customers is equal to twenty-five percent (25%) or more of total revenue; or

(ii) Any privately owned business located in a building in a historic district where the district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, where the building has a total occupancy rating of not less than one thousand (1,000) and where the business regularly utilizes ten thousand (10,000) square feet or more in the building for live entertainment, including not only the stage, lobby or area where the audience sits and/or stands, but also any other portion of the building necessary for the operation of the business, including any kitchen area, bar area, storage area and office space, but excluding any area for parking. In addition to the other requirements of this subparagraph, the business must also serve food to guests for compensation within the building and derive the majority of its revenue from event-related fees, including, but not limited to, admission fees or ticket sales to live entertainment in the building, and from the rental of all or part of the facilities of the business in the building to another party for a specific event or function.

(n) "Club" means an association or a corporation:

(i) Organized or created under the laws of this state for a period of five (5) years prior to July 1, 1966;

(ii) Organized not primarily for pecuniary profit but for the promotion of some common object other than the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages;

(iii) Maintained by its members through the payment of annual dues;

(iv) Owning, hiring or leasing a building or space in a building of such extent and character as may be suitable and adequate for the reasonable and comfortable use and accommodation of its members and their guests;

(v) The affairs and management of which are conducted by a board of directors, board of governors, executive committee, or similar governing body chosen by the members at a regular meeting held at some periodic interval; and

(vi) No member, officer, agent or employee of which is paid, or directly or indirectly receives, in the form of a salary or other compensation any profit from the distribution or sale of alcoholic beverages to the club or to members or guests of the club beyond such salary or compensation as may be fixed and voted at a proper meeting by the board of directors or other governing body out of the general revenues of the club.

The department may, in its discretion, waive the five-year provision of this paragraph. In order to qualify under this paragraph, a club must file with the department, at the time of its application for a license under this article, two (2) copies of a list of the names and residences of its members and similarly file, within ten (10) days after the election of any additional member, his name and address. Each club applying for a license shall also file with the department at the time of the application a copy of its articles of association, charter of incorporation, bylaws or other instruments governing the business and affairs thereof.

(o) "Qualified resort area" means any area or locality outside of the limits of incorporated municipalities in this state commonly known and accepted as a place which regularly and customarily attracts tourists, vacationists and other transients because of its historical, scenic or recreational facilities or attractions, or because of other attributes which regularly and customarily appeal to and attract tourists, vacationists and other transients in substantial numbers; however, no area or locality

shall so qualify as a resort area until it has been duly and properly approved as such by the department. The department may not approve an area as a qualified resort area after July 1, 2018, if any portion of such proposed area is located within two (2) miles of a convent or monastery that is located in a county traversed by Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 98. A convent or monastery may waive such distance restrictions in favor of allowing approval by the department of an area as a qualified resort area. Such waiver shall be in written form from the owner, the governing body, or the appropriate officer of the convent or monastery having the authority to execute such a waiver, and the waiver shall be filed with and verified by the department before becoming effective.

(i) The department may approve an area or locality outside of the limits of an incorporated municipality that is in the process of being developed as a qualified resort area if such area or locality, when developed, can reasonably be expected to meet the requisites of the definition of the term "qualified resort area." In such a case, the status of qualified resort area shall not take effect until completion of the development.

(ii) The term includes any state park which is declared a resort area by the department; however, such declaration may only be initiated in a written request for resort area status made to the department by the Executive Director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, and no permit for the sale of any alcoholic beverage, as defined in this article, except an on-premises retailer's permit, shall be issued for a hotel, restaurant or bed and breakfast inn in such park.

(iii) The term includes:

1. The clubhouses associated with the state park golf courses at the Lefleur's Bluff State Park, the John Kyle State Park, the Percy Quin State Park and the Hugh White State Park;

2. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities where the golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities are adjacent to one or more planned residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least seven hundred fifty (750) acres and at least four hundred (400) residential units;

3. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) contiguous acres with no public roads and that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility;

4. Any facility located on federal property surrounding a lake and designated as a recreational area by the United States Army Corps of Engineers that consists of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) acres;

5. Any facility that is located in a municipality that is bordered by the Pearl River, traversed by Mississippi Highway 25, adjacent to the boundaries of the Jackson International Airport and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law; however, any such facility may only be located in areas designated by the governing authorities of such municipality;

6. Any municipality with a population in excess of ten thousand (10,000) according to the latest federal decennial census that is located in a county that is bordered by the Pearl River and is not traversed by Interstate Highway 20, with a population in excess of forty-five thousand (45,000) according to the latest federal decennial census;

7. The West Pearl Restaurant Tax District as defined in Chapter 912, Local and Private Laws of 2007;

8. a. Land that is located in any county in which Mississippi Highway 43 and Mississippi Highway 25 intersect and:

A. Owned by the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District, and/or

B. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, east of Old Fannin Road, north of Regatta Drive, south of Spillway Road, west of Hugh Ward Boulevard and accessible by Old Fannin Road, Spillway Road, Spann Drive and/or Lake Vista Place, and/or

C. Located within the Reservoir Community District, zoned commercial, west of Old Fannin Road, south of Spillway Road and extending to the boundary of the corporate limits of the City of Flowood, Mississippi;

b. The board of supervisors of such county, with respect to B and C of item 8.a., may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and

C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

9. Any facility located on property that is a game reserve with restricted access that consists of at least eight hundred (800) contiguous acres with no public roads, that offers as a service hunts for a fee to overnight guests of the facility, and has accommodations for at least fifty (50) overnight guests;

10. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least six thousand (6,000) square feet being heated and cooled along with an additional adjacent area that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet regardless of whether heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events such as weddings, reunions and conventions,

c. Provides lodging accommodations regardless of whether part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility, and

d. Is located on property that consists of at least thirty (30) contiguous acres;

11. Any facility and related property:

a. Located on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty-five (125) contiguous acres and consisting of an eighteen-hole golf course, and/or located in a facility that consists of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. Used for the purpose of providing meals and hosting events, and

c. Used for the purpose of teaching culinary arts courses and/or turf management and grounds keeping courses, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

12. Any facility and related property that:

a. Consist of at least eight thousand (8,000) square feet being heated and cooled,

b. For a fee is used to host events,

c. Is used for the purpose of culinary arts courses, and/or live entertainment courses and art performances, and/or outdoor recreation and leadership courses;

13. The clubhouse and associated golf course where the golf course is adjacent to one or more residential developments and the golf course and all such developments collectively include at least two hundred (200) acres and at least one hundred fifty (150) residential units and are located a. in a county that has voted against coming out from under the dry law; and b. outside of but in close proximity to a municipality in such county which has voted under Section 67-1-14, after January 1, 2013, to come out from under the dry law;

14. The clubhouse and associated eighteen-hole golf course located in a municipality traversed by Interstate Highway 55 and U.S. Highway 51 that has voted to come out from under the dry law;

15. a. Land that is planned for mixed-use development and consists of at least two hundred (200) contiguous acres with one or more planned residential developments collectively planned to include at least two hundred (200) residential units when completed, and also including a facility that consists of at least four thousand (4,000) square feet that is not part of such land but is located adjacent to or in close proximity thereto, and which land is located:

A. In a county that has voted to come out from under the dry law,
B. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and adjacent to or in close proximity to a golf course located in a municipality in such county, and
C. Within one (1) mile of a state institution of higher learning;

b. The board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale,
B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages, and
C. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

16. Any facility with a capacity of five hundred (500) people or more, to be used as a venue for private events, on a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 2 South, Range 7 East, of a county where U.S. Highway 45 and U.S. Highway 72 intersect and that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

17. One hundred five (105) contiguous acres, more or less, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, and in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, whereon are constructed a variety of buildings, improvements, grounds or objects for the purpose of holding events thereon to promote agricultural and industrial development in Mississippi;

18. Land that is owned by a state institution of higher learning, land that is owned by an entity that is bound by an affiliation agreement with a state institution of higher learning, or land that is owned by one or more other entities so long as such other entities are solely owned, either directly or through additional entities, by an institution of higher learning and/or one or more entities bound by affiliation agreements with such institution, and:

a. Located entirely within a county that has elected by majority vote not to permit the transportation, storage, sale, distribution, receipt and/or manufacture of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-7; and

b. A. Located adjacent to but outside the incorporated limits of a municipality that has elected by majority vote to permit the sale, receipt, storage and transportation of light wine and beer pursuant to Section 67-3-9; or

B. Located in an area bounded on the north by College View Drive, on the east by Mississippi Highway 12 East, on the south by Mississippi Highway 12 East, on the west by Mill Street, on the north by Russell Street, then on the west by Colonel Muldrow Avenue, on the north by University Drive, on the west by Adkerson Way within a municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 25, Mississippi Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 82.

If any portion of the land described in this item 18 has been declared a qualified resort area by the department before July 1, 2020, then that qualified resort area shall be incorporated into the qualified resort area created by this item 18;

19. Any facility and related property:

a. Used as a flea market or similar venue during a weekend (Saturday and Sunday) immediately preceding the first

Monday of a month and having an annual average of at least one thousand (1,000) visitors for each such weekend and five hundred (500) vendors for Saturday of each such weekend, and

b. Located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law and outside of but in close proximity to a municipality located in such county and which municipality has voted to come out from under the dry law;

20. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and

b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

21. Any municipality with a population in excess of two thousand (2,000) according to the latest federal decennial census and in which is located a part of White's Creek Lake and in which U.S. Highway 82 intersects with Mississippi Highway 9 and located in a county that is partially bordered on one (1) side by the Big Black River;

22. A restaurant located on a two-acre tract adjacent to a five-hundred-fifty-acre lake in the northeast corner of a county traversed by U.S. Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84;

23. Any tracts of land in Oktibbeha County, situated north of Bailey Howell Drive, Lee Boulevard and Old Mayhew Road, east of George Perry Street and south of Mississippi Highway 182, and not located on the property of a state institution of higher learning; however, the board of supervisors of such county may by resolution or other order:

a. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

b. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

c. Designate the areas in which facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale may be located;

24. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 27 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect;

25. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 35 and Interstate 20;

26. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 16 and Mississippi Highway 35 intersect;

27. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Old Highway 61 intersect;

28. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 8 meets Mississippi Highway 1;

29. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 82 and Mississippi Highway 1 intersect;

30. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 50 meets Mississippi Highway 9;

31. An area bounded on the north by Pearl Street, on the east by West Street, on the south by Court Street and on the west by Farish Street, within a municipality bordered on the east by the Pearl River and through which run Interstate 20 and Interstate 55;

32. Any facility and related property that:

a. Is contracted for mixed-use development improvements consisting of office and residential space and a restaurant and lounge, partially occupying the renovated space of a four-story commercial building which previously served as a financial institution; and adjacent property to the west consisting of a single-story office building that was originally occupied by the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of American Local Number 569; and

b. Is situated on a tract of land consisting of approximately one and one-tenth (1.10) acres, and the adjacent property to the west consisting of approximately 0.5 acres, located in a municipality which is the seat of county government, situated south of Interstate 10, traversed by U.S. Highway 90, partially bordered on one (1) side by the Pascagoula River and having its most southern boundary bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, with a population greater than twenty-two thousand (22,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census; however, the governing authorities of such a municipality may by ordinance:

A. Specify the hours of operation of facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale;

B. Specify the percentage of revenue that facilities that offer alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and

C. Designate the areas within the facilities in which alcoholic beverages may be offered for sale;

33. Any facility with a maximum capacity of one hundred twenty (120) people that consists of at least three thousand (3,000) square feet being heated and cooled, has a commercial kitchen, has a pavilion that consists of at least nine thousand (9,000) square feet and is located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi, that lies South of Mississippi State Highway 348 right-of-way and containing 19.48 acres, more or less.

ALSO,

The Northeast 38 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi.

ALSO,

The South 81 1/2 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Union County, Mississippi;

34. A municipality in which U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect;

35. A municipality in which Interstate 20 passes over Mississippi Highway 15;

36. Any municipality that is bordered in its northwestern boundary by the Pearl River, traversed by U.S. Highway 49 and Interstate 20, and is located in a county which has voted against coming out from under the dry law;

37. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 28 and Mississippi Highway 29 North intersect;

38. An area bounded as follows within a municipality through which run Interstate 22 and Mississippi Highway 15: Beginning at a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails; then running to a point at the intersection of Tallahatchie Trails and Interstate 22; then running to a point at the intersection of Interstate 22 and Carter Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Carter Avenue and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and King Street; then running to a point at the intersection of King Street and E. Main Street; then running to a point at the intersection of E. Main Street and Camp Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of Camp Avenue and Highland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Highland Street and Adams Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Adams Street and Cleveland Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Cleveland Street and N. Railroad Avenue; then running to a point at the intersection of N. Railroad Avenue and McGill Street; then running to a point at the intersection of McGill Street and Snyder Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Snyder Street and Bankhead Street; then running to a point at the intersection of Bankhead Street and Tallahatchie Trails and the point of the beginning;

39. A municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 43 and U.S. Highway 80;

40. The coliseum in a municipality in which U.S. Highway 72 passes over U.S. Highway 45;

41. A piece of property on the northeast corner of the T-intersection where Builders Square Drive meets Mississippi Highway 471;

42. The clubhouse and associated golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on Oaks Country Club Road less than one-half (1/2) mile to the east of Mississippi Highway 15;

43. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

The East Half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East; a 4 acre parcel in the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4), Section 15, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, running 210 feet east and west and 840 feet running north and south; the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 2 East, all in Rankin County, Mississippi;

44. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 1915 feet west and 2171 feet north of southeast corner, Section 11, Township 24 North, Range 2 West, Second Judicial District, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, which point is the southwest corner of J.C. Section Lot mentioned in deed recorded in Book 50, page 34, in the records of the Chancery Clerk's Office at Sumner, in said District of said County; thence South 80° West, 19 feet to the east boundary of United States Highway 49-E, thence East along the east boundary of said Highway 270 feet to point of beginning of Lot to be conveyed; thence southeast along the east boundary of said Highway 204 feet to a concrete post at the intersection of the east boundary of said Highway with the west boundary of gravel road from Sumner to Webb, known as Oil Mill Road, thence Northwest along west boundary of said Oil Mill Road 194 feet to center of driveway running southwest from said Oil Mill Road to U.S. Highway 49-E; thence South 66° West along center of said driveway 128 feet to point of beginning, being situated in Northwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 11, together with all improvements situated thereon;

45. Any facility that:

a. Consists of at least five thousand six hundred (5,600) square feet being heated and cooled along with a lakeside patio that consists of at least two thousand two hundred (2,200) square feet, regardless of whether such patio is part of the facility and/or located adjacent to or in close proximity to the facility;

b. Includes a caterer's kitchen and green room for entertainment preparation;

c. For a fee is used to host events; and

d. Is located adjacent to or in close proximity to an approximately nine (9) acre lake on property that consists of at least one hundred twenty (120) acres in a county traversed by Mississippi Highway 15 and U.S. Highway 278;

46. Any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand (1,000) according to the 2010 federal decennial census and which is located in a county that is traversed by U.S. Highways 84 and 98 and has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

47. The clubhouse and associated nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and related facilities and swimming pool and related facilities located on or near U.S. Highway 82 between Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 9;

48. The downtown square area bound by East Service Drive, Commerce Street, Second Street and Court Street and adjacent properties in a municipality through which run Interstate 55, U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 306;

49. All parcels zoned for mixed-use development located west of Mississippi Highway 589, more than four hundred (400) feet north of Old Highway 24, east of Parkers Creek and Black Creek, and south of J M Burge Road;

50. Any facility used by a soccer club and located on Old Highway 11 between one-tenth (0.1) and two-tenths (0.2) of a mile from its intersection with Oak Grove Road, in a county in which U.S. Highway 98 and Mississippi Highway 589 intersect;

51. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and Mississippi Highway 469 intersect;

52. Any facility that is:

a. Owned by a Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization that is a nonprofit corporation and registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State;

b. Used by such organization for its headquarters and other organization related purposes; and

c. Located outside of a municipality in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;

53. The following within a municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and U.S. 61 Highway intersect and through which flows the Sunflower River:

a. An area bounded as follows: Starting at the southern point of the intersection of Sunflower Avenue and 1st Street and going south along said avenue on its eastern side to 8th Street, then going east along said street on its northern side to West Tallahatchie Street, then going north along said street on its western side to 4th Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard, then going east along said street/boulevard on its northern side to Desoto Avenue, then going north along said avenue on its western side to 1st Street, then going west along said street on its southern side to the point of beginning along the southern side of Court Street;

b. Lots located at or near the intersection of Madison Avenue, Walnut Street, and Riverside Avenue that are in a commercial zone; and

c. Any facility located on the west side of Sunflower Avenue to the Sunflower River between the southern side of 6th Street and the northern side of 8th Street and which is operated as and/or was operated as a hotel or lodging facility, in consideration of payment, regardless of whether the facility meets the criteria for the definition of the term "hotel" in paragraph (l) of this section; and

d. Any facility located on the west side of Sunflower Avenue to the Sunflower River between the southern side of 3rd Street and the northern side of 4th Street/Martin Luther King Boulevard and which is operated as and/or was operated as a musical venue, in consideration of payment;

54. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 340 meets Mississippi Highway 15;

55. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 540 and Mississippi Highway 149 intersect;

56. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 345/Main Street intersect;

57. The property and structures thereon at the following locations within a municipality through which run U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 145 and in which Mississippi Highway 370 and Mississippi Highway 145 intersect: 104 West Main Street, 106 West Main Street, 108 West Main Street, 110 West Main Street and 112 West Main Street;

58. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 11 and Main Street intersect and which is located in a county having two (2) judicial districts;

59. Any municipality in which Interstate 22 passes over Mississippi Highway 9;

60. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land being situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E, Rankin County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing 1/2" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E and run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for a distance of 33.18 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 2.08 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 561.90 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 76.42 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, continue thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East along an existing fence for a distance of 493.27 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 03 degrees 08 minutes 15 seconds East for a distance of 170.22 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin on the North line of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9; run thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East along said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 1,305.51 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin marking Northeast corner thereof; leaving said North line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, run thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes 35 seconds West along the East line of said Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 663.19 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, run thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 1,315.51 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 20.00 acres, more or less.

And Also: An easement for the purpose of ingress and egress being situated in the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 and in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E, Rankin County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing 1/2" iron pin marking the Southwest corner of the aforesaid Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, T3N-R3E and run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 for a distance of 33.18 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; leaving said East line of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4, run thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 47 seconds East for a distance of 2.08 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds East for a distance of 561.90 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds East for a distance of 76.42 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 89 degrees 46 minutes 45 seconds East for a distance of 25.00 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds West for a distance of 76.66 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 22 minutes 19 seconds West for a distance of 619.81 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 89 degrees 43 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 26.81 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 13 seconds East along the West line of the aforesaid Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 9 for a distance of 25.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 17,525.4 square feet, more or less.

61. Any municipality bordered on the east by the Pascagoula River and on the south by the Mississippi Sound;

62. The property and structures thereon located at parcel numbers 4969 198 000; 4969 200 000; 4969 201 000; 4969 206 000; 4969 207 000; 4969 208 000; 4969 218 000; 4969 199; 4969 204 000 and 4969 204

001, all in Block 4 of the original town square in any municipality with a population in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) according to the latest federal decennial census and which is located in:

- a. A county traversed by Interstate 55 and Interstate 20, and
 - b. A judicial district that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;
63. Any municipality in which Mississippi Highway 12 meets Mississippi Highway 17;
 64. Any municipality in which U.S. Highway 49 and Mississippi Highway 469 intersect;
 65. The clubhouse and associated nine-hole golf course and related facilities located on or near the eastern corner of the point at which Golf Course Road meets Athens Road, in a county in which Mississippi Highway 13 and Mississippi Highway 28 intersect, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.900370078041004, -89.7928067652611;
 66. Any facility located at the south-to-southwest corner of the intersection of Madison Street and Bolton Brownsville Road, in a municipality in which Bolton Brownsville Road passes over Interstate 20, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.349067271758955, -90.4596221146197;
 67. Any facility located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Depot Street and Madison Street, in a municipality in which Bolton Brownsville Road passes over Interstate 20, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.34903152971068, -90.46047660172901;
 68. Any facility located on Hinds Boulevard approximately three-tenths (0.3) of a mile south of the point at which Hinds Boulevard diverges from Clinton Road, in a municipality whose northern boundary partially consists of Snake Creek Road, and whose southern boundary partially consists of Mississippi Highway 18, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.26384517526713, -90.41586570183475;
 69. Any facility located on Pleasant Grove Drive approximately one and three-tenths (1.3) miles southeast of its intersection with Harmony Drive, in a county through which run Interstate 55 and U.S. Highway 84, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.512043770371907, -90.2506094382595;
 70. Any facility located immediately north of the intersection of two roads, both named Mason Clark Drive, located between two-tenths (0.2) and three-tenths (0.3) of a mile southwest of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.135950529733048, -88.53068674585575;
 71. Any facility located on Raj Road approximately three-tenths (0.3) of a mile south of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.139553708288418, -88.53411203512971; * * *
 72. Any facility located on Raj Road approximately one-tenth (0.1) of a mile south of Mississippi Highway 57/63, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.14184097577295, -88.53287700849411;
 73. Any municipality through which run U.S. Highway 45 and Mississippi Highway 145 and in which Mississippi Highway 370 and Mississippi Highway 145 intersect; however, this designation as a qualified resort area shall only apply to the portion of such municipality which is located in a county that has not voted to come out from under the dry law;
 74. A municipality through which runs a portion of the Tanglefoot Trail and in which Mississippi Highway 32 and East Front Street intersect;
 75. Lot Three (3) in Block One Hundred Seventy-eight (178) of the D. H. McInnis First Survey, sometimes referred to as D. H. McInnis Railroad Addition, to the City of Hattiesburg, the said lot having a frontage of thirty (30) feet on the Eastern side of Front Street and extending back between parallel lines ninety (90) feet to an alley, and being located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Forrest County, Mississippi;

76. An area of land in George County of approximately eight and five hundredths (8.05) acres, bordered on the east and northeast by Brushy Creek, on the northwest by Brushy Creek Road, on the west by Beaver Creek Road, and on the south by a property boundary running east and west;

77. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 15 intersects with Webster Street, and in which Webster Street splits into Mill Street and Maben Starkville Road;

78. A municipality in which Mississippi Highway 492 meets Mississippi Highway 35;

79. A facility operating as an event venue and located on Mississippi Highway 589, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.36730, -89.50548;

80. An area situated in the SW 1/4 of Section 12, T7N-R2E, Madison County, Mississippi, and commencing at the point on the Ross Barnett Reservoir directly east of the intersection of North Natchez Street and Louisiana Street, then go west on Louisiana Street to the intersection of Louisiana Street and Andrew Jackson Street, then west on Andrew Jackson Street to the intersection of Andrew Jackson Street and Choctaw Street, then north on Choctaw Street to the intersection of Choctaw Street and Republic Street, then west on Republic Street to the intersection of Republic Street and Port Street, then north on Port Street to the Natchez Trace right-of-way, then east on the Natchez Trace right-of-way to the Ross Barnett Reservoir, then following the Ross Barnett Reservoir south back to the point of beginning;

81. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at a fence corner at the Northeast corner of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Union County, Mississippi, for the point of beginning; thence run South 00 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East, along the Section line, a distance of 161.83 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds West, along a fence, a distance of 1221.09 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence South 09 degrees 45 minutes 37 seconds West, along a fence, a distance of 61.49 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence North 84 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds West, along a fence, (passing through a one-half inch iron pin at 196.83 feet) a distance of 234.62 feet to a mag-nail on the centerline of Union County Road No. 137, thence North 11 degrees 00 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 187.87 feet to a one-half inch iron pin on the West edge of said road, thence North 29 degrees 41 minutes 28 seconds East a distance of 59.28 feet to a point on the centerline of said road, thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds East (passing through a one-half inch iron pin at 30.0 feet) along the South line of the Bernard Whiteside property as recorded in Deed Book 117, Pages 517-518 and Deed Book 214, page 109, a distance of 646.07 feet to a concrete monument, thence South 89 degrees 13 minutes 02 seconds East a distance of 751.31 feet to a one-half inch iron pin, thence South 00 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East, along the aforesaid Section line, a distance of 52.93 feet to the point of beginning, said tract lying in the Southeast Quarter of Section 27, and the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East and containing 6.99 acres.

Subject to a perpetual all purpose non-exclusive easement for ingress, egress and public utilities together the right to enter upon the above described property and do any and all work necessary to build, repair and maintain a roadway or well or install public utilities all over upon and across the following described property:

A 25.0 foot easement for ingress and egress, being 12.5 feet to the right and 12.5 feet to the left of the following described centerline: Commencing at a fence corner at the Northeast corner of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Union County, Mississippi, thence run South 00 degrees 31 minutes 39 seconds East, along the Section line, a distance of 149.33 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 1231.46 feet to a point, thence South 09 degrees 45 minutes 37

seconds West a distance of 61.49 feet to a point, thence North 84 degrees 18 minutes 01 seconds West a distance of 221.82 feet to a point on the centerline of Union County Road #137, said tract lying in the Northeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 3 East.

82. The clubhouse at a country club located:

a. In a county in which Mississippi Highway 15 and Mississippi Highway 16 intersect and which county has not voted to come out from under the dry law, and

b. Outside the corporate limits of any municipality in such county and within one mile of the corporate limits of a municipality that is the county seat of such county;

83. Any facility located on North Jackson Street in a municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 8 and Mississippi Highway 15, with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.913692, -89.005219;

84. Any facility located on North Jackson Street in a municipality through which run Mississippi Highway 8 and Mississippi Highway 15, with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.905581, -89.00200;

85. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 18 West, Pearl River County, Mississippi; thence West 1310.00 feet to a T-bar; thence North 745.84 feet; thence East 132.00 feet to a 1" iron pipe; thence North 83.61 feet for the Point of Beginning; thence South 79 degrees 02 minutes 61 seconds West 248.28 feet; thence West 76.35 feet; thence North 20 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 185.54 feet; thence North 52 degrees 43 minutes 14 seconds East 365.98 feet to a 1" iron pipe on the West margin of Henry Smith Road, a gravel/paved, public road; thence along said margin South 17 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds East 299.09 feet; thence South 64.39 feet to the Point of Beginning. This parcel containing 2.19 acres and being a part of the East 1/2 of Section 4, Township 6 South, Range 18 West, Pearl River County, Mississippi.

INDEXING: BEING A PART OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 18 WEST, PEARL RIVER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;

86. Any facility located on land in a county through which run Mississippi Highway 25 and U.S. Highway 82 and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.331869, -88.715054; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.336207, -88.713453; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.335369, -88.709835; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.330870, -88.711496; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.331869, -88.715054 and the point of the beginning;

87. Any facility located on land that is owned by a community college that is located in a county through which run U.S. Highway 51 and Mississippi Highway 4;

88. Any facility located on Mississippi Highway 23/178 in a municipality in which Mississippi Highway 23/178 and Stone Drive intersect, with GPS coordinates of approximately 34.235269, -88.262409;

89. Any facility located on U.S. Highway 51 in a municipality through which run Interstate 55, U.S. Highway 51 and the Natchez Trace Parkway, with GPS coordinates of approximately 32.42042°N, 90.13473°W;

90. Any facility located on Mullican Road in a county through which run U.S. Highway 84 and Interstate 59, with GPS coordinates of approximately 31.73395N, 89.18186W;

91. Any facility located on land in a county through which run Mississippi Highway 25 and U.S. Highway 82 and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.37391, -88.80645; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of

approximately 33.37391, -88.79972; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.36672, -88.80644; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.36674, -88.79971; then running in a straight line to a point with GPS coordinates of approximately 33.37391, -88.80645 and the point of the beginning;

92. Any facility located on land more particularly described as follows:

All that part of the South half (S 1/2) of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, lying and being West of State Highway No. 589, containing one (1) acre, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Begin at the point of intersection of the North line of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West with the present Southwesterly right-of-way line of Mississippi Highway No. 589, said point is also the Northeast corner of grantor property; said point is 50.6 feet West of Station 7 + 59.27 on the centerline of survey of Mississippi Highway No. 589 as shown on the plans for State Project No. SP-0014-2(10); from said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence South 08°57' East along said present Southwesterly right-of-way line, a distance of 37.1 feet to a point that is perpendicular to and 50 feet Southwesterly of Station 7 + 30 on the centerline of survey of Mississippi Highway 589 as shown on the plans for said project; run thence South 81°03' West, a distance of 35.7 feet to the West line of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 14 and the West line of grantors property; run thence North along said West property line, a distance of 42.2 feet to the Northwest corner of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 14 and the Northwest corner of grantors property; run thence East along grantors North property line, a distance of 29.5 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING containing 0.03 acres, more or less, and all being situated in and a part of the South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A part of the South one-half of the Southeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, Northerly of a certain fence and West of Mississippi State Highway 589, in Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi and more particularly described as commencing at a pine (lighter) stake being used as the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Southeast 1/4 of the above said Section 14, thence North and along the West line of the East 1/4 of the above said Section 14 1638.8 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Thence continue North and along the West line of the East 1/4 of the above said Section 14, 278.5 feet to the Southerly line of the property Bobby G. Aultman and Marilyn S. Aultman previously sold to the Mississippi State Highway Department; thence North 81°03' East and along the above said Southerly property line for 35.7 feet more or less to the Westerly right-of-way line of Mississippi State Highway 589; thence Southeasterly and along the above said Westerly right-of-way line 232.7 feet to a concrete right-of-way marker; thence South 51°39' West and along the Northerly line of a wooden fence 88 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

AND ALSO:

A parcel of land in a part of the Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 and a part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi, and more particularly described as beginning at a point where the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 98 intersects the West line of the above said Southeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4; thence North 67°34' East and along the Southerly right-of-way line of said highway 208.75 feet; thence South 208.75 feet; thence South 67°34' West 208.75 feet; thence South 141.3 feet; thence North 89°07'30" West 388.9 feet to the centerline of Parkers Creek; thence Northerly and along the centerline of said creek for the next three (3) calls: North 35°53' East 115.6 feet; North 25°05' East 68.5 feet;

North 09°51'30" West 64.3 feet to the Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 98; thence North 67°34' East and along the Southerly right-of-way line of said highway 327.85 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The above described area contains 3.02 acres.

AND ALSO:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi, run South 88°05'27" East 310.00 feet, thence South 0°53'16" West 60.50 feet to a point on a fence line, thence run along fence line South 88°05'27" East 718.93 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, thence North 08°48'10" West 714.67 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of Highway No. 98, thence along said right-of-way along a curve to the right with a delta angle of 02°04'26" having a radius of 5603.58 feet and an arc length of 202.84 feet, with a chord bearing a distance of North 71°53'47" East 202.83 feet to a Concrete Highway right-of-way marker, thence South 20°09'13" East 328.13 feet, thence South 69°00'47" East 117.68 feet, thence South 0°58'19" West 429.12 feet to a Point on Possession Line fence, thence along said fence North 88°05'27" West 299.23 feet back to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 5.0885 acres, more or less and being situated in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 14, together with all improvements and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

AND ALSO:

PARCEL NUMBER ONE: That part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4) of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, of Lamar County, Mississippi, being located and situated East of the center thread of Mill Creek as the same presently runs through and bisects said 40-acre tract, and comprising 10.9 acres, more or less, and all being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4) of said Section, Township and Range, Lamar County, Mississippi.

AND ALSO:

PARCEL NUMBER TWO: A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4) and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest (Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4) all in Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to wit:
Beginning at a point where the South margin of State Highway 98 intersects the West margin of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, and run Easterly along the South margin of said highway right-of-way 208.75 feet; thence South 208.75 feet; thence Westerly parallel with the South margin of said highway right-of-way 208.75 feet to the West forty line; thence North 208.75 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1 acre, more or less.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

Begin at the point of intersection of an Easterly line of grantors property with the present Southerly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 98 as shown on the plans for State Project No. 97-0014-02-044-10; from said POINT OF BEGINNING run thence South 02°56' West along said Easterly property line, a distance of 127.6 feet; thence run South 69°11' West, a distance of 52.9 feet; thence run South 67°13' West, a distance of 492.7 feet to the Westerly line of grantors property and the center of a creek; thence run Northerly along said Westerly property line and said center of creek, a distance of 122.8 feet to said present Southerly right-of-way line; thence run North 67°13' East along said present Southerly right-of-way line, a distance of 553.4 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.43 acres, more or less, and being situated in and a part of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 15 West, Lamar County, Mississippi.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, PROCEED EAST 2136.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2508.67 FEET TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED.

FROM THE DESCRIBED POINT OF BEGINNING, PROCEED NORTH 11°19'49 " EAST 217.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 40 °11'01" EAST 118.28 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 22°24'39" WEST 179.15 FEET TO AN IRON PIN ON THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTHERN RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID HIGHWAY AS FOLLOWS: SOUTH 67°35'21" WEST 699.55 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE SOUTH 69°16'57" WEST 67.67 FEET TO A CONCRETE RIGHT-OF-WAY MARKER; THENCE SOUTH 67°35'21" WEST 310.34 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE LEAVING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY SOUTH 01°25'53" WEST 667.21 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 67°35'21" EAST 491.91 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 22°24'39" WEST 193.77 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE NORTH 67°35'21" EAST 629.48 FEET BACK TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 12.39 ACRES AND IS LOCATED PART IN THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4, PART IN THE NE 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, AND PART IN THE NW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4, ALL IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, LAMAR COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

The status of these municipalities, districts, clubhouses, facilities, golf courses and areas described in this paragraph (o)(iii) as qualified resort areas does not require any declaration of same by the department.

The governing authorities of a municipality described, in whole or in part, in item 6, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 46, 48, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67 * * *, 68, 73, 74, 83 or 84 of this paragraph (o)(iii) may by ordinance, with respect to the qualified resort area described in the same item: specify the hours of operation of facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale; specify the percentage of revenue that facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale must derive from the preparation, cooking and serving of meals and not from the sale of beverages; and designate the areas in which facilities offering alcoholic beverages for sale may be located.

(p) "Native wine" means any product, produced in Mississippi for sale, having an alcohol content not to exceed twenty-one percent (21%) by weight and made in accordance with revenue laws of the United States, which shall be obtained primarily from the alcoholic fermentation of the juice of ripe grapes, fruits, berries, honey or vegetables grown and produced in Mississippi; provided that bulk, concentrated or fortified wines used for blending may be produced without this state and used in producing native wines. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to permit a producer to import such bulk and/or fortified wines into this state for use in blending with native wines without payment of any excise tax that would otherwise accrue thereon.

(q) "Native winery" means any place or establishment within the State of Mississippi where native wine is produced, in whole or in part, for sale.

(r) "Bed and breakfast inn" means an establishment within a municipality where in consideration of payment, breakfast and lodging are habitually furnished to travelers and wherein are located not less than eight (8) and not more than nineteen (19) adequately furnished and completely separate sleeping rooms with adequate facilities, that persons usually apply for and receive as overnight accommodations; however, such restriction on the minimum number of sleeping rooms shall not apply to establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. No place shall qualify as a bed and breakfast inn under this article unless on the date of the initial application for a license under this article more than fifty percent (50%) of the sleeping rooms are located in a structure formerly used as a residence.

(s) "Board" shall refer to the Board of Tax Appeals of the State of Mississippi.

(t) "Spa facility" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a hotel where, in consideration of payment, patrons receive from licensed professionals a variety of private personal care treatments such as massages, facials, waxes, exfoliation and hairstyling.

(u) "Art studio or gallery" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area that is in the sole business of allowing patrons to view and/or purchase paintings and other creative artwork.

(v) "Cooking school" means an establishment within a municipality or qualified resort area and owned by a nationally recognized company that offers an established culinary education curriculum and program where, in consideration of payment, patrons are given scheduled professional group instruction on culinary techniques. For purposes of this paragraph, the definition of cooking school shall not include schools or classes offered by grocery stores, convenience stores or drugstores.

(w) "Campus" means property owned by a public school district, community or junior college, college or university in this state where educational courses are taught, school functions are held, tests and examinations are administered or academic course credits are awarded; however, the term shall not include any "restaurant" or "hotel" that is located on property owned by a community or junior college, college or university in this state, and is operated by a third party who receives all revenue generated from food and alcoholic beverage sales.

(x) "Native spirit" shall mean any beverage, produced in Mississippi for sale, manufactured primarily by the distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar produced in Mississippi, including dilutions and mixtures of these beverages. In order to be classified as "native spirit" under the provisions of this article, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the finished product by volume shall have been obtained from distillation of fermented grain, starch, molasses or sugar grown and produced in Mississippi.

(y) "Native distillery" shall mean any place or establishment within this state where native spirit is produced in whole or in part for sale.

(z) "Warehouse operator" shall have the meaning ascribed in Section 67-1-201.

SECTION 2. Section 67-1-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 776, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

67-1-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 67-9-1 for the transportation and possession of limited amounts of alcoholic beverages for the use of an alcohol processing permittee, and subject to all of the provisions and restrictions contained in this article, the manufacture, sale, distribution, and transportation of alcoholic beverages shall be lawful, subject to the restrictions hereinafter imposed, in those counties and municipalities of this state in which, at a local option election called and held for that purpose under the provisions of this article, a majority of the qualified electors voting in such election shall vote in favor thereof.

Beginning on April 16, 2021, except as otherwise provided in Section 67-1-51 for holders of a caterer's permit, the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages shall not be permissible or lawful in counties except in (a) incorporated municipalities located within such counties, (b) qualified resort areas within such counties approved as such by the department, or (c) clubs within such counties, whether within a municipality or not. However, any permits issued by the department between July 1, 2020, and April 15, 2021, for the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages, whether or not issued to permittees in such municipalities, qualified resort areas or clubs, shall be eligible for renewal on or after April 16, 2021.

The manufacture, sale, distribution and possession of native wines or native spirits shall be lawful in any location within any such county except those locations where the manufacture, sale or distribution is prohibited by law other than this section or by regulations of the department. However, notwithstanding this provision, municipalities that have voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law may enforce such proper rules and regulations for fixing zones and territories to promote public health, morals, and safety, as they may by ordinance provide. The board of supervisors of any county that has voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law may make

such rules and regulations as to territory outside of municipalities as are herein provided for municipalities.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, municipalities may enforce such proper location of package retailer stores within the municipality by application of a properly adopted zoning ordinance.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, within any state park or any state park facility that has been declared a qualified resort area by the department, and within any qualified resort area as defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii), an on-premises retailer's permit may be issued for the qualified resort area, and the permittee may lawfully sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on his licensed premises regardless of whether or not the county or municipality in which the qualified resort area is located has voted in favor of coming out from under the dry law, and it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and consume alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises, and to sell, distribute and transport alcoholic beverages to the licensed premises. Moreover, the governing authorities of a municipality in which a qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)5, 7, 21, 39 or 46 is located, the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District Board which governs the qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.A, the board of supervisors of the county in which qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)8.a.B and C is located, and the board of supervisors of *** a county in which *** a qualified resort area defined under Section 67-1-5(o)(iii)44 or 80 is located, may, by ordinance or resolution, provide that package retailer's permits may be issued in the applicable qualified resort area, and that it shall be lawful to receive, store, sell, possess and distribute alcoholic beverages in accordance with such package retailer's permits.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY SENATE BILL NO. 2457, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "QUALIFIED RESORT AREA" UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW; TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES THAT ARE DESIGNATED AS QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LAW TO SPECIFY THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF FACILITIES OFFERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SALE, TO SPECIFY THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE THAT FACILITIES OFFERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SALE MUST DERIVE FROM THE PREPARATION, COOKING AND SERVING OF MEALS AND NOT FROM THE SALE OF BEVERAGES, AND TO DESIGNATE THE AREAS IN WHICH FACILITIES OFFERING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SALE MAY BE LOCATED; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 776, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES FOR CERTAIN QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS TO PROVIDE, BY ORDINANCE, THAT PACKAGE RETAILER'S PERMITS MAY BE ISSUED IN THE APPLICABLE QUALIFIED RESORT AREAS AND THAT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE RECEIVED, STORED, SOLD, POSSESSED AND DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH PERMITS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Neil S. Whaley, John Horhn

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson, Henry Zuber III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford,

K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tullos, Turner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--110.

Nays--Boyd, R, Newman, Sanford, Scott, Varner. Total--5.

Absent or those not voting--Currie, Evans, Haney, Ladner. Total-4.

Present--Anthony, Crudup, Tubb. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--58

Rep. Sanford called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 23-15-191, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-191. The first primary shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of August preceding any regular or general election; and the second primary shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter. The candidate that receives a majority of the votes cast in the election shall be the party nominee. If no candidate receives a majority vote at the election, then the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes shall have their names placed on the ballot for the second primary election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later. The candidate who receives the most votes in the second primary election shall be the party nominee. However, if no candidate receives a majority vote at the first primary, and there is a tie in the election of those receiving the next highest vote, then those candidates receiving the next highest vote and the candidate receiving the highest vote shall have their names placed on the ballot for the second primary election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later, and whoever receives the most votes cast in the second primary election shall be the party nominee.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-193, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-193. (1) At the election in 2023, and every four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, three (3) public service commissioners, three (3) Mississippi Transportation Commissioners, Commissioner of

Insurance, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, Senators and members of the House of Representatives in the Legislature, district attorneys for the several districts, clerks of the circuit and chancery courts of the several counties, as well as sheriffs, coroners, assessors, surveyors and members of the boards of supervisors, justice court judges and constables, and all other officers to be elected by the people at the general state election. All such officers shall hold their offices for a term of four (4) years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The state officers shall be elected in the manner prescribed in Section 140 of the Constitution.

(2) The state officers that receive a majority of votes cast for the office at the general election shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority number of votes cast at the election, then the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes cast shall have their names placed on the ballot for the runoff election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast in the runoff election shall be elected. However, if no candidate receives a majority vote cast at the election, and there is a tie in the election of those receiving the next highest vote, then those candidates receiving the next highest vote and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall have their names placed on the ballot for the runoff election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later, and whoever receives the majority of votes cast in the runoff election shall be elected. If it appears that two (2) or more candidates for state office have an equal number of votes after the runoff election, the interested candidates shall appear before the Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court within two (2) days after the canvass and the tie shall be determined by a toss of a coin or by lot fairly and publicly drawn, and a certificate of election shall be given accordingly.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-213, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-213. (1) There shall be elected five (5) election commissioners for each county whose terms of office shall commence on the first Monday of January following their election and who shall serve for a term of four (4) years. Each of the commissioners shall be required to attend a training seminar provided by the Secretary of State and satisfactorily complete a skills assessment, and before acting, shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution. The oath shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the chancery court. Upon filing the oath of office, the election commissioner may be provided access to the Statewide Elections Management System for the purpose of performing his or her duties. Such skills assessment shall only be required once every four (4) years. While engaged in their duties, the commissioners shall be conservators of the peace in the county, with all the duties and powers of such.

(2) (a) At the general election in 2024 and every four (4) years thereafter, the qualified electors of the board of supervisors' Districts One, Three and Five shall elect in their district one (1) election commissioner.

(b) At the general election in 2023 and every four (4) years thereafter, the qualified electors of the board of supervisors' Districts Two and Four shall elect in their district one (1) election commissioner.

(c) No more than one (1) commissioner shall be a resident of and reside in each supervisor's district of the county; it being the purpose of this section that the county board of election commissioners shall consist of one (1) person from each supervisor's district of the county and that each commissioner be elected from the supervisor's district in which he or she resides.

(3) Candidates for county election commissioner shall qualify by filing with the clerk of the board of supervisors of their respective counties a petition personally signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of the supervisor's district in which they reside, requesting that they be a candidate, by 5:00 p.m. not later than February 1 of the year in which the election occurs and unless the petition is filed within the required time, their names shall not be placed upon the ballot. All candidates shall declare in writing their party affiliation, if any, to the board of supervisors, and such party affiliation shall be shown on the official ballot.

(4) The petition shall have attached thereto a certificate of the county registrar showing the number of qualified electors on each petition, which shall be furnished by the registrar on request. The board shall determine the sufficiency of the petition, and

if the petition contains the required number of signatures and is filed within the time required, the president of the board shall verify that the candidate is a resident of the supervisor's district in which he or she seeks election and that the candidate is otherwise qualified as provided by law, and shall certify that the candidate is qualified to the chair or secretary of the county election commission and the names of the candidates shall be placed upon the ballot for the ensuing election. No county election commissioner shall serve or be considered as elected until he or she has received a majority of the votes cast for the position or post for which he or she is a candidate. If a majority vote is not received in the first election, then the two (2) candidates receiving the most votes for each position or post shall be placed upon the ballot for a second election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later in accordance with appropriate procedures followed in other elections involving runoff candidates.

(5) In the first meeting in January of each year, the county election commissioners shall organize by electing a chair and a secretary, who shall serve a one-year term. The county election commissioners shall provide the names of the chair and secretary to the Secretary of State and provide notice of any change in officers which may occur during the year.

(6) It shall be the duty of the chair to have the official ballot printed and distributed at each general or special election.

SECTION 4. Section 23-15-833, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-833. Except as otherwise provided by law, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year shall be designated the regular special election day, and on that day an election shall be held to fill any vacancy in county, county district, and district attorney elective offices, and any vacancy in the office of circuit judge or chancellor.

All special elections, or elections to fill vacancies, shall in all respects be held, conducted and returned in the same manner as general elections, except that where no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the election, a runoff election shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the election. The two (2) candidates who receive the highest popular votes for the office shall have their names submitted as the candidates to the runoff and the candidate who leads in the runoff election shall be elected to the office. When there is a tie in the first election of those receiving the next highest vote, these two (2) and the one receiving the highest vote, none having received a majority, shall go into the runoff election and whoever leads in the runoff election shall be entitled to the office.

In those years when the regular special election day shall occur on the same day as the general election, the names of candidates in any special election and the general election shall be placed on the same ballot, but shall be clearly distinguished as general election candidates or special election candidates. At any time a special election is held on the same day as a party primary election, the names of the candidates in the special election may be placed on the same ballot, but shall be clearly distinguished as special election candidates or primary election candidates.

SECTION 5. Section 23-15-981, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-981. If two (2) or more candidates qualify for judicial office, the names of those candidates shall be placed on the general election ballot. If any candidate for such an office receives a majority of the votes cast for such office in the general election, he shall be declared elected. If no candidate for such office receives a majority of the votes cast for such office in the general election, the names of the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes for such office shall be placed on the ballot for a second election to be held * * * four (4) weeks later in accordance with appropriate procedures followed in other elections involving runoff candidates.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-1031, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-1031. Except as provided by Section 23-15-1081, the first primary election for Congressmen shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of the years in which congressmen are elected, and a second primary, if necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter. Each year in which a presidential election is held, the

congressional primary shall be held as provided in Section 23-15-1081. The election shall be held in all districts of the state on the same day. Candidates for United States Senator shall be nominated at the congressional primary next preceding the general election at which a senator is to be elected and in the same manner that congressmen are nominated. The chair and secretary of the state executive committee shall certify the vote for United States Senator to the Secretary of State in the same manner that county executive committees certify the returns of counties in general state and county primary elections.

SECTION 7. Section 23-15-1083, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-1083. Beginning in 1988, as an alternative to the congressional primary election date set forth in Section 23-15-1031, when a political party elects to conduct a presidential preference primary, the first primary election for congressmen, and senators, if senators are to be elected, shall be held on the second Tuesday in March, and the second primary, when one is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter, and the election shall be held in all districts of the state on the same day.

SECTION 8. Section 37-5-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-5-9. The name of any qualified elector who is a candidate for the county board of education shall be placed on the ballot used in the general elections by the county election commissioners, provided that the candidate files with the county election commissioners, not more than ninety (90) days and not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such general election, a petition of nomination signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of the county residing within each supervisors district. Where there are less than one hundred (100) qualified electors in said supervisors district, it shall only be required that said petition of nomination be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of such supervisors district. The candidate in each supervisors district who receives the majority of votes cast in the district shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election. The runoff election, in the event that such is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the first election.

When any member of the county board of education is to be elected from the county at large under the provisions of this chapter, then the petition required by the preceding paragraph hereof shall be signed by the required number of qualified electors residing in any part of the county outside of the territory embraced within a municipal separate school district or special municipal separate school district. The candidate who receives the majority of votes cast in the election shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election. The runoff election, in the event that such is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the first election.

In no case shall any qualified elector residing within a municipal separate school district or special municipal separate school district be eligible to sign a petition of nomination for any candidate for the county board of education under any of the provisions of this section.

SECTION 9. Section 37-7-215, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-215. All such elections shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each year and in the same manner as general state and county elections are held and conducted. In the event a runoff is necessary the runoff shall be held * * * four (4) weeks thereafter.

SECTION 10. Section 37-7-217, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-217. (1) The county election commissioners shall indicate on the ballot which of the persons whose names appear thereon are candidates for a full term, and which of such persons, if any, are candidates for an unexpired term or terms.

(2) The qualified electors of each school district operating under Section 37-7-215 shall vote on the date specified in that section and at the special trustee election districts.

(3) A person elected shall assume the duties of his office for the full term on the first day of January if the election is for the full term. A person elected to an unexpired term shall assume office immediately.

(4) The county election commissioners shall forthwith certify the results of the election to the superintendent of the municipal separate or special municipal separate school district, as the case may be, which certificate shall be delivered to such superintendent within five (5) days following the first election.

(5) If a person does not receive a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) persons receiving the highest number of votes at the first election. In the event a runoff is necessary the runoff shall be held four (4) weeks thereafter.

SECTION 11. Section 37-7-227, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-227. (1) The county election commissioners shall indicate on the ballot which of the persons whose names appear thereon are candidates for a full term, and which of such persons, if any, are candidates for an unexpired term or terms. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes cast, either for a full term or for an unexpired term or terms, as indicated on the ballot, shall be declared elected, and the person or persons elected to a full term shall assume the duties of his office on the first day of January of the year following such election. The person or persons elected to an unexpired term(s) shall assume office immediately. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held in the same manner * * * four (4) weeks after the election between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes upon the first ballot.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an election for school board trustees occurs on a Tuesday, during a general election, any runoff for such election shall occur * * * four (4) weeks after the election.

SECTION 12. Section 37-7-711, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

37-7-711. In all such special municipal separate school districts which may be so organized, reorganized or reconstituted to embrace the entire county in which the majority of the inhabitants of the county reside outside the corporate limits of the municipality, the name of any qualified elector who is a candidate for the board of trustees of such special municipal separate school district, whether such person be a candidate for an unexpired term or for a full term, shall be placed on the ballot used in the elections, provided that the candidate files with the county election commissioners, not more than ninety (90) days and not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such general election, a petition of nomination signed by not less than fifty (50) qualified electors of the county. Where there are less than one hundred (100) qualified electors in said area represented by the trustee, it shall only be required that said petition of nomination be signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors in said area. However, in any such special municipal separate school district which embraces the entire county and which borders the Mississippi River and in which Interstate Highway 20 and United States Highway 61 intersect and having a population in excess of forty-seven thousand (47,000) according to the 1990 federal decennial census, the candidate shall be required to file a petition of nomination with the county election commissioners not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of such general election, in addition to the other requirements prescribed herein.

The candidate in each election who receives the majority of votes cast in the election shall be declared to have been elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at the election, a runoff shall be held between the two (2) candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first election. The runoff election, in the event that such is necessary, shall be held * * * four (4) weeks after the first election.

SECTION 13. (1) Ranked-choice voting, also known as instant runoff voting, is prohibited in statewide, county, local, municipal and school district elections in the State of Mississippi.

(2) Any voting method that allows electors to rank candidates for an office in order of preference and has ballots cast that will be tabulated in multiple rounds following the elimination of a candidate until a single candidate attains a majority shall not be used in determining the election or nomination of any candidate for elective office in this state, including elective offices for any county, municipality, school district, state or federal office.

(3) Any existing or future ordinance or policy enacted or adopted by a county, municipality, school district, or any other local governmental entity that conflicts with this section is void on and after July 1, 2024.

(4) This section shall not apply to electors who are entitled to vote absentee ballot under the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 USC Section 20301 et seq., as amended.

SECTION 14. Section 13 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024. The remainder of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2025.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-171, 23-15-191, 23-15-193, 23-15-213, 23-15-833, 23-15-857, 23-15-981, 23-15-1031, 23-15-1083, 37-5-9, 37-7-215, 37-7-217, 37-7-227 AND 37-7-711, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE TIME FOR HOLDING RUNOFF ELECTIONS TO FOUR WEEKS AFTER THE FIRST ELECTION INSTEAD OF THREE WEEKS; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION IN TITLE 23, CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 27, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT RANKED-CHOICE VOTING IN STATEWIDE, COUNTY, LOCAL, MUNICIPAL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeremy England, Joey Fillingane, Jeff Tate

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Noah Sanford, Mark Tullos, Price Wallace

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulul, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--Gibbs, J. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Present--Banks, Evans, Rosebud. Total--3.

Necessary for passage--60

Representative Yancey called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2873**: (Medical records retention requirements; provide for.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

Representative Deweese called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 3039**: (Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 10:26 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:32 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the support and maintenance of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 17,623,369.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the department for the support and maintenance of the department, including the Museum of Natural Science and the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 83,838,244.00.

The following sum, which is included in the sum appropriated above in this section, is appropriated out of the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,750,000.00.

The Department of Revenue is directed to set aside the amount of this appropriation or any part thereof at any time it sees fit, out of any collections of taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products, and to deduct the amounts so set aside from such funds before making distribution thereof. However, provisions shall first be made for the Highway Bonds Sinking Fund, as required under the provisions of Chapter 130, Laws of 1938, and any amendments thereto, and Section 27-5-101, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Any funds available in the Wildlife Heritage Fund may be expended by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks as authorized by law. The department shall make a detailed report to the Legislature regarding the spending of the Wildlife Heritage funds by September 1 for the preceding fiscal year.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2 to the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries, funds in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$125,335.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31,

Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of Project WILD for Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 527

Time-Limited: 53

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 5. Each conservation officer and supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per annum.

Provided further, when any personnel of the Bureau of Wildlife and Fisheries are transferred from one (1) county to another on a permanent assignment, the expense monies now paid on out-of-county duty shall not be applicable.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2025

Performance Measures	Target
Support Services	
Number of Hunting and Fishing Licenses Sold	480,000
Number of Registrations of Boats	52,000
Percent Change in License Sales	1.00
Percent Change in Boat Registration	1.00
Fisheries	
Number of Fish Stocked for Public Waters	1,500,000
Number of Customers of DWFP Lakes	1,500,000
Number of Participants in Aquatic Education	1,500,000
Number of Access Facilities Built or Maintained (Boat Ramps)	35
Wildlife	
MDWFP Management for Hunters and Non-Consumptive Users (Man-Days)	125,000
Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy and Abundant Wildlife Populations	6.00
Acres of Forest Inventory	1,000
Acres of Prescribed Burning, Waterfowl Management, and Timber Management on WMA's to Sustain Healthy & Abundant Wildlife	30,000
Percent Change in Number of Research Projects Conducted to Sustain Healthy and Abundant Wildlife Populations	0.00
Percent Change in Number of Private Land Acres Influenced	0.00
Percent Change in the Number of Forest Inventories Conducted	0.00
Law Enforcement	
Number of Hunter Education Participants	10,000
Number of Hours Patrolled on Land	175,000
Number of Hours Patrolled on Water	50,000
Number of Criminal Investigations Conducted	8,000
Number of Shooting Sport Programs	1,500
Number of Boating Accidents	50
Number of Boating Fatalities	7
Cost per Student for Hunter Education	50
Cost per Sports Program	525.00
Percent Change in Number of Boating Accidents	50.00
Percent Change in Boating Related Fatalities	50.00
Percent Change in Public Contacts per Officer/per Day	15.00
Special Projects	
Percent Increase in Improved Use of Special Funds	0.20
Parks	
Overnight Accommodation (Cabins/Motels)	250,000
Overnight Accommodations (Camping)	650,000
Day Use Services	400,000
Percent Change in Day Use Services	10.00
Percent Change in the Prior Year of Occupancy Rate of Cabins	25.00
Museum	
Statewide Education Programming	250,000
Total Public Programming	130,000
Number of Visitors to Exhibits	80,000

Number of Natural Heritage Records Entered	60,000
Percent Change of Students that Understand the Importance of Natural Resource Conservation	5.00
Percent Change of Visitors to Exhibits	3.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, the following amount shall be derived from the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks Special Pearl River Timber Fund No. 3465, for the purpose of making improvements to the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area \$ 50,000.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated within this act, the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks may enter into cooperative agreements with the board of supervisors of any county or any group or combination of counties for the purpose of creating, improving or restoring parks, public game and fish habitat lying or to be situated wholly or partially within such county or in an adjoining county; and each county is empowered and authorized, in its discretion, to expend funds from the general county fund for such purposes from which fund they shall reimburse to the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks the actual cost of all surveying and engineering projects incurred by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks incidental thereto. Such boards of supervisors are further authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to enter into agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of this act with any other county, the United States Forest Service or any other agency if same should be necessary for the acquisition of land by lease or otherwise for such purposes.

SECTION 10. It shall be unlawful for any officer, employee or other person whatsoever to use or permit or authorize the use of any automobile or any other motor vehicle owned by the State of Mississippi or any department, agency or institution thereof for any purpose other than upon the official business of the State of Mississippi or any agency, department or institution thereof.

It is the intent of the Legislature that motor vehicles authorized to be owned and operated by this agency shall comply with Sections 25-1-77 through 25-1-93, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. In order to be in compliance with Section 63-1-201 et seq., funds are herein provided and may be expended by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to pay the costs of commercial driver's licenses for specific employees and/or to reimburse such costs for specific employees who, in the course of their duties and responsibilities, are required to hold a valid Mississippi Commercial Driver's License.

SECTION 12. The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to provide financial support of One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) and to enter into an agreement with the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service for a project specialist and related supportive cost.

SECTION 13. The department is authorized to spend up to sixty percent (60%) of revenue in the State Park Timber Endowment Fund, as needed, to operate and maintain the state parks.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) is allocated for the detection and prevention of Chronic Wasting Disease in deer populations across the state.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) is allocated for LeFleur's Bluff State Park for playground security expenses.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated herein, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) may be provided to fund the Youth Participation Initiative for the purpose of educating children in the areas of hunting, fishing, conservation, and safety.

SECTION 18. The fund created pursuant to Section 49-5-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, and known as the "Fisheries and Wildlife Fund" shall be treated as a special trust fund. All funds derived from the sale of licenses, fees, fines and other revenues received by the department as provided by law, shall be deposited in the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. In addition, revenue derived from the sale of timber on wildlife management areas, refuges and preserves shall be deposited into an account established for such revenues under the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund. The interest and any investment income earned on the fund shall be credited by the State Treasurer to the Fisheries and Wildlife Fund and shall not be paid into the General Fund. Any unexpended funds remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse and shall remain in the fund. Nothing in this section shall prevent the use of said funds from maintenance and upgrade of wildlife management areas.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that no more than One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) be expended from the Motor Vehicle Fund for the purchase of any type of motor vehicle.

SECTION 20. The executive director of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks is authorized to enter into an agreement with any public or private entities to manage any park or parks within the state park system.

SECTION 21. It is the intent of the Legislature that no state-owned wildlife management area be closed and that to the greatest practicable extent, department land management decisions and actions may not result in any net loss of any acreage available for hunting opportunities that existed on July 1, 2006, as provided in Section 49-5-99(4). It is the intention of the Legislature that no state park be closed without legislative approval.

SECTION 22. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to enter into multi-year contracts for the purpose of placing a sign on such state park property under the department's domain, in accordance with any applicable rules and regulations. All proceeds generated from these activities shall remain with the department and shall be deposited into the proper special fund.

SECTION 23. It is the intent of the Legislature that from the funds available to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, the department may purchase and pay premium(s) on property damage insurance on its motor vehicles, boats, trailers, real property improvements, buildings, furnishings, and such other assets as may be appropriate or practical, and/or as required by a granting entity.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00) shall be designated for the purpose of defraying the operational expenses of Special Projects. None of these funds shall be used for "Personal Services."

SECTION 25. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks shall have the authority to receive, budget and expend funds from the Gulf and Wildlife Protection Fund, not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of preservation, protection, conservation, and acquisition of waters, land and wildlife of this state.

SECTION 26. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-three Dollars (\$58,593.00) may be allocated for the Hunter Education program supported from the General Fund court assessments.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense

Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office as follows:

- a) Projects on the Park Improvement Plan\$ 8,350,000.00
- b) Museum Admissions Area Renovation
Phase II \$ 1,500,000.00
- c) Road Improvements at J.P. Coleman
State Park \$ 75,000.00
- d) Improvements at John Kyle State Park.....\$ 75,000.00

Any remaining funds in this section may be used to continue funding park improvements.

SECTION 29. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated for the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds, as authorized in HB 1617, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of providing equipment for the agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 1,100,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section, shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Eight Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,100,000.00) may be provided from the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. These funds are available for completing projects awarded to the Department by the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund.

SECTION 31. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 32. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Karl Oliver

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Juan Barnett

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McMillan. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 51,952,895.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized out of the proceeds derived from any federal funds, grants, donations, fees, or other special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the support and maintenance of financial aid scholarship, loan and grant programs authorized by law including funds used as federal matching funds for the GEAR UP Mississippi Scholarship Program and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid and for support of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,350,000.00.

SECTION 3. None of the funds appropriated in this act shall be paid to or for the benefit of any student who applies for the first time, subsequent to July 1, 2024, for assistance through the Southeast Asia POW/MIA Grant established under the provisions of Section 37-106-41, the Public Management Graduate Internship established under the provisions of Section 37-106-43, the State Medical Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-61, the State Dental Education Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-63, the Graduate and Professional Degree Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-65, the Health Care Professions Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-67, or the Family Protection Specialist Social Worker Forgivable Loan established under the provisions of Section 37-106-69.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall expend from the support of the out-of-state graduate and professional studies program an amount not exceeding the funding necessary, contingent upon the availability of qualified applicants, for nine (9) new entering

optometry students and the number of returning optometry students who received funding under the program during the preceding school year.

SECTION 5. In the allocation of funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this act, among the student financial aid programs included herein, it is the intention of the Legislature that priority shall be given and funds shall be first allocated to all students eligible for financial aid under the provisions of Section 37-106-39, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 6. All funds provided for in this act shall be accounted for in an annual report, which shall be submitted at the next regular session of the Legislature within ten (10) days after the convening thereof. The report should detail for each grant, scholarship, or loan program the number of recipients, the total amount of awards made, and the average award amount. The report shall include the number of students at each institution receiving financial assistance and the amount of such assistance. For loan programs, the report shall also include a summary of the repayment status and method of repayment for student cohorts as well as an accounting of the receipt of funds in repayment. Furthermore, all funds received and expended shall be reported and otherwise accounted for in accordance with the provisions of Section 37-106-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, except where individual identifying information must be withheld pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 USC Section 1232g 34 CFR Part 99.

No public or private institution of higher learning receiving funds under the respective provisions of this act, for the purpose of issuing scholarship grants or loans, shall issue any official transcripts for any persons who have any amount of repayment in arrears on the date such official transcript is requested.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 8. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00) is provided for the Speech-Language Pathologists Loan Forgiveness Program established under the provisions of Section 37-106-73, Mississippi Code of 1972, and administered by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.

SECTION 11. Awards for the Higher Education Legislative Plan Grant Program, authorized by Section 37-106-75, shall be made to applicants meeting all program requirements and found to be in financial need according to the following definition:

(a) The family has one (1) child under the age of twenty-one (21), and the annual adjusted gross income of the family is less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00); or

(b) The family has annual adjusted gross income of less than Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$39,500.00) plus Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each additional child under the age of twenty-one (21).

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972. This amount shall be used for the Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act established by Section 37-106-81, Mississippi Code of 1972, and the William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program established by Section 37-106-36, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that no student should receive undergraduate grant aid through more than one state-supported undergraduate grant program in the same term of enrollment. If a student is eligible for aid through multiple grant programs, the student shall be awarded from the program that awards the larger sum.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that all students must demonstrate eligibility at the conclusion of each term during the regular academic year in order to continue to receive state-supported aid.

SECTION 15. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid, as authorized in Senate Bill 3007, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 2,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds for the following:

- (a) William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program \$ 1,900,000.00
- (b) Fostering Access and Inspiring True Hope (FAITH) Scholarship Program Act \$ 100,000.00

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer, and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP, LOAN AND GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson,

Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Office of State Aid Road Construction Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Office of State Aid Road Construction of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 220,345,746.00.

SECTION 2. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 54
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the

agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) is authorized to be expended from funds received from the Mississippi Development Authority as reimbursements for actual expenses incurred by the Office of State Aid Road Construction for administering and providing engineering services to political subdivisions as authorized under Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Any such funds shall be deposited into the Office of State Aid Roads Administrative Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) is authorized to be expended for the purpose of replacement of structurally deficient bridges on the Local System Bridge Program (LSBP).

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Administrative	
Percent of Administrative Costs as Compared to Construction Costs	4.00
Maintain Level of Administrative Costs as Compared to Construction Costs at 5% or Under	5.00
Number of Projects Let to Contract	75
Percent of Personnel Devoted to Construction Programs	81.00
Federal Percent of Total Project Fund Obligations	20.00
Construction	
Percent Increase in Total Miles Paved	1.00
Percent of Total State Aid Funds Available Programmed or Obligated to Projects	75.00

Number of State Aid Projects Let to Contract	75
Number of Federal Projects Let to Contract	5
Number of State Aid Projects Completed	30
Number of Federal Projects Completed	20
Average Time from Initiation to Completion of a Fed Project (Days)	450
Number of Bridges Replaced or Repaired	85
Number of Structurally Deficient Bridges on the State Aid System	1,050
Average Cost of a State Aid/Federal Bridge Project	1,550,000.00
Local System Bridge	
Percent Change in Deficient LSBP Bridges	3.00
Average Number of Active LSBP Projects Per County	1
Percent of LSBP Funds Available Programmed or Obligated to Projects	85.00
Number of LSBP Projects Let to Contract	40
Number of LSBP Projects Completed	70
Number of LSBP Bridges Replaced or Repaired	40
Number of Eligible Deficient LSBP Bridges	1,050
Average Time From Initiation to Completion of a LSBP Project (Days)	450
Percent of Counties Utilizing All of Their Available LSBP Funds	30.00
Percent of Bridges Eligible for LSBP Funds	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 7. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Office of State Aid Road Construction shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." The signage shall further state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature to authorize the State Aid Engineer to utilize funds available to the Office of State Aid Road Construction, from any source herein appropriated or made available by the counties or any other source, to pay for costs necessary to comply with the National Bridge Inspection Standards and the Federal Highway Administration's requirements for bridge inspections and/or special studies necessary to comply with federal laws. The State Aid Engineer shall follow the same procedures as have heretofore been established by Sections 65-9-9, 65-9-15 and 65-9-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for payment of such costs. The Office of State Aid Road Construction may accept, budget and expend these funds subject to and in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal or state funds.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that in the letting of contracts for which the Office of State Aid Road Construction administers and provides engineering services to political subdivisions under the Economic Development Highway Act, bids may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive sealed bids once in a newspaper published or having a circulation in the county or municipality where the contract will be performed, and the date published for the bid opening may be not less than seven (7) working days after the advertisement is published.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created in Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for expediting services needed for Project Poppy.

SECTION 13. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OFFICE OF STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Jenifer B. Branning, Bart Williams

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Roberson. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-1-12, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-1-12. (1) The salaries of all officers of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol who have completed the course of instruction in an authorized highway patrol training school on general law enforcement, and are serving as a sworn officer of the Highway Patrol in the enforcement of the laws of the State of Mississippi, including service in any other division of the Department of Public Safety, and the sworn law enforcement officers of the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, shall be determined and paid in accordance with the scale for officers salaries as provided in this subsection:

Department of Public Safety Sworn Officers Salary Schedule				
Rank	Years of Experience			
	Less than 4	Over		4
	Over 8	Over 12		
Trooper	** *54,000			
Trooper FC		** *57,000		
Corporal	** *60,000			
Sergeant		** *62,750		
Rank	Years of Experience			
	Over 16	Over		20
	Over 24	Over 29		
Staff Sgt.	** *65,750			
Sr. Staff Sgt.		** *68,750		
Sgt. 1st Class	** *72,000			
		** *75,000		
Promotional Rank	Years of Experience			
	Over 5	Over 10Over	Over 29	15
	Over 20	Over 25		
Master Sgt.	** *	** *	** *	
	** *	** *	** *	
	68,750	71,500	74,500	
	77,500	80,500	83,250	
Lieutenant	** *	** *	** *	
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	78,500	81,500	84,500
	87,500	90,500	93,500
Captain		***	***
	***	***	***
		91,500	95,000
Promotional Rank	98,250	101,500	104,500
Major			***
	***	***	***
	111,000		
Lt. Colonel			***
	***	***	***
			120,500
Colonel		***	***
		***	***
			131,750

Department of Public Safety/MS Bureau of Narcotics
Sworn Officers Salary Schedule
Rank

	Less than 4 Over 8	Years of Experience Over Over 12	4
LE-Agent I	***54,000		
LE-Agent II		***57,000	
LE-Agent III	***60,000		
LE-Agent IV		***62,750	
Rank	Over 16 Over 24	Years of Experience Over Over 29	20
LE-Agent V	***65,750		
LE-Agent VI		***68,750	
LE-Officer VII			
LE-Officer VIII		72,000	

Promotional Rank

	Over 5	Over 10	Over 15	Over 20	Over 25	Over 29
Master Sgt.	68,750	71,500	74,500	77,500	80,500	83,250
Lieutenant						

	***	***	***
	***	***	***
	78,500	81,500	84,500
	87,500	90,500	93,500
Captain		***	***
	***	***	***
		91,750	95,000
Promotional Rank	98,250	101,250	104,500
Major			***
	***	***	***

			111,000
Lt. Colonel			
	***	***	***
			120,500
Colonel			
	***	***	***

131,750

(2) All sworn officers in the Mississippi Highway Patrol and the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics employed on a full-time basis shall be paid a salary in accordance with the above scale. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any rank of any sworn officer not based upon a merit-based promotion or years of experience shall be at the will and pleasure of the appointing authority as approved by the State Personnel Board. The rank and years of experience of each sworn officer to be used in establishing the salary shall be determined by the rank and years of experience on July 1 of the current fiscal year.

(3) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the above scale, the following job classifications of the State Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Highway Patrol:

Rank	Job Classes
(a) Trooper	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer I LE-Investigator II
(b) Trooper First Class	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer II LE-Investigator III
(c) Corporal	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer III LE-Investigator IV
(d) Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer IV LE-Investigator V
(e) Staff Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer V
(f) Senior Staff Sergeant	DPS-Highway Patrol Officer VI Tech Spec
(g) Master Sgt/Sgt. F/C	DPS-Assistant Inspector DPS-Highway Patrol Officer VII
	DPS-Investigator I DPS-Supv. Driver Serv.
(h) Lieutenant	DPS-Air Operations Officer DPS-Dir. Corr.
Intelligence	DPS-Dist. Executive
Officer	DPS-Regional Supv.
Driver. Serv.	DPS-Branch Director LE-Dir/Training LE-Dist. Investigator
(i) Captain	DPS-Staff Officer (MHP)
(j) Major	DPS-Bureau Director II
(k) Lt. Colonel	DPS-Deputy Administrator; DPS-Chief of Staff
(l) Colonel/Chief of Patrol	Dir-Office of MS Hwy Safety Patrol

(4) For purposes of applying the rank designation to the above scale, the following job classifications of the State Personnel Board shall be applicable for the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics:

Rank	Job Classes
(a) Agents	LE-Agent I LE-Agent II LE-Agent III

	LE-Agent IV
	LE-Agent V
	LE-Agent VI
(b) Lieutenant	BN-District Investigator (LT)
(c) Captain	BN-District Commander
(d) Major	BN-Bureau Director II
	Office Director I
(e) Lt. Colonel	BN-Deputy Administrator
(f) Colonel	Director, Bureau of Narcotics

(5) In any fiscal year after July 1, 2015, in the event the Legislature provides across-the-board salary increases to state employees whose compensation is paid from the State General Fund and subject to specific appropriation therefor by the Legislature, the State Personnel Board shall revise the salary scale above to provide the same percentage or dollar amount increase as has been appropriated for other state employees.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety to file with the Legislative Budget Office and the State Fiscal Officer such data and information as may be required to enable the said Legislative Budget Office and State Fiscal Officer to budget and distribute the funds necessary to compensate the sworn officers of the Department of Public Safety according to the requirements of the salary scale. Such data and information so filed may be revised from time to time as necessitated to reflect the current number and experience of sworn officers employed by the department.

(7) The Commissioner of Public Safety, with approval by the State Personnel Board, is authorized to set the salaries equitably of sworn law enforcement officers assigned to the Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division, the Mississippi Bureau of Investigation, and Capitol Police based upon the pay scale contained in this section.

SECTION 2. Section 45-3-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, which is the provision of law that establishes the "David R. Huggins Act," is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-1-12, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE SALARY SCHEDULE OF OFFICERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL AND THE MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS; TO REPEAL SECTION 45-3-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH IS THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT ESTABLISHES THE "DAVID R. HUGGINS ACT"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Brice Wiggins, John A. Polk
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Clay Deweese, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.
Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 45-2-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

45-2-1. (1) Whenever used in this section, the term:

(a) "Covered individual" means a law enforcement officer or firefighter, including volunteer firefighters, as defined in this section when employed by an employer as defined in this section; it does not include employees of independent contractors.

(b) "Employer" means a state board, commission, department, division, bureau or agency, or a county, municipality or other political subdivision of the state, which employs, appoints or otherwise engages the services of covered individuals.

(c) "Firefighter" means an individual who is trained for the prevention and control of loss of life and property from fire or other emergencies, who is assigned to firefighting activity, and is required to respond to alarms and perform emergency actions at the location of a fire, hazardous materials or other emergency incident.

(d) "Law enforcement officer" means any lawfully sworn officer or employee of the state or any political subdivision of the state whose duties require the officer or employee to investigate, pursue, apprehend, arrest, transport or maintain custody of persons who are charged with, suspected of committing, or convicted of a crime, whether the officer is on regular duty on full-time status, an auxiliary or reserve officer, or is serving on a temporary or part-time status.

(e) "Cause of death" means any cause of death that would be covered under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of 1976, the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act of 2003, generally codified at 42 USCS Chapter 46, or the Safeguarding America's First Responders Act of 2020.

(2) (a) (i) The Department of Public Safety shall make a payment, as provided in this section, in the amount of * * * One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) when a covered individual, while engaged in the performance of the person's official duties, dies or receives accidental or intentional bodily injury that results in the loss of the covered individual's life and such death is the result of a covered cause

of death, provided that the death is not the result of suicide and that the bodily injury is not intentionally self-inflicted.

(ii) In addition to the payment authorized in subparagraph (i) of this subsection, the Department of Public Safety shall pay Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per child of the covered individual, not to exceed a total payment of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) under subsection (2) of this section.

(b) The payment provided for in this subsection shall be made to the beneficiary who was designated in writing by the covered individual, signed by the covered individual and delivered to the employer during the covered individual's lifetime. If no such designation is made, then the payment shall be made to the surviving child or children and spouse in equal portions, and if there is no surviving child or spouse, then to the parent or parents. * * *

(c) The payment made in this subsection is in addition to any workers' compensation or pension benefits and is exempt from the claims and demands of creditors of the covered individual.

(3) The Department of Public Safety shall make a payment, as provided in this section, in the amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) to pay funeral and other related burial expenses when a covered individual dies or receives accidental or intentional bodily injury that results in the loss of the covered individual's life. This payment may be made directly to the funeral home chosen by the next of kin and is subject to the availability of funds.

(* * * 4) (a) There is established in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund. The trust fund shall * * * maintain a minimum balance of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00), and shall be comprised of any additional funds made available by the Legislature or by donation, contribution, gift or any other source.

(b) The State Treasurer shall invest the monies of the trust fund in any of the investments authorized for the funds of the Public Employees' Retirement System under Section 25-11-121, and those investments shall be subject to the limitations prescribed by Section 25-11-121.

(c) Unexpended amounts remaining in the trust fund at the end of the state fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any income earned on amounts in the trust fund shall be deposited to the credit of the trust fund. * * * At the end of each state fiscal year, the State Treasurer shall transfer any amount of funds that exceed the minimum required balance in paragraph (a) of this subsection to the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Training and Equipment Trust Fund.

(4) The Department of Public Safety shall be responsible for the management of the trust fund and the disbursement of death benefits authorized under this section. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and standardize the payment of death benefits under this section, to administer the trust fund created by this section and to carry out the purposes of this section.

(5) (a) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Training and Equipment Trust Fund. Money in the fund may be disbursed pursuant to the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Training and Equipment Grant Program established in this subsection. The fund shall consist of monies received from any source, including those transferred at the end of each fiscal year from the Law enforcement Death Benefit Trust Fund. Monies remaining in the revolving fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(b) There is established the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Training and Equipment Grant Program in the Department of Public Safety. Upon agreement, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety and the State Fire Marshal may award grants for enhanced training or safety equipment for covered individuals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-2-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT TO COVERED INDIVIDUALS FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS DEATH BENEFITS TRUST FUND; TO DELETE THE PROVISION OF LAW THAT AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO A COVERED INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE WHERE A BENEFICIARY IS NOT DESIGNATED AND THERE IS NO SURVIVING CHILD, SPOUSE OR PARENT; TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF FUNERAL EXPENSES OF A COVERED INDIVIDUAL NOT TO EXCEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT; TO PROVIDE THAT A MINIMUM BALANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS DEATH BENEFITS TRUST FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THIS MINIMUM BALANCE FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS DEATH BENEFITS TRUST FUND TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND; TO CREATE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO ESTABLISH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL, UPON AGREEMENT, TO AWARD GRANTS FOR ENHANCED TRAINING OR SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Scott DeLano, Brice Wiggins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Clay Deweese, Angela Cockerham

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

At 1:53 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:03 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Shanks called up:

S. C. R. No. 549: Legislature; suspend deadlines for Senate Bill No. 2753, 2024 Regular Session.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Stevenson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Blackmon, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Crudup, Denton, Evans, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hulum, Jackson, K, James-Jones, Johnson, Nelson, Paden, Porter, Rosebud, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--33.

Absent or those not voting--Burnett, Jackson, L, McCray, McLean. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--78

At 2:08 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 2:55 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

At 2:55 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 4:00 PM.

At 4:19 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On request of Rep. Horan, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1323**:

AMEND on line 20, by inserting "when the" before the word "identity".

Rep. Porter called up:

S. B. No. 3083: Suffrage; restore to Larry Sills.

YEAS AND NAYS ON S. B. No. 3083. On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Fondren, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--94.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Carpenter, Currie, Felsher, Ford, K, Guice, Harness, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mattox, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Pigott, Rushing, Tubb, Tullos. Total-22.

Present--Boyd, R, Calvert, Crawford, Ford, J, Rosebud, Smith. Total--6.
Necessary for passage--63

Rep. Porter called up:

S. B. No. 3222: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Robert Maxwell.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3222.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Carpenter, Currie, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mattox, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Pigott, Rushing, Tubb, Tullos. Total-22.

Present--Anderson, B, Boyd, R, Crawford, Ford, J, McKnight, Rosebud, Smith. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Porter called up:

S. B. No. 3223: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Dewitt Cooperwood.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3223.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Carpenter, Currie, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mattox, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Pigott, Rushing, Tubb, Tullos. Total-22.

Present--Anderson, B, Boyd, R, Crawford, Ford, J, McKnight, Rosebud, Smith.
Total--7.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Porter called up:

S. B. No. 3228: Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes.

YEAS AND NAYS ON **S. B. No. 3228.** On motion of Rep. Porter the rules were suspended, the bill considered engrossed, read the third time and, agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays were taken and the bill passed title standing as stated by the following vote:

Yeas--Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Blackmon, Blackwell, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Clark, Cockerham, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McMillan, Mickens, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Stevenson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--93.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Aguirre, Bennett, Bounds, Carpenter, Currie, Guice, Hale, Hall, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Mattox, McLean, Mims, Morgan, Pigott, Rushing, Tubb, Tullos. Total-22.

Present--Anderson, B, Calvert, Crawford, Ford, J, McKnight, Rosebud, Smith.
Total--7.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Hood called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Securing Areas for Females Effectively and Responsibly Act" or the "SAFER Act."

SECTION 2. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-3, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-3. Legislative findings; intermediate scrutiny. The Legislature finds that:

(a) Females and males should be provided areas, including restrooms, changing facilities and single-sex educational housing spaces, for their exclusive use, respective to their sex, in order to maintain privacy and safety.

(b) There are important governmental reasons to distinguish between the sexes with respect to spaces where biology, safety, and/or privacy are implicated. As such, policies and laws that distinguish between the sexes are subject to intermediate constitutional scrutiny, which forbids unfair discrimination against similarly situated males and females but allows the law to distinguish between the sexes where such distinctions are substantially related to important governmental objectives.

(c) These findings reflect the intent of the Legislature to fulfill important governmental interests of protecting students' dignity, health, safety, welfare, and privacy rights by enacting this neutral policy which simply treats equally those of the same and opposite biological sex "determined solely by a birth," without regard to the fluidity of how someone acts or feels.

SECTION 3. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-5, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-5. Chapter definitions. For purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed herein:

(a) "Changing facility" means a space designated for multiple individuals to dress or undress within the same space, including, but not limited to, a dressing room, locker room, changing room, or shower room. This term does not include a single-sex or family-use changing facility.

(b) "Single-sex educational housing space" means a multi-person dwelling unit, such as a room, suite, or apartment, located within a public education building functioning as housing for student residents at an educational institution and designated for use or occupancy only for members of one (1) sex, but excludes common areas designated for use by members of both sexes.

(c) "Public education building" means any building, facility or space owned, operated, rented or leased by, or rented or leased to any public school, public university, public community or junior college and the institutions of higher learning.

(d) "Restroom" means a space designated for multiple individuals that includes toilets and/or urinals. This term does not include a single-sex or family-use restroom.

(e) "Single-sex or family use changing facility" means a room intended for a single occupant or a family in which one or more persons may be in a state of undress, including, but not limited to, a dressing room, locker room, changing room, or shower room that is enclosed by floor-to-ceiling walls and accessed by a full door with a secure lock that prevents another individual from entering while the changing facility is in use.

(f) "Single-sex or family-use restroom" means a room that includes a toilet or urinal and that is intended for a single occupant or a family, is enclosed by floor-to-ceiling walls, and is accessed by a full door with a secure lock that prevents another individual from entering while the room is in use.

SECTION 4. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-7, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-7. Protection of restroom privacy. Any public education building that maintains a restroom shall, at a minimum, have:

(a) A restroom designated for exclusive use by females and a restroom designated for exclusive use by males; or

(b) A single-sex or family-use restroom.

SECTION 5. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-9, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-9. Protection of changing room privacy. Any public education building that maintains a changing facility must, at a minimum, have:

- (a) A changing facility designated for exclusive use by females and a changing facility designated for exclusive use by males; or
- (b) A single-sex or family-use changing facility.

SECTION 6. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-11, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-11. Protection of single-sex educational housing space privacy. Any student required to reside in housing at an educational institution shall have the right to be housed in a single-sex educational housing space with persons of the same sex.

SECTION 7. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-13, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-13. Social fraternity and sorority single-sex housing facilities on public lands shall comply with state law. Social fraternities and sororities at educational institutions that have and operate single-sex housing facilities located on public land shall comply with the definitions contained within this act for purposes of maintaining such facilities as single sex only.

SECTION 8. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-15, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-15. Permissible purposes to enter sex-designated restrooms, changing facilities or single-sex educational housing spaces. For purposes of this act, a person may not enter a restroom, changing facility, or single-sex educational housing space, designated for the opposite sex, except under the following circumstances:

(a) To assist or chaperon a child under the age of twelve (12), a vulnerable person as defined in Section 43-47-5, or a person with a disability as defined in Section 43-6-203(b), with such child, vulnerable person, or person with a disability also allowed to enter, with a parent, guardian, or caregiver, the restroom or changing room designated for the sex of their parent, guardian, or caregiver;

(b) For law enforcement, fire protection or response, or other public safety purposes;

(c) For governmental purposes, including employees or contractors of governmental entities acting within the scope of their employment or contract;

(d) For the purpose of rendering emergency medical assistance or to intervene in any other emergency situation where the health or safety of another person is at risk;

(e) For custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes, provided that the restroom or changing facility is not in use;

(f) If the appropriate designated restroom or changing facility is out of order or under repair and the restroom or changing facility designated for the opposite sex contains no person of the opposite sex; or

(g) In single-sex educational housing spaces as authorized by educational institutions for moving, visiting, administrative, health, or other authorized purposes.

SECTION 9. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-17, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-17. Private enforcement. (1) A person may assert a violation of this act as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

(2) Any person under eighteen (18) years of age may bring an action at any time to assert a violation of this act through a parent or next friend and may bring an action in their own name upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years of age.

(3) Any attorney's fees may be awarded by the court as it deems appropriate.

(4) No private cause of action against a public school, state agency, public university, public community college or junior college, or the institutions of higher learning is authorized by this act.

SECTION 10. The following shall be codified as Section 29-18-19, Mississippi Code of 1972:

29-18-19. Attorney General enforcement. (1) The Attorney General shall bring an action to enforce compliance with this act.

(2) This act shall not be construed to deny, impair, or otherwise affect any right or authority of the Attorney General, the State of Mississippi, or any agency, officer, or employee of the state, acting under any law other than this act, to institute or intervene in any proceeding.

SECTION 11. The following shall be codified as Section 1-3-83, Mississippi Code of 1972:

1-3-83. Female, male, sex of natural persons. (1) "Female" means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, the reproductive system that at some point produces eggs.

(2) "Male" means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a developmental or genetic anomaly or historical accident, the reproductive system that at some point produces sperm.

(3) "Sex," when used to classify a natural person, means the biological indication of male and female as observed or clinically verified at birth, without regard to a person's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience, feelings, actions, or sense of self.

(4) The following additional provisions apply to the use of "sex" and related terms:

(a) There are only two (2) sexes, and every individual is either male or female.

(b) "Sex" is objective and fixed.

(c) Persons with "DSD conditions" (sometimes referred to as "differences in sex development", "disorders of sex development", or "intersex conditions") are not members of a third sex.

(d) The foregoing definition of "sex," for purposes of state law, neither requires nor precludes the accommodation of persons with a congenital and physically verifiable diagnosis of "DSD condition" (sometimes referred to as "differences in sex development", "disorders of sex development", or "intersex conditions"); however, such accommodation may be required by federal law.

SECTION 12. Severability. Any provision of this act is held to be invalid or unenforceable by its terms, or as applied to any person or circumstance, shall be construed so as to give it the maximum effect permitted by law, unless such holding shall be one of utter invalidity or unenforceability, in which event such provision shall be deemed severable herefrom and shall not affect the remainder hereof or the application of such provision to other persons not similarly situated or to other, dissimilar circumstances.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CREATE THE "SAFER ACT" TO REGULATE GOVERNMENTAL BUILDINGS; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS FOR THE ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC EDUCATION BUILDINGS TO HAVE EXCLUSIVE MALE AND/OR FEMALE RESTROOMS OR SINGLE-SEX OR FAMILY USE RESTROOMS AT A MINIMUM; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CHANGING FACILITIES TO BE EXCLUSIVE MALE AND/OR FEMALE OR SINGLE-SEX OR FAMILY-USE AT A MINIMUM; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REGULATE PUBLIC STUDENT HOUSING FOR SINGLE-SEX EDUCATIONAL HOUSING; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE SINGLE-SEX SOCIAL SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES TO COMPLY WITH THE DEFINITIONS OF THIS ACT TO DESIGNATE HOUSING; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-15,

MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REGULATE HOW PERSONS ENTER A SINGLE-SEX RESTROOM, CHANGING FACILITY OR EDUCATIONAL HOUSING SPACE; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-17, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE ASSERTION OF A VIOLATION OF THIS ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 29-18-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BRING ACTION REGARDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO CREATE NEW SECTION 1-3-83, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DEFINE THE TERMS FEMALE, MALE AND SEX; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Brice Wiggins, Briggs Hopson, Josh Harkins

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Joey Hood, Shanda Yates, Celeste Hurst

On motion of Rep. Hood the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Arnold, Barnett, Barton, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Burch, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harris, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Newman, Oliver, Owen, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanford, Scoggin, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--85.

Nays--Anderson, J, Bailey, Banks, Bell, C, Brown, Butler-Washington, Clark, Denton, Faulkner, Gibbs, J, Harness, Hines, Hulum, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Nelson, Osborne, Paden, Porter, Sanders, Scott, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Watson, Young. Total--29.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Present--Anthony, Blackmon, Burnett, Crudup, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Rosebud. Total--7.

Necessary for passage--58

Representative Aguirre entered a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on the following bill:

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 148: Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc.; commend in honor of Women's History Month.

H. R. No. 151: Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship.

H. R. No. 152: Lisa McGhee Davis; commend esteemed career with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon the occasion of her retirement.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 539: Designate March 2024 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi."

S. C. R. No. 540: Recognize legacy of Rosie S. Simmons as the first African American since Reconstruction to serve as Bolivar County Circuit Clerk.

S. C. R. No. 546: Designate April 11, 2024, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi.

S. C. R. No. 547: Extend the condolences of the Legislature on the passing of the first female Mayor of Meridian Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry.

S. B. No. 2729: Rural Physicians Scholarship Program and Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions of.

S. B. No. 2857: Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals.

S. B. No. 3216: Town of Walnut; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels and to issue bonds for parks and recreation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 545: Recognize Jessica Banahan McNeel as MDE "2024 Mississippi Parent of the Year."

S. B. No. 3215: Lafayette County; authorize to provide funding to Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation.

S. B. No. 3221: City of Ridgeland; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels to promote tourism, parks and recreation.

S. B. No. 3230: Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo Counties; extend authority to contribute to NE MS Comm. Servs.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for.

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on.

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for.

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organizations and others to receive and administer.

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law.

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act.

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping.

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of.

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway."

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2232: Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district.

S. B. No. 2717: Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Scoggin moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of O. J. Ramagos, which motion prevailed.

Representative Lott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Mary Maples, which motion prevailed.

Representative Pigott moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Talmadge McNair, which motion prevailed.

Representative Haney moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Sara Elizabeth "Jackie" Berry, which motion prevailed.

At 5:26 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Friday, May 3, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINETY-FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by Rep. Andy Boyd.

Rep. Boyd, A led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsner, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Absent or those not voting--None.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Morgan and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: The Senate has RECOMMITTED THE CONFERENCE REPORT and the same conferees have been renamed on the following:

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 4057: Suffrage; restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 1854: Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; bring forward code sections related to officer salaries.

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact.

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise and bring forward related provisions and provide for determination of unobligated funds by Nov. 1.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds.

Adopted: 05/02/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 1025: Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from.

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

Adopted: 05/02/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 4056: Suffrage; restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County.

H. B. No. 4080: Suffrage; restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4083: Suffrage; restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4085: Suffrage; restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County.

H. B. No. 4089: Suffrage; restore to Walter Lewis of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4095: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County.

H. B. No. 4098: Suffrage; restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County.

H. B. No. 4100: Suffrage; restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County.

H. B. No. 4101: Suffrage; restore to Tony Lavell Smith of Noxubee County.

H. B. No. 4103: Suffrage; restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County.

H. B. No. 4104: Suffrage; restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County.

H. B. No. 4111: Suffrage; restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County.

H. B. No. 4118: Suffrage; restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 4129: City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. President: The above-named committee has had under consideration the following measures and reports same back with the following recommendations:

H. R. No. 156: West Union Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A Cross Country State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 157: Myrtle High School Girls Cross Country Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 158: Ingomar Attendance Center Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 2023-2024 Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 159: Ingomar Attendance Center Girls Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 160: Ingomar High School Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 161: East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

H. R. No. 162: Germantown High School Robotics Team; commend for winning Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship. Title Sufficient. Do Be Adopted.

FRED SHANKS, Chairman

Rep. Bounds called up the conference report on the following bill:

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

Rep. Bounds moved that the foregoing conference report be recommitted for further conference, which motion prevailed.

Rep. Deweese called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, as provided in Section 43-13-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 847,968,406.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Medical Care Fund created by Section 43-13-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 940,637,381.00.

SECTION 3. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid which is comprised of special source funds collected by or otherwise available to the Division, for the purpose of providing medical assistance under the Mississippi Medicaid Law and defraying the expenses of the administration of such law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 6,451,388,505.00.

Prior period recovery of funds may be maintained and expended by the division when the recovery is received or finalized. Any recoveries due to audits or third party recoveries may be used to offset the cost of such audits and third party recoveries and as such, the division may escalate Contractual Services as needed for these purposes.

SECTION 4. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Health Care Expendable Fund, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 63,230,003.00.

The above funds shall be allocated as follows:

CHIP Program at up to 209% level of

poverty \$ 9,000,000.00.

Medical Program Matching Funds \$ 54,230,003.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that funds may be shifted among the above allocated line items where needed at the discretion of the Executive Director of Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 927

Time-Limited: 82

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process with the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) being separated from the Medical Services Program and submitted as a separate program. All Medicaid 1915 (C) Home and Community Based Services Waivers shall be presented as a budget program separate from the Medical Services Program. In addition, the performance measures reported for the Medical Services Program shall include an unduplicated case count of individuals served by eligibility status, and the number and the costs of emergency room visits.

SECTION 7. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Administrative Services	
Admin as a Percent of Total Budget	3.37
Third Party Liability Cost Avoided (\$Thou)	1,585,036.00
Percent of Clean Claims Processed within 30 Days of Receipt	99.50
Percent of Clean Claims Processed within 90 Days of Receipt	100.00
Percent of Applications Processed within Std. of Promptness - Medicaid	90.00
Third Party Funds Recovered	7,686,779.00
Number of Providers Submitting Electronic Claims	29,000
Turnover Rate of Employees (%)	15.00
Medical Services	
Costs of Emergency Room Visits	173,254,711.00
Number of Emergency Room Visits	422,358
Medicaid Recipients - Enrolled (Persons)	776,139
Child Physical Exams (Ages 0-20)	320,851
Adult Physical Exams (21-Older)	10,700
Number of Fraud & Abuse Cases Investigated	325
Number of Medicaid Providers	40,000
Number of Medicaid Beneficiaries Assigned to a Managed Care Company	420,000
Percent of MSCAN Diabetic Members Aged 17-75 Receiving HBA1c Test	89.58
Percent of MSCAN Members with Persistent Asthma are Appropriately Prescribed Medication	71.08
Rate of EPSDT Well Child Screening (%)	75.00
Percent Change in Number of Recipients Enrolled From Last Year	-10.00
Percent Change in Number of Providers From Last Year	-12.22
Children's Health Insur Prg (chip)	
Number of CHIP Enrollees	43,000
Percent of CHIP Applications Processed within Std. of Promptness	90.00
Home & Comm-based Waiver Prg	
Elderly & Disabled - Persons Served	21,590
Elderly & Disabled - Funded Slots	21,130
Elderly & Disabled - Total Authorized Slots	22,200
Assisted Living - Persons Served	990
Assisted Living - Funded Slots	960
Assisted Living - Total Authorized Slots	1,100
Independent Living - Persons Served	3,140
Independent Living - Funded Slots	3,075
Independent Living - Total Authorized Slots	5,800
Traumatic Brain Injury - Persons Served	1,045
Traumatic Brain Injury - Funded Slots	1,025
Traumatic Brain Injury - Total Authorized Slots	1,150
Intellectual Disability - Persons Served	3,200

Intellectual Disability - Funded Slots	3,150
Intellectual Disability - Total	
Authorized Slots	4,150
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (E&D)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (AL)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (IL)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (TBI)	10.00
Percent Change in Persons On Waiting	
List (IDD)	10.00

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall provide statistical and financial reports on a monthly basis to the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. These reports shall include, but are not limited to, an accounting of all funds spent in the medical program, the CHIP program, the Dialysis Transportation program, and each of the Home and Community Based Waiver programs, and an accounting of all funds spent in the administrative program, participant statistics and any other information requested by the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee.

The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid shall perform its cash flow projections on a predetermined monthly schedule and make this and any other information requested available, upon request, to the Chair of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, the House Public Health and Human Services Committee, the House and Senate Medicaid Committees, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Legislative Budget Office and the PEER Committee. A summary of this cash flow projection shall also be presented in the report referenced in the above paragraph.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act in an amount not to exceed, Two Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,750,000.00) is provided for the purpose of funding a temporary program to provide nonemergency transportation to locations for necessary dialysis services for end-stage renal disease patients who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older or are disabled as determined under Section 1614(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, whose income did not exceed one hundred thirty-five percent (135%) of the nonfarm official poverty level as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and whose eligibility was covered under the former category of eligibility known as Poverty Level Aged and Disabled (PLADS).

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 3 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Two Million Six Hundred Forty Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-one Dollars (\$2,640,491.00) of which Six Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$602,260.00) is in General Funds and Two Million Thirty-eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-one Dollars (\$2,038,231.00) is in Special Funds provided for the purpose of funding Presumptively Eligible Pregnant Women as passed in HB 539, Regular Session 2024.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds appropriated in this act to the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid for the Mississippi Coordinated Access Network (MS-CAN) program be used in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of the division. The division and the

coordinated care organizations with which the division has contracted to conduct the MS-CAN program shall establish baselines for the health-related outcome measurement for each of the following health focus areas for presentation at the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hearings for Fiscal Year 2025, which will be used as the baseline levels for establishing targets for improvements in quality of care performance measures for the MS-CAN program in Fiscal Year 2025 and later fiscal years:

- a. Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC) or successive measure.
 - b. Medication Management for People with Asthma (MMA) or successive measure.
 - c. Annual Monitoring for Patients on Persistent Medications (MPM) or successive measure.
 - d. Adult BMI Assessment (ABA) and Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC) or successive measure.
- In addition, for comparison purposes, these same baselines for the health-related outcome measurements shall be established for similar Medicaid recipients who are not enrolled in the MS-CAN program.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid and the Department of Human Services shall continue to work together to implement Section 43-12-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that continued funding at or above the Fiscal Year 2024 appropriated amount shall be provided for forty-one hundred (4,100) slots for the Department of Rehabilitation Services Home and Community Based Waiver programs, and for two thousand nine hundred fifty (2,950) slots for the Department of Mental Health for the Home and Community Based waiver program for Independent Living and the IDD Waiver program.

SECTION 15. The Governor's Office - Division of Medicaid is authorized to expend funds appropriated herein as necessary to provide currently existing home and community based services through any CMS approved state plan or home and community based services waiver to individuals who qualify for those services to avoid institutionalization or to transition an individual from an institution to any home and community based setting. Provision of such services shall not count against any limit imposed under this act. It is the intention of the Legislature that the cost of providing home and community based services shall not exceed the cost of nursing facility services, as determined by the Division.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated herein, no more than Five Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$503,522.00) may be used to pay invoices to certain vendors for expenses incurred in FY 2020 and 2022.

SECTION 17. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE-DIVISION OF MEDICAID FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MEDICAID LAW AND DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THAT LAW FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Clay Deweese, John Read, Missy McGee

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Kevin Blackwell, Brice Wiggins

On motion of Rep. Deweese the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Mims. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Mims called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Department of Finance and Administration for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 39,053,130.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various offices of the department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 521,123,573.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent:	341
Time-Limited:	2

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Tort Claims Trust Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tort Claims Board in the administration of the Tort Claims Act for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 6,488,313.00.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the

responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 44,125.00.

SECTION 7. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 3,135.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds to defray the expense of the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women as established pursuant to Sections 43-59-1 through 43-59-14, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 6 and 7 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 1

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written

approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 9. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of State Property Insurance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 22,270,619.00.

SECTION 10. Of the funds herein appropriated, it is the intention of the Legislature that two (2) of the allotted Full-Time Permanent Headcount in Section 3 of this act may be used for performing related administrative duties of the State Property Insurance Program.

SECTION 11. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of providing a grant to the Mississippi Home Corporation, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,810,227.00.

SECTION 12. The funds appropriated in Section 11 of this act shall be targeted to individuals with disabilities or individuals with serious mental illnesses who:

(1) Are being discharged from a state psychiatric hospital after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities after a stay of more than ninety (90) days; or

(2) Have been discharged from a state psychiatric hospital within the last two (2) years; and

(a) Had multiple hospital visits in the last year due to mental illness;

or

(b) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been arrested or incarcerated in the last year due to conduct related to mental illness; or

(c) Are known to the mental health or state-housing agency to have been homeless for one (1) full year or have had four (4) or more episodes of homelessness in the last three (3) years; or

(3) Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes a subset for an individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for ninety (90) days or less and who resides in an emergency shelter or a place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Any funds appropriated herein to hire additional staff or employ staff shall only be used to implement this housing program.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that an annual financial report based upon the state's fiscal year shall be provided to the Attorney General, the Chairman of Senate Appropriations, the Chairman of House Appropriations, and the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act for the Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) shall be expended for the purpose of making a payment of any kind or for any purpose, directly or indirectly, to a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature, state official, MHC board member, or person who has been a member of the MHC within the last year.

SECTION 15. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Broadband Expansion

and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) as established in Sections 77-19-1 through 77-19-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 433,500.00.

SECTION 16. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi (BEAM) as established in Sections 77-19-1 through 77-19-17, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 198,053,198.00.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 15 and 16 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 6

Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 19. The department is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or replacements when it will generate savings

through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 21. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to receive, budget and expend any state, local or other source funds designated for supplemental funding of construction and/or repairs and renovation projects. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services shall not use any of the funds authorized in this section to pay salaries. For the purposes of this section, the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management of the Office of General Services does not have the authority to escalate from the Capital Expense Fund or the Working Cash-Stabilization Reserve Fund.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that an amount not to exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) is authorized to be expended for the purpose of transferring funds to the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management for the administration of projects for the repair and maintenance of state-owned buildings.

SECTION 23. A report based on expenditures incurred during the current and immediate past fiscal years shall be provided to the Legislative Budget Office each regularly scheduled legislative session. This report should reflect expenditures as a result of the operation of the Robert E. Lee Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Gartin and Sillers Buildings, the Capitol Buildings, the Central High School Building, the Robert G. Clark, Jr. Building and other state buildings, and this report should contain any steps taken to reduce operating costs.

SECTION 24. It is the intention of the Legislature that no state-owned aircraft shall be utilized by any person except for official business only.

SECTION 25. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is authorized to be expended to defray any shortfall in the Master Lease Purchase Program as defined in Section 31-7-10, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Fund, as established in Section 29-5-215, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 27. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital City Water/Sewer Projects Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 2962, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of providing funds to assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, reconstruction, repairs, upgrades and improvements to the City of Jackson's water and sewer systems and related facilities as authorized in Section 29-5-251, established in Section 37-185-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 29,769,968.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 28. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in Senate Bill 2962, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of defraying eligible administration and reporting expenses related to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 17,555.00

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 29. The following sum, or so much of it as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized in House Bill No. 1664, 2022 Regular Session, and House Bill No. 1717, 2023 Regular Session, for the purpose of reimbursing the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for eligible expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 425,719.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, in no event shall the amount expended exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, or change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 30. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of repair, renovation and improvement of state-owned facilities, universities, and community colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 6,500,000.00.

SECTION 31. Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, Four Hundred Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$455,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of the following funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration:

(a) 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund \$ 110,000,000.00.

(b) 2022 Community and Junior Colleges
Capital Improvements Fund \$ 45,000,000.00.

(c) 2022 State Agencies Capital
Improvements Fund \$ 26,100,000.00.

(d) 2024 Local Improvements Projects
Fund \$ 250,000,000.00.

(e) 2022 Department of Finance and
Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation
Fund \$ 23,900,000.00.

The disbursements of funds by the Department of Finance and Administration under the provisions of the general bill, Senate Bill No. 2468, 2024 Regular Session, are made pursuant to the authority granted to the department to spend those funds by this appropriation bill.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$197,520.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of the 2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

(a) To assist the City of Bruce for paving projects and other improvements. \$ 172,520.00.

(b) To assist the American Legion in Ackerman in paying costs associated with the building and post activities \$ 25,000.00.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund to the credit of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds are provided for such purposes as follows:

(a) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Morgantown bridge project \$ 1,000,000.00.

(b) To assist the Capitol Complex Improvement District, with the Department of Finance and Administration serving as the fiscal agent, in paying costs associated with widening, straightening and clearing debris for flood plain revisions to Eubanks Creek \$ 1,000,000.00.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000.00) or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972 and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for the purpose of purchases of the real property and any improvement thereon demolition of buildings and other structures on such property, necessary services, and construction of additional facilities on such property as determined by the Department of Finance and Administration and for purchasing other personal property as allowed by statute.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of maintenance, refresh, and upgrades to the Statewide Payroll and Human Resource System (SPAHRs).

SECTION 36. Notwithstanding any other provision, the agency shall have the authority to escalate its headcount for any additional operational needs related to Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds, upon approval of the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Personnel Board.

SECTION 37. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Finance and Administration shall have the authority to escalate its budget and expend such funds in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the purpose of defraying administrative and reporting costs.

SECTION 38. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 39. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 40. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Sam C. Mims, V, John Read, Randy Rushing (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Mims the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing,

Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, McCray. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Massengill called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Transportation, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 1,438,802,542.00.

SECTION 2. The following offices are supported by the funds appropriated in Section 1: The Office of Administrative Services, the Office of Highways and the Office of Aeronautics and Rails. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 2,698
Time-Limited: 0

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the

responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation under the provisions of Section 1, the following amounts shall be available for expenditure in the program budgets as required by Section 27-103-127, Mississippi Code of 1972:

Administration and Other Expenses	\$ 63,226,875.00
Construction	\$ 992,776,149.00
Maintenance	\$ 266,836,444.00
Debt Service	\$ 79,485,952.00
Aeronautics, Rails and other	\$ 36,477,122.00

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, it is the intention of the Legislature that Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Agriculture and Commerce for the Beaver Control or Eradication Program during the Fiscal Year 2025.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and authorized for expenditure in Section 3, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) shall be transferred by the Mississippi Department of Transportation to the Department of Public Safety Office of Commercial Transportation Enforcement Division for the operations of the Division consistent with Sections 77-7-330, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall expend such funds as necessary to conduct project planning. Such project planning shall apply to all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects of the department and, at a minimum, shall consist of policies for the oversight and management of project cost which:

(a) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each project. For purposes of this provision, projects include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction;

(b) Capture and retain the initial project cost estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

(c) Require that any changes to a cost estimate for a project will be reviewed and approved by district or central office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons for approving a revision;

(d) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers, attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and professional contractors used in preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects.

SECTION 8. None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act may be expended by the Department of Transportation for construction of new highways if such highway segment is less than ten (10) miles in length unless:

(a) The explanation and justification for letting such a contract for a length of less than ten (10) miles is entered upon the official minutes of the Transportation Commission;

(b) The commission, within ten (10) working days after entry of its explanation and justification upon its minutes, gives notice, by United States First Class Mail, and provides a copy of such entry upon its minutes, to the Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Mississippi House of Representatives and the Chairman of the Mississippi Senate Highways and Transportation Committee.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that of the sum appropriated in Section 1, the Department is authorized to provide a protective footwear allowance of not more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per person annually for Engineers, Maintenance, and Construction Workers as part of their safety equipment.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) shall be used for the Statewide Litter Prevention Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, not less than Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00) shall be expended for contracted maintenance overlay and pavement rehabilitation.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to transfer between the various programs in an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the amount allocated in Section 3, except that no transfers shall be authorized which increase the "Administrative and Other Expenses" Program or which decrease the "Maintenance" Program.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) received from other public or private entities as reimbursements for payments made on federal projects.

SECTION 14. With the funds appropriated in this act, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall notify members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives upon the award of projects within their respective districts and at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement of ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature." Further, the signage shall state the four-year legislative term in which the project was funded.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 16. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to dispose of or transfer used cell phones that are obsolete or inoperable to cell phone recycling programs dedicated to providing free phone access to United States military personnel.

SECTION 17. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2025

Performance Measures	Target
Maintenance	
Number of Acres Mowed (First & Subsequent)	290,000
Percent Increase of Acreage Mowed	0.66
Slow the Expected Increases of Total	
Fatalities According to a 5 Year Rolling	
Average (697 or Less)	763.00
Percent Decrease in State-Maintained	
Lane Miles Needing Repair or	
Rehabilitation	3.50
Percent of Pavement Needs Met Annually	0.12
Percent of 4 Lane Highway Lane-Miles	
with an Acceptable Pavement Condition	
Rating	78.00
Percent of Interstate Lane-Miles with an	
Acceptable Pavement Condition Rating	73.00
Percent of 2 Lane Highway Lane-Miles	
with an Acceptable Pavement Condition	
Rating	70.00
Cost per Mile to Maintain State Highways	26,499
Number of Bridges in Poor Condition	170
Number of Bridges with Timber Components	105
Construction	
Percent of Miles of State Maintained	
Highways that Meet MDOT Thresholds for	
Congestion	2.11
Number of Lane Miles of State Maintained	
Highways Requiring Additional Capacity	591.46
Cost per Mile to Construct State Highways	21,000,000.00
Administration & Other	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	4.25
GO-MDOT-Total Number of Page Views	1,131,089
Percent Increase in Utilization of	
MDOTTRAFFIC.com Website	4.25
Bonded Debt Service	
MDOT's Share of Annual Debt Service will	
Not Exceed 3.75% of Annual Budget	0.74
Aeronautics & Rails	
Number of Airports Inspected	69
Number of Grade Crossings Inspected	2,100

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 18. The Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to accept and expend any grant, donation, or contribution from any individual, public, or private organization, or government entity for purposes of defraying the operational costs of the department. Such grants, donations or contributions shall be received and expended under the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$125,000,000.00).

SECTION 19. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Transportation is authorized to make payments for expenses incurred during prior fiscal years for an amount not to exceed Forty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Ninety-one Cents (\$46,913.91).

SECTION 20. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of the following funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Transportation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025:

- (a) 2022 Capacity Project Fund for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-141.2, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
\$ 250,000,000.00.
- (b) 2022 Infrastructure Match Fund for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-183, Mississippi Code of 1972.....
\$ 80,000,000.00.
- (c) 2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Fund for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-179.1, Mississippi Code of 1972
\$ 90,000,000.00.
- (d) Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-901, Mississippi Code of 1972
\$ 30,000,000.00
- (e) 2023 DeSoto County Infrastructure Improvement Funds for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-185, Mississippi Code of 1972 \$ 115,000,000.00
- (f) 2023 Lafayette County Infrastructure Improvement Funds for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-187, Mississippi Code of 1972 \$ 175,000,000.00
- (g) 2023 Gulfport Commerce Corridor Fund for the purposes provided in Section 65-1-189, Mississippi Code of 1972
\$ 15,400,000.00
- (h) 2022 Local Improvements Projects Fund for the purposes provided in Section 27-104-371 \$ 5,600,000.00
- (i) Gulf Coast Passenger Rail Restoration Match Fund as created in SB 2468, 2024 Regular Session \$ 6,000,000.00.

SECTION 21. It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds appropriated in Section 20 subsection (c) of this act shall be expended on the projects included in the 2022 ERBR Solicitation.

SECTION 22. As a condition of receiving and expending the funds appropriated to the department in Section 20 subsection (d) of this act, the department shall ensure at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) is allocated to port projects.

SECTION 23. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall expend such funds appropriated in Section 20 subsection (a), (b), and (c) as necessary to conduct project planning. Such project planning shall apply to all preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects of the department and, at a minimum, shall consist of policies for the oversight and management of project cost which:

(a) Establish a reasonable cost estimate for each project. For purposes of this provision, projects include preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction;

(b) Capture and retain the initial project cost estimates for comparison with final actual expenditures;

(c) Require that any changes to a cost estimate for a project will be reviewed and approved by district or central office personnel. Such personnel shall be responsible for signing any revision, and providing a narrative description of the reasons for approving a revision;

(d) Capture the cost of consultants, engineers, attorneys, contract appraisers and other technical and professional contractors used in preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction projects.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created in Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for expediting services needed for Project Poppy.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FROM SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Steve Massengill

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Jenifer B. Branning, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Massengill the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steversen, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise

appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support, maintenance, affirmative action plan, interest funds and repairs at the state-supported institutions of higher learning; for support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 381,386,138.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the proceeds from any federal, student fees or other special source funds not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of support of education and general operations of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 1,206,950,481.00.

SECTION 3. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the Ayers Endowment Interest Fund, State Treasury Fund No. 3325800000, for the purposes as set out by the courts in the Ayers Case for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025:

Alcorn State University	\$	424,500.00.
Jackson State University	\$	651,000.00.
Mississippi Valley State University	\$	424,500.00.
TOTAL:	\$	1,500,000.00.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall allocate funds to the off-campus centers based on a minimum rate of sixty-five percent (65%) of the on-campus cost of a full-time equivalent student. The on-campus distribution is to be determined without regard to the costs incurred by any one or more of them in the operation of off-campus degree-completing centers' classes. Off-campus centers which are operated jointly by two (2) or more institutions, the amount allocated to such centers shall be prorated among the institutions jointly operating such centers based on the full-time equivalent enrollment of such centers.

The board of trustees shall ensure that the off-campus centers are not charged with any indirect or overhead cost prorated from any on-campus activity. It is the intention of the Legislature that the on-campus operations charge the off-campus centers with only actual direct charges.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented.

Provided, however, that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall develop the governing policy for faculty, course content and facilities selection on a competitive basis from all Mississippi senior colleges and universities. The Mississippi Governor's School for the Gifted and Talented shall accept not less than one (1) high school student nominee from each accredited high school in Mississippi. The nominees, selected under criteria developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, shall be provided a two-week tuition-free program.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Three Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$349,200.00) shall be used for the promotion and expenses of the Teacher Corps.

SECTION 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that no general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the following amounts shall be used as set forth:

- (a) For Mississippi State University as interest

on agricultural land script fund and interest on sale of university land, the sum of \$ 14,387.00.

(b) For the University of Mississippi as interest on original seminary fund, the sum of \$ 32,643.00.

(c) For the University of Mississippi as interest on 1904 land grant fund, the sum of \$ 9,965.00.

(d) For the University of Mississippi as interest on LaBauve Fund, the sum of \$ 1,420.00.

(e) For Mississippi University for Women as interest on funds paid into the State Treasury as proceeds of sale of land donated to the Industrial Institute and College by the United States government, the sum of \$ 9,389.00.

(f) For Alcorn State University as interest on land script and land sales funds, the sum of \$ 12,592.00.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following amount shall be derived from Education Enhancement Funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972:

On-campus and off-campus support of Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, University of Mississippi, and University of Southern Mississippi for the sum of \$ 72,873,070.00.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall first use special funds to the greatest extent possible to defray the costs of providing remediation at the state-supported institutions of higher learning.

SECTION 11. None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, or any of the powers or duties of any institution under the jurisdiction of the board of trustees, that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests of the institutions for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning continue to review, and eliminate when possible, duplicating programs and degrees in the existing institutions of higher learning in this state.

SECTION 14. No state appropriations or student tuition and fee receipts, except those specifically charged for the provision of the services, shall be used to support auxiliary enterprises, with the exception of intercollegiate athletics at a level designated by the board of trustees. It is the intent of the Legislature that auxiliary enterprises shall be self-supporting and that deficits not be taken from funds intended for instruction and academic programs.

SECTION 15. The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning shall report yearly to the Legislature the institution compliance with Section 97-11-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibits deficit spending.

SECTION 16. Any funds appropriated pursuant to this act and paid as a fee to or deposited in a financial institution shall be in compliance with Section 109 of the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Section 25-4-105, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 17. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Instruction	
Number of Undergraduate Degrees Awarded	12,221

Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded	4,592
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the STEM Field	3,468
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Health Field	791
Number of Degrees (Graduate & Undergraduate) Awarded in the Education Field	1,220
Number of undergraduate degrees awarded per 100 undergraduate full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment.	20.10
Number of Graduate Degrees Awarded per 100 Graduate FTE Enrollment	44.20
Number of Students Completing 30 Hours	13,915
Number of Students Completing 60 Hours	10,132

Research

Number of Patents Obtained by Mississippi Public Universities in Emerging Technologies	25

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 18. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated equally to Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Southern Mississippi for economic development, reorganization, and relocation of efforts at those universities \$ 2,000,000.00.

SECTION 19. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Mississippi State University - Meridian Branch \$ 900,000.00.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 21. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Jackson State University E-Learning Center \$ 485,000.00.

SECTION 22. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to the Delta State University E-Learning Center \$ 155,000.00.

SECTION 23. It is the intent of the Legislature that at the end of Fiscal Year 2025 any unexpended balances in Ayers programs funds established pursuant to this act shall not lapse into the State General Fund, but shall carry over and be available for expenditure in the succeeding fiscal year, and subject to Legislative appropriation.

SECTION 24. None of the State General Funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for the purpose of travel outside the United States.

SECTION 25. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to Delta State University Department of Commercial Aviation \$ 800,000.00.

SECTION 26. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Ninety-one Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$191,610.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 27. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 28. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount shall be allocated to the Delta State University Delta Center for Culture and Learning \$ 100,000.00.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used for the Delta Center for Culture and Learning.

SECTION 29. Of the funds provided herein to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, the following amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be allocated to fund the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars Mississippi Initiative Scholarship Program

\$ 90,000.00.

This program will provide opportunities for Mississippi's university and college students to gain real-life experience working in Washington, D.C., and through attending short course Academic Seminars. The funding will provide scholarships at Alcorn State University, Delta State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi Valley State University, and the University of Southern Mississippi. A written report shall be submitted listing the scholarship recipients by university to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations and Universities and Colleges Committees.

SECTION 30. None of the funds appropriated and/or authorized for expenditure under this act shall be used for research in which a human embryo is killed or destroyed.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, an amount not more than One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be allocated to implement university system efficiencies, including, but not limited to, academic, space, energy and any other system projects or expenditures that would lead to improved efficiency. Such funds may also be used to draw down other funds or as matching funds.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) shall be used to defray the expenses of the Children's Center for Communication and Development at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) is provided for defraying the expenses of the DuBard School at the University of Southern Mississippi.

SECTION 34. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act, Two Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$266,750.00) is provided for the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture and Learning at Alcorn State University.

SECTION 35. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) is provided for the Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Mississippi, for Research and Development opportunities in Science and Technology initiatives.

SECTION 36. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is provided for the Delta State University Delta Music Institute.

SECTION 37. It is the intention of the Legislature that Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to provide water or sewer service to any existing, privately owned structures that presently take water or sewer service from Mississippi Valley State University. Furthermore, Mississippi Valley State University is authorized to

charge a flat or metered rate for the service provided. Mississippi Valley State University shall not provide any water or sewer service to any new, privately owned structures.

SECTION 38. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00), shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to Alcorn State University for STEM related programs as determined by the university.

SECTION 39. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much as necessary, shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to the IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi. It is the intent of the legislature that funds can be used for both research and upgrades to the physical space in order to perform research and entrepreneurship.

SECTION 40. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the 2023 Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to support the operations of the Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of American Freedom ("Center") at the University of Mississippi, subject to the conditions that the Center shall:

(a) Promote scholarly research and civic education by exploring the principles of freedom expressed in our country's founding documents;

(b) Support individual faculty members at institutions of higher learning who have been named Declaration Fellows and who actively participate in the Center's network of scholars and further the mission and principles of the Center;

(c) Support classes, activities, and internships that advance students' understanding of American freedom at both the secondary and post-secondary level of education, including support for the operation of any Freedom Studies minor that may be available for academic credit at the University of Mississippi, as well as support for all Freedom Studies courses belonging to this minor; and

(d) Continue to be governed and advised in accordance with the Center governing structure described in the last paragraph of the Center mission statement signed by the Chancellor, Provost and founding Director of the Center and received in the Office of the Chancellor on March 1, 2023.

SECTION 41. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate Bill 3000, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 26,593,681.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

(a) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the operations of the Haley Barbour Center for the Study of American Politics \$ 975,000.00.

(b) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the Healthcare Innovation Tech Hub Infrastructure, Biomedical Innovation, Nano-Bio Immuno Engineering Consortium (NIEC), Data Science and Artificial Intelligence \$ 4,946,184.00.

(c) University of Mississippi to defray expenses related to the UM Early Learning and Evaluation Center \$ 9,699,883.00.

(d) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses related to the expansion of the nursing program
\$ 2,472,614.00.

(e) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related to the repair, renovation, and/or construction of a residence

hall \$ 5,000,000.00.

(f) Alcorn State University to defray the expenses related to the repair, renovation, expansion, construction, furnishing and equipping of the Davey L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center

\$ 3,000,000.00.

(g) IHL research institutions for the purpose of technology transfer and entrepreneurial programs, which may be connected to the Department of Defense and related federal research in Mississippi:

Jackson State University \$ 250,000.00.

University of Mississippi \$ 250,000.00.

TOTAL: \$ 500,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 42. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management as authorized in SB 3000, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,568,641.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Delta State University \$ 1,007,559.00.

Mississippi Valley State University \$ 1,561,082.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 43. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), as authorized in SB 3000, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 5,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds for the University of Southern Mississippi Ocean Enterprise – Gulfport.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 44. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, to support the operations of the Declaration of Independence Center for the Study of the American Freedom ("Center") at the University of Mississippi for the purpose of reauthorizing Capital Expense Funds as authorized in SB 3000, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 375,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 45. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate Bill 3000, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 22,160,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

(a) Delta State University – Commercial Aviation Department to defray expenses related to the construction and/or repair and renovation of hangers and classrooms, the purchase of flight simulators, training equipment, and the purchase and/or refurbishment of aircraft \$ 5,000,000.00.

(b) Jackson State University to defray the expenses related to the repair, renovation, and/or construction of a residence hall \$ 5,000,000.00.

(c) Mississippi Valley State University to defray expenses related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 2,160,000.00.

(d) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 5,000,000.00.

(e) Alcorn State University to defray expenses related to capital needs, construction, and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 5,000,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 46. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Education Enhancement Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Institutions of Higher Learning for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Education Enhancement Funds to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning, as authorized in Senate Bill 3000, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 5,549,081.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of funds as allocated herein:

(a) Mississippi Valley State University to defray expenses related to on-campus and off-campus support \$ 2,656,420.00.

(b) Mississippi University for Women to defray expenses related to on-campus and off-campus support \$ 2,142,661.00.

(c) University of Mississippi defray expenses related to on-campus and off-campus support \$ 750,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 47. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of General Funds for the T.K. Martin Center to study the IDEA Part C Early Intervention System in Mississippi and Mississippi's Laws Regarding Early Intervention, as authorized in SB 3000, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 250,000.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 48. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) is provided for the T.K. Martin Center to study the IDEA Part C Early Intervention System in Mississippi and Mississippi's Laws Regarding Early Intervention, as established by Senate Bill 2167, 2023 Regular Session.

SECTION 49. Of the funds appropriated under the provision of Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 12,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for the Institutions of Higher Learning as allocated herein:

Alcorn State University to defray expenses
related to repair and renovation upgrades
to existing facilities \$ 2,500,000.00.
Delta State University to defray expenses
related to renovations and upgrading of
campus buildings \$ 1,000,000.00.
MS University of Women to defray expenses
related to general construction and/or
repair and renovation projects \$ 3,160,000.00.
MS University of Women to defray expenses
related to the Painter Hall
renovation \$ 300,000.00.
University of Southern Mississippi to defray
expenses related to general construction
and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 1,000,000.00.
University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast
Research Lab to defray expenses related to
general construction and/or repair and
renovation projects \$ 567,500.00.
University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park
to defray expenses related to general
construction and/or repair and renovation
projects \$ 681,000.00.
Jackson State University to defray expenses
related to construction and/or repair and
renovation projects \$ 697,875.00.
Mississippi State University (including the
Forest and Wildlife Research Center and
the Division of Agriculture, Forestry and
Veterinary Medicine) to defray expenses
related to general construction and/or
repair and renovation projects \$ 697,875.00.
Mississippi Valley State University to defray
expenses related to general construction
and/or repair and renovation projects \$ 697,875.00.
University of Mississippi to defray expenses
related to general construction and/or
repair and renovation projects \$ 697,875.00.

SECTION 50. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, to defray the expenses of Delta State University for the following:

Delta State University for planning,
designing, renovating, constructing,
furnishing, and equipping Ward Hall
Dormitory and Cleveland Hall \$ 6,000,000.00.
Delta State University to defray the costs
associated with designing, constructing,
maintaining, and operating a model rural
education school in a partnership with
the Cleveland School District to serve
PreK through sixth-grade students from
Bolivar County \$ 2,500,000.00.

SECTION 51. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 52. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 53. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR SUPPORT OF THE EIGHT UNIVERSITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--114.

Nays--Blackwell, Currie, Eubanks, Ladner. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Keen, Kinkade, McCray. Total-3.

Present--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to be used for the operation of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025\$ 20,659,580.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 50,847,686.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. It is the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 6. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025
Instruction	Target
Percent of Year 4 DVM Students Passing NAVLE at Graduation	95.00
Percent of DVM Graduates Reporting Employment in the Field within 12 Months of Graduation	95.00
Research	
Number of Grants/Contracts Awarded	55
Percent of Graduate Students Reporting Employment in the Field within 12 months	

of Graduation	95.00
Pub-service - Animal Health Ctr	
Number of Patient Visits to AHC (AHC Caseload Managed)	38,880
Percent of Client Satisfaction Based on Surveys	98.00
Percent of Referring Veterinarian Satisfaction Based on Surveys	95.00
Pub-service - Diagnostic Lab	
Number of Lab Accessions (Test Requests)	30,852
Vet Research & Diagnostic Lab	
Number of Diagnostic Tests Performed	330,000
Academic Support	
Percent of Vet Campers & Parents Indicating "Willing to Recommend" on Satisfaction Surveys	98.00
Percent of Alumni who Report a Satisfactory Level of Engagement with the College on Surveys	98.00
Operation & Maintenance	
Number of Square Feet O&M/Custodial Services	500,237
Cost per Square Foot Maintenance & Custodial Services	8.91

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, the amount of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of testing, programming, and personnel-related expenses for Chronic Waste Disease.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) is hereby provided for scholarships for the Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program as described in HB 1210, 2024 Regular Session.

SECTION 11. Of the funds in Section 2 of this act, Eighteen Million Dollars (\$18,000,000.00) is provided from the Mississippi State University Veterinary School Fund as created in SB 2468, 2024 Regular Session.

SECTION 12. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR THE COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AT MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Rita Potts Parks, Dennis DeBar, Jr.
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--Blackwell, Keen, Kinkade, McCray. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--59

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 6,281,400.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi

Community College Board, for the purpose of defraying the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 120,202,884.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Three Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00) shall be derived from the Education Enhancement Fund from funds deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 46

Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Five Hundred Forty-two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-nine Dollars (\$542,459.00) is provided to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Greenville Higher Education Center.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Thirty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-six Dollars (\$37,626.00) is provided for geospatial site licenses.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Five Hundred Seventy-four Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$574,386.00) shall be derived from the out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration, for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in the regulation and administration of the Mississippi Proprietary School and College Registration Law and the associated expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated herein, up to One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be expended from the Work Force Carryover Fund as created in Section 37-153-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, Fifty Million Eight Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars (\$50,831,802.00) is appropriated for the Workforce Education Program and Industrial Training. No funding obligation or commitment shall be made on behalf of the state for industrial training beyond the level of funding made available in this section. All industrial training program commitments made in Fiscal Year 2025 and future fiscal years shall be based only upon funds available in this section, and any proposed commitments shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Community College Board or the Executive Director's designee prior to such commitment being finalized. Industrial training program commitments shall be made and based only upon training services provided and not for a specific funding amount. Any expenditures of funds authorized in this section are limited to obligations made July 1, 2024, or after, and shall not be expended for obligations made prior to this date.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from unemployment compensation contributions deposited into the Mississippi Workforce Enhancement Training Fund and shall be utilized exclusively by the Mississippi Community College Board for workforce training in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2027, 2010 Regular Session. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Workforce Enhancement Training Fund shall have not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) set aside as a carry-forward to begin the Fiscal Year 2026 Workforce Education Program.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for the Workforce Online Training Program, and the Mississippi Virtual Community College and funds in the amount of Two Million Four Hundred Forty-four Thousand Nine

Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$2,444,914.00) shall be transferred from the Community and Junior College Education Technology Fund for the purpose of defraying the costs of the Mississippi Virtual Community College, the Workforce Online Training Program and the administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in of Section 2 of this act, One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) shall be derived from fees charged for issuing duplicate transcripts and duplicate diplomas for the High School Equivalency Testing Program for the purpose of defraying the costs of administering the High School Equivalency Testing Program of the Mississippi Community College Board, pursuant to Section 37-35-9, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 13. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) shall be derived from the transfer of postsecondary vocational and technical funds from the Mississippi Department of Education to the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of managing the day-to-day operations of postsecondary career and technical education.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that an amount equal to One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per square foot shall be transferred to the Executive Office of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to defray utility costs.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that the budget requests for administrative expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 16. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Twenty-six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,500,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, and shall be expended by the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of construction (including land acquisition) and/or repair, equipment upgrades and renovation projects associated with Career & Technical Education (CTE) Centers and Workforce development centers in the following school districts and Community Colleges:

Rankin County School District \$ 1,200,000.00.
Long Beach School District \$ 500,000.00.
Lowndes County Public School District \$ 500,000.00.
Greene County School District \$ 1,000,000.00.
George County School District \$ 500,000.00.
Itawamba County School District \$ 800,000.00.
Scott County School District \$ 1,500,000.00.
Newton County School District \$ 1,500,000.00.
Ocean Springs School District \$ 1,000,000.00.
Grenada County School District \$ 5,000,000.00.
Prentiss County School District for Prentiss
County Career and Technical Center \$ 500,000.00.
Baldwyn Separate School District for Career
Technical Center \$ 250,000.00.
Prentiss County School District for Wheeler
High School Career Technical Center \$ 250,000.00.
East Central Community College for the
construction of a workforce development
center owned by the Leake County Economic
Development in the Leake County Business

Park \$ 12,000,000.00.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 19. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Hillman Terome Frazier, Robin Robinson

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Scoggin called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the operation and support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 230,162,672.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the special funds specified herein to the Mississippi Community College Board for the operation and support of the public community and junior colleges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025
\$ 76,385,786.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Sixty-nine Million Seven Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-six Dollars (\$69,785,786.00) shall be derived from funds in the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, not otherwise appropriated, for the operation and support of public community and junior colleges.

SECTION 4. The funds provided in this section shall be allocated for the aid and support of the public and community junior colleges through the community college support funding formula and shall be apportioned in accordance with the following assigned weights:

		FTE
Formula Section	Formula	
(a) Aid to Colleges:		
Base	15% prior year	
appropriation		
Academic		1.0
Technical		1.0
(b) Career		1.0
(c) Associate Degree		
Nursing		1.19
(d) Associate Degree		
Allied Health		1.19
Academic, Technical, Career, Associate Degree Nursing and Associate Degree Allied Health funds shall be disbursed on the basis of prior year full-time equivalency (FTE) of hours generated during the summer, fall and spring semesters for each public community and junior college student actually enrolled and in attendance the last day of the sixth week of each semester, or its equivalent, counting only students who reside within the State of Mississippi. However, associate degree nursing students who reside outside the State of Mississippi may be counted for pay purposes.		

The Director of the Mississippi Community College Board, or his designee, shall audit each public community and junior college and shall determine who shall be counted in each college and shall certify the number to the Mississippi Community College Board.

If, pending determination of the enrollment of students at the public community and junior colleges entitled to participate in this appropriation, as provided

for in this section, the Mississippi Community College Board shall find and determine that any such public or community junior college does not have sufficient funds on hand for payment of the necessary expenses of its operation for the period commencing July 1, 2024, until distribution of the funds appropriated hereby, then, in that event, the Mississippi Community College Board is expressly authorized to make an advance to any such public community or junior college or colleges not having sufficient operating funds for such period from the funds appropriated hereby; provided, however, that the amount of any such advance to any one (1) public community or junior college shall not exceed thirty-three percent (33%) of the amount of state-appropriated funds received by such public community or junior college during the preceding fiscal year; and provided, further, that the amount of any such advance shall be deducted from the pro rata part of the funds appropriated hereby accruing to said public community or junior college when enrollment has been ascertained and distribution of funds is made.

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Sixty-nine Million Eight Hundred Eighty-one Thousand Four Hundred Four Dollars (\$169,881,404.00) is authorized for the aid and support of the public community colleges to be distributed through the community college support funding formula.

(b) Of the funds provided in Section 3 of this act, Fifty-one Million Eight Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-six Dollars (\$51,884,946.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund and deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds are authorized for the aid and support of the public community colleges to be distributed through the community college support funding formula.

SECTION 5. The following public community and junior colleges which qualify shall

participate in the funds provided herein:

Coahoma Community College, Copiah Lincoln Community College, East Central Community College, East Mississippi Community College, Hinds Community College, Holmes Community College, Itawamba Community College, Jones County Junior College, Meridian Community College, Mississippi Delta Community College, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Pearl River Community College, and Southwest Mississippi Community College.

SECTION 6. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed Thirty Million Five Hundred Ninety-four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-six Dollars (\$30,594,336.00) is authorized for the aid of the public community and junior colleges to fund life and health insurance for all employees of the public community and junior colleges.

The funds allocated in this section shall only be used to participate in the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan and any funds appropriated in this section for this purpose, which are not expended during the fiscal year shall be carried forward for the same purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Insurance Carryover Fund No. 3295, for the purpose of fully funding life and health insurance through the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for all qualified community and junior college employees.

SECTION 8. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, an amount not to exceed Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars

(\$6,750,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of Workforce and Economic Development Support, including the operation of the Workforce Development Centers and Advanced Training Centers, providing startup costs for new career and technical programs, and providing the necessary funding to replace outdated and obsolete equipment for existing career and technical programs at each of the public community and junior colleges.

SECTION 9. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Seventy-nine Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$179,050.00) shall be used for the purpose of defraying the cost of Sign Language Interpreter Training at the public community and junior colleges.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 and provided in Section 2 of this act, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) shall be used by the Mississippi Community College Board for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Education Technology Program at the public community and junior colleges and the Mississippi Community College Board. Seven Million Ninety-nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$7,099,160.00) shall be derived from Section 1, and Two Million Nine Hundred Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$2,900,840.00) shall be derived from Section 3 of this act out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund and deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Two Million Five Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-two Dollars (\$2,556,922.00) shall be used for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Associate Degree Nursing and Allied Health Programs.

SECTION 12. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Three Million

n Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) shall be used for the purpose of continuing the dropout recovery initiative based on a successful program administered through the adult basic education program with the Mississippi Community College Board. These funds shall also be used for the purpose of enrolling low skill adults in career pathways that combine high school equivalency, skills training and workforce credentials in an intensive program that produces adults who can compete for jobs.

Of the funds provided in this section, one-half (1/2) shall be allocated equally and the remaining one-half (1/2) shall be allocated on the basis of the prior year headcount enrollment in Adult Education, MIBEST or other career pathway programs.

The public community and junior colleges shall prepare and make available to the Legislature and the Legislative Budget Office a comprehensive report on the number of dropouts that have enrolled in a High School Equivalency and/or career program for each community and junior college during Fiscal Year 2024 on, or before, August 1, 2025.

SECTION 13. Of the funds provided in Section 3 of this act, Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund and deposited pursuant to Sections 276575 and 276731, Mississippi Code of 1972. These funds shall be used for the Career and Technical Advantage Program which will provide startup costs for new career and technical programs, expansion of existing career and technical programs, and infrastructure for career and technical program equipment, lab upgrades, and renovations to sustain the programs at public community colleges. Fifteen percent (15%) of the funds appropriated in this section shall be distributed evenly to each community college. The remaining eighty-five percent (85%) of the funds shall be distributed on the basis of prior year career and technical fulltime equivalency (FTE) hours generated during the summer, fall, and spring semesters for each public community college.

SECTION 14. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the

funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

FY2025 Performance Measures

Target

Instruction

Number of Total Degrees Awarded per 100

FTE Enrollment

32.13

Number of Associate Degrees Awarded per

100 FTE Enrollment

17.36

Number of Associate of Applied Science

Degrees Awarded per 100 FTE Enrollment

8.76

Number of Certificates Awarded per 100

FTE Enrollment

12.80

Percent of First-Time Entering,

Part-Time Degree- Seeking Students

(Fall) who Earned 24 Credit Hours by the

End of Year Two

18.01

Percent of First-Time Entering,

Full-Time Degree-Seeking Students (Fall)

who Earned 42 Credit Hours by the End

of Year Two

48.54

Percent of Associate Degree Nursing and

Practical Nursing Licensure Exam Pass

Rates 94.31

Percent of Total Student Success, Which

Includes Graduates, Transfers, and

Retention (Those Still Enrolled)

71.22

Percent of Graduates

36.40

Percent of Transfers

21.01

Percent of Retention

8.06

Percent of Students Enrolled in Career/

Technical and Health Science Graduates

23.50

Percent of In-State Job Placements of

Career/ Technical and Health Science

Graduates

98.91

Number of High School Equivalencies Awarded

2,600

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 15. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the General Funds appropriated herein shall be expended for the purpose of paying salaries, wages, and fringe benefits of any public community and junior college

employee who is serving as a member of the State of Mississippi Legislature.

SECTION 16. A Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition (MPACT) program beneficiary shall be considered a Mississippi resident for the purposes of participating in this appropriation regardless of the beneficiary's residence on the date of enrollment, as set out in Section 37-155-5(d)(iii), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 17. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state-furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state-furnished housing shall include single-family and multifamily residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 18. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the support of the community and junior colleges shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 20. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 21. The funds disbursed under the provisions of this act shall be accounted for through the Mississippi Community College Board. No part of the amount herein appropriated shall be used by the Mississippi Community College Board for administrative or other purposes except in the manner and to the extent authorized in this act making an appropriation for the expenses of the Mississippi Community College Board.

SECTION 22. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Eight Million Five Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$8,520,000.00) is authorized for a two percent (2%) salary increase for full-time staff.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the public community and junior colleges, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 6,000,000.00.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the public community and junior colleges as allocated herein:

Coahoma Community College \$ 194,909.00.

Copiah- Lincoln Community College \$ 279,979.00.

East Central Community College \$ 197,002.00.

East Mississippi Community College	\$ 316,194.00.
Hinds Community College	\$ 934,862.00.
Holmes Community College	\$ 425,386.00.
Itawamba Community College	\$ 475,108.00.
Jones Junior College.	\$ 406,858.00.
Meridian Community College	\$ 242,818.00.
Mississippi Delta Community College	\$ 220,346.00.
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	\$ 727,489.00.
Northeast Mississippi Community College	\$ 379,521.00.
Northwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 558,593.00.
Pearl River Community College	\$ 451,227.00.
Southwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 189,708.00.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 3 of this act, Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00), or so much as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Education Enhancement Fund deposited pursuant to Sections 27-65-75 and 27-67-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, to defray the expenses of the public community and junior colleges, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to authorize the expenditure of funds for construction and/or repair and renovation projects for the public community and junior colleges as allocated herein:

Coahoma Community College	\$ 239,622.00.
Copiah- Lincoln Community College	\$ 276,944.00.
East Central Community College	\$ 254,375.00.
East Mississippi Community College	\$ 291,741.00.
Hinds Community College	\$ 495,327.00.
Holmes Community College	\$ 378,177.00.
Itawamba Community College	\$ 359,329.00.
Jones Junior College	\$ 338,594.00.
Meridian Community College	\$ 269,355.00.
Mississippi Delta Community College	\$ 245,370.00.
Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	\$ 482,189.00.
Northeast Mississippi Community College	\$ 294,398.00.
Northwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 437,844.00.
Pearl River Community College	\$ 391,506.00.
Southwest Mississippi Community College	\$ 245,229.00.

SECTION 25. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 26. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE AID AND SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Hillman Terome Frazier, David Parker

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Donnie Scoggin

On motion of Rep. Scoggin the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Smith. Total-2.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Oliver called up the conference report on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 21,420,879.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority or the appropriate special fund for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the operation of the various divisions of the authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 374,213,496.00.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 158
Time-Limited: 39

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

Performance Measures	FY2025 Target
Economic Dev & Incentives	
Number of National Recruitment Contacts	1,000
Number of International Investment Contracts	1,800
Number of International Trade Contacts	1,000
Number of Qualified National Prospects	225
Return on Investment	10.00
Number of New Businesses - Global Contacts	15
Number of New Jobs from Global Contacts	3,000
Number of Minority and Small Business Contacts	8,000
Number of Minority Business Certification Applications Processed	170
Technical Assistance to Disadvantaged Contacts	2,300
State Contracting with Minority Business	55,000,000
Number of Interactions with Interested Businesses	3,000
Number of Qualified Contacts	750
Number of Expansions	30

Number of Jobs Created from Expansions	3,000
Number of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Direct Contacts	10,000
Community Dev & Incentives	
Number of Requests for Financing or Incentives	225
Awarded Grants and Loans for Community and Economic Development	50,000,000
Number of Grants and Loans Awarded	100
Support Services Program	
Administration as a Percent of Total Budget	9.50
Tourism (visit Ms)	
Number of Tourist Inquiries Generated	38,638
Number of Visitors per Year	26,000,000
Travel Revenue (\$ in Billions)	7.00
Number of Tourists Registered	2,706,927

A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for Fiscal Year 2026.

SECTION 5. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00) shall be provided from the Mississippi Department of Transportation to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority in operating the state welcome centers.

SECTION 6. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 7. Of the funds appropriated in Sections 1 and 2 of this act, the amount of Four Million Eight Hundred Seventy-six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight Dollars (\$4,876,298.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is provided for the purpose of supporting Mississippi Tourism Advertising and Promotion for Fiscal Year 2025, and shall not be expended for any type of cultural exchange program. Of the funds appropriated herein and allocated within this section, Two Hundred Ninety-nine Thousand Dollars (\$299,000.00) is provided for Tourism Grant Development Awards.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds appropriated above shall be expended unless members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate are notified at least five (5) days prior to a public ceremony announcing the award of any grant in their district or any public announcement or ceremony regarding the groundbreaking or opening of a facility, roadway or bridge for which the Legislature has made funds available. Any signage regarding any public event or any new facility, roadway or bridge shall include the following language: "Funds were made available for this project by the Mississippi State Legislature."

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 10. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Delta National Heritage Areas.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided for the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area.

SECTION 12. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority is hereby authorized to escalate, budget, and expend funds from any source not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall submit a notification of any General Fund Transfers out of the major category Subsidies into any other major categories to the Legislative Budget Office.

SECTION 14. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, Twenty Thousand Twenty-five Dollars (\$20,025.00) shall be provided for the support of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

SECTION 15. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to Innovate Mississippi.

SECTION 16. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) is provided for the Energy High School Academy, established in Section 37-69-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 17. Of the funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act, it is the intention of the Legislature that Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Book Festival.

SECTION 18. Of the funds appropriated herein, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) shall be provided to the Mississippi Main Street Association for statewide support and operations.

SECTION 19. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide quarterly reports on the status of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund projects to the Legislative Budget Office and the Department of Finance and Administration. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the Joint Legislative Budget Committee a detailed report and other such related information on each project's expenditures with the subsequent fiscal year's budget submission.

SECTION 20. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Gulf Coast Restoration Fund not otherwise appropriated to the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Gulf Coast Restoration Fund, as provided in Senate Bill No. 3046, 2023 Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 744,784.00.

These funds are provided for administrative expenses at the Mississippi Development Authority as outlined in Section 57-119-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 21. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is reappropriated out of any money in the Capital Expense Fund not otherwise appropriated, for the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of reauthorizing the expenditure of Capital Expense Funds for the Air Service Development Act, as authorized in Senate Bill No. 3046, 2023

Regular Session, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 246,431.00.

Notwithstanding the amount reappropriated under this section, the amount that may be expended under the authority of this section shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the funds remaining as of June 30, 2024, from the amount authorized for the previous fiscal year. In addition, this reappropriation shall not change the purpose for which the funds were originally authorized.

SECTION 22. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority may provide operational support to any park operated by the United States National Park Service in Mississippi during the event of a government shutdown that materially affects the operations of such park.

SECTION 23. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of this act, the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary is appropriated out of the following funds in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of Mississippi Major Economic Impact Projects for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025:

(a) Triple Crown Fund for the purposes described in Section 57-1-651, Mississippi Code of 1972 \$ 81,105,000.00.

(b) Project Poppy Fund for the purposes described in Senate Bill No. 2001, 2024 First Extraordinary Session \$ 117,614,000.00.

(c) Project Atlas Fund for the purposes described in House Bill No. 1, 2024 Second Extraordinary Session \$ 44,000,000.00.

It is the intention of the Legislature that the Mississippi Development Authority provide the reporting requirements of each fund appropriated in this section on or before January 5 of each year.

SECTION 24. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, Three Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Dollars (\$356,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Poppy Fund, as created in Senate Bill 2001, 1st Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office and One Million Six-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Project Atlas Fund, as created in House Bill 1, 2nd Extraordinary Session of 2024, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for expediting services needed for Project Poppy and Project Atlas.

SECTION 25. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the purposes enumerated in Section 51-27-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 250,635.00.

SECTION 26. In addition to all other funds appropriated herein, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized for expenditure out of any special source funds which are collected by or otherwise become available for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 342,819.00.

SECTION 27. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Sections 24 and 25 of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 3
Time-Limited: 0

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions and procedures established by law.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds which are being used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

SECTION 28. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds for the support of the Mississippi Book Festival.

SECTION 29. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds for the support of the Sanderson Farms Championship.

SECTION 30. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds for the support of the Mississippi Museum of Art.

SECTION 31. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. This appropriation is made for the purpose of providing funds for the support of the Mississippi Tourism Association.

SECTION 32. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund, as created in Section 57-1-701, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided to defray expenses for Mississippi Site Development Grants.

SECTION 33. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 2, Six Million Nine Hundred Seventy-two Dollars (\$6,972,000.00), or so much thereof, shall be derived out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office. These funds are provided for Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grants pursuant to Section 57-78-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by Senate Bill 2696, Regular Session 2024. The Mississippi Development Authority shall provide the funds to approved grantees in the letter of award recipients from the Mississippi Main Street Association to the Legislature dated November 21, 2023.

SECTION 34. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 35. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Kevin Blackwell

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Karl Oliver, John Read, Steve Massengill

On motion of Rep. Oliver the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--121.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 28 of Chapter 549, Laws of 2023, is amended as follows:

Section 28. Monies transferred pursuant to Sections 1 and 3 of this act into the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, as follows:

- (a) To assist the City of Indianola, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing six (6) new police cars for the city's police department \$400,000.00
- (b) To assist Sunflower County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with completing construction of the county's Transitional Shelter for Homeless families \$300,000.00
- (c) To Tishomingo County, Mississippi, to assist the Belmont Volunteer Fire Department in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment \$25,000.00
- (d) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist the Rienzi Volunteer Fire Department in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment \$25,000.00
- (e) To assist Prentiss County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with replacing bridge SA 59-029 and repaving and restoring County Road 1475 and County Road 1481 located in Supervisors District 5 in Prentiss County \$450,000.00
- (f) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with ongoing repair and renovation of the Alcorn County Courthouse..... \$1,000,000.00
- (g) To Kossuth, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with renovation of the LC Follin Community Center \$150,000.00
- (h) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation to include the Coliseum and South Corinth High School..... \$500,000.00

(i) To Alcorn County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with construction of a new fire station for the Jacinto Volunteer Fire Department\$100,000.00

(j) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with special operations at the county's Emergency Management Agency..\$400,000.00

(k) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to and maintenance of Harper Road.....\$500,000.00

(l) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with general assistance to Corinth Theatre-Arts.....\$25,000.00

(m) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades for the Jackson Planetarium.\$1,000,000.00

(n) To assist the City of Waynesboro with infrastructure improvements at the Waynesboro Sports Complex\$1,500,000.00

(o) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of the Agricola Multipurpose Center in George County, Mississippi.....\$400,000.00

(p) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of the Basin-Barton Multipurpose Facility \$1,800,000.00

(q) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a multipurpose arena.....\$750,000.00

(r) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Itawamba County Courthouse\$1,500,000.00

(s) To assist the Town of Tremont, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and remodeling of the town's Town Hall\$150,000.00

(t) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, with providing funds to Volunteer Fire Departments located in the county, at the discretion of the Fire Coordinator\$150,000.00

(u) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation and remodeling of the city's City Hall and costs associated with street repairs\$500,000.00

(v) To assist Itawamba Community College in paying costs associated with capital construction related to the Health Sciences program\$1,500,000.00

(w) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, to provide a federal match to the Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the train station.....\$420,000.00

(x) To assist the Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs for general purposes for dyslexia services\$200,000.00

(y) To assist the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing portable equipment including a portable stage to promote tourism\$200,000.00

(z) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Richmond Volunteer Fire Department\$350,000.00

(aa) To assist the Town of Tunica, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road improvements.....\$500,000.00

(ab) To assist the Town of Marks, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making water and sewer improvements in the town.....\$500,000.00

(ac) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving the town square\$500,000.00

(ad) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks\$250,000.00

(ae) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making upgrades and improvements to the Pascagoula City Hall building and related facilities..... \$2,000,000.00

(af) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, for the Pascagoula Police Department in providing an East Pascagoula Police SubStation \$2,000,000.00

(ag) To assist the Petal School District Board of Trustees in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the district's Central Office building and related facilities in Petal, Mississippi \$1,000,000.00

(ah) To assist Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building a new fire station for the Bailey Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00

(ai) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to the Tishomingo County Courthouse..... \$500,000.00

(aj) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building a new fire station on Kendrick Road for the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00

(ak) To assist the City of Lexington, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of sewage pumping and vacuuming equipment and making street improvements..... \$100,000.00

(al) To assist the Village of Eden with construction and repair of Town Hall and a safe room..... \$100,000.00

(am) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of the Holmes County Courthouse \$150,000.00

(an) To assist the Jackson Public School District with the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with parking lot resurfacing including restriping and drainage repairs \$250,000.00

(ao) To assist the Jackson Public School District with the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with trade shop repairs and upgrades, including roof leak repairs \$250,000.00

(ap) To assist the Jackson Public School District with the Career Development Center in paying costs associated with repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of and upgrades and improvements to the Jackson Public School District's Career Development Center in Jackson, Mississippi \$100,000.00

(aq) To assist * * * Wilkinson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of construction, furnishing and equipping of a recreation center \$500,000.00

(ar) To assist Harrison County, Mississippi, with the following fire stations with various costs, funds are to be allocated equally: Vidalia Fire Station, Delisle Fire Station, Cuevas Fire and Rescue Station, and Henderson Point Fire Station..... \$100,000.00

(as) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, with various costs for the city's Fire Department..... \$25,000.00

(at) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, with various costs for the city's Police Department \$25,000.00

(au) To assist the City of New Albany, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with central business district renovations, upgrades and improvements as part of the city's downtown revitalization project \$500,000.00

(av) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Union County Courthouse and Veterans Park in New Albany \$500,000.00

(aw) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, acting through its Department of Planning and Development, in paying costs associated with the

acquisition, demolition and/or removal of blighted properties in the City of Jackson and in the Mississippi House of Representatives District 71 \$250,000.00

(ax) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition and installation of HVAC systems and equipment for the county courthouse \$250,000.00

(ay) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to the jail \$500,000.00

(az) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing equipment for Alhaba-Cockrum-Ingrams Mill Volunteer Fire Department \$25,000.00

(ba) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing equipment for the Lewisburg Volunteer Fire Department \$25,000.00

(bb) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchasing of equipment for the Love Volunteer Fire Department \$25,000.00

(bc) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of a building to be used by the City of Oxford Police Department \$4,000,000.00

(bd) To assist Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the extension of West Oxford Loop in Lafayette County \$1,000,000.00

(be) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Mallett Road and Sangani Boulevard intersection and widening project \$1,000,000.00

(bf) To assist the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing police cars for the Philadelphia Police Department \$160,000.00

(bg) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements within the county \$300,000.00

(bh) To assist the Town of Scooba, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with town improvements \$50,000.00

(bi) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing fire equipment for the Kemper County Volunteer Fire Department \$60,000.00

(bj) To assist * * * the Porterville Water Association in paying costs associated with water line improvements * * * \$200,000.00

(bk) To assist East Mississippi Community College in paying costs associated with upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the Career Technical Education Program \$2,000,000.00

(bl) To assist the * * * the Boys and Girls Club of Biloxi in paying costs associated with providing general support for the * * * club * * * \$1,000,000.00

(bm) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs to assist the Warren County Sheriff's Office with site work and infrastructure improvements to the future Warren County Jail site \$1,000,000.00

(bn) To assist Madison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Reunion Parkway and Bozeman Road expansion project \$12,000,000.00

(bo) To assist the Town of Edwards, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's fire station \$250,000.00

(bp) To assist the Town of Raymond, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and rehabilitation of the water tank on the town square in downtown Raymond and the Raymond water tank on the Hinds Community College campus

.....\$250,000.00
(bq) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving and resurfacing of Lake Grove Road and Randle Road in Supervisors District 4 in Clay County.....\$1,000,000.00
(br) To assist Monroe County, Mississippi, with costs associated for the Prairie Rural Community Development Club to renovate the old Prairie School Building for use as a.....
multi-purpose center \$250,000.00
(bs) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to City Hall.....\$500,000.00
(bt) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road construction and road repairs in the county.....\$500,000.00
(bu) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Phase II of site work for and construction and development of streets, street lighting and signals, electrical and communications distribution systems and equipment, water system and sewer system infrastructure and related infrastructure, public parking, structured public parking, public plaza, walking trails, and in support of any planned improvements to adjacent U.S. Highway 80 intersections by the Mississippi Department of Transportation within an area bound by U.S. Highway 80, Springridge Road, Interstate 20 and Clinton-Raymond Road/Madison Street in the City of Clinton \$8,000,000.00
(bv) To assist the City of Clinton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Clinton Raymond Bolton Edwards Water and Sewer Plant Capacity Expansion project.....\$20,000,000.00
(bw) To assist the town of Gloster to support the Gloster Southern Railroad * * * Project.....\$8,000,000.00
(bx) To assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water, sewer and drainage from Odom Road to Jackson Street and water infrastructure from McGraw Street to Peach Street.....\$2,500,000.00
(by) To * * * assist the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in paying costs associated with completing renovations at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.....\$500,000.00
(bz) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with repairs and renovations to Frisby Park, Greenville Municipal, Maude Bryan Park and Rounds.....\$500,000.00
(ca) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, equipping and furnishing of a new burn building and any related structures and facilities for the Picayune Fire Department to replace the existing burn building.....\$350,000.00
(cb) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs * * *, maintenance and improvements at the girls softball field at Picayune Memorial High School.....\$150,000.00
(cc) To assist the Administrative Office of the Courts in paying costs associated with technological upgrades, equipment, furnishings, and installation for Courtroom 4 of the Hinds County Courthouse.....\$50,000.00
(cd) To assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, educational programming, and expansion to the Mississippi Music Museum.....\$150,000.00
(ce) To assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Phase 5 Renovation Project of the Millsaps House.....\$200,000.00
(cf) To assist the Village of Beauregard, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a community center.....\$400,000.00

(cg) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repaving and repair of streets

.....\$400,000.00

(ch) To assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with sidewalk repairs and infrastructure improvements for the town's Downtown Historic Area

\$75,000.00

(ci) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 3 Choctaw County ... \$300,000.00

(cj) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 1 Choctaw County ... \$150,000.00

(ck) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing in Beat 5 Choctaw County ... \$150,000.00

(cl) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Choctaw County to assist in paying various department costs: Reform Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Ackerman Fire Department, ByWy Volunteer Fire Department, Simpson Volunteer Fire Department, Town of Weir Fire Department, Panhandle Volunteer Fire Department, Union Volunteer Fire Department, Town of French Camp Fire Department.....\$200,000.00

(cm) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Webster County to assist in paying various department costs: Tomnolen Fire Department, City of Eupora Fire Department and Town of Mathiston Fire Department

\$75,000.00

(cn) To assist the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing

.....\$250,000.00

(co) To assist the Town of Mathiston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's infrastructure.....\$200,000.00

(cp) To assist VFW Post 3806 in the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities

\$25,000.00

(cq) To assist American Legion Post 82 in the Town of Ackerman, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Post building and Post activities

\$25,000.00

(cr) To assist the Town of Noxapater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road repairs and resurfacing.....

\$200,000.00

(cs) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Winston County to assist in paying various department costs: Nanih Waiya Volunteer Fire Department, Shiloh Fire Department, City of Louisville Fire Department, Lo Butcha Volunteer Fire Department and Beth Eden Volunteer Fire Department

\$100,000.00

(ct) To assist the Town of Weir, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repainting and other necessary repairs to the water tank..\$200,000.00

(cu) To assist the City of Grenada, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street resurfacing.....\$1,000,000.00

(cv) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Nat Trout Road and Hawkins Entrance

\$500,000.00

(cw) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with general road resurfacing and maintenance

\$750,000.00

(cx) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the eighteen (18) volunteer fire departments in Lauderdale County, Mississippi, to assist in paying various department costs

\$360,000.00

(cy) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with relocating the fire station on Main Street in the city to a less congested corner lot near the current location

\$1,000,000.00

(cz) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of a pavilion at the gateway to the Tanglefoot Trail\$400,000.00

(da) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building and equipping a training center that provides trainee safety and live fire training to firefighters and first responders, benefitting both the Pontotoc City Fire Department and Pontotoc County volunteer fire departments.....\$500,000.00

(db) To assist the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the Pontotoc Town Square Museum and Post Office building and the McMackin House necessary to provide and improve accessibility to and inside the buildings through the Pontotoc County Historical Society.....\$50,000.00

(dc) To assist the Town of Como, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road infrastructure repairs and improvements.....\$500,000.00

(dd) To assist Adams County, Mississippi, with costs associated with the Carthage Point Road drainage repair and flood control project.....\$500,000.00

(de) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, for the purpose of providing funding to defray the expenses of the Concord Avenue Drainage Improvement Project for construction costs.....\$500,000.00

(df) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with relocation of water, sewer, gas utility lines and other equipment currently located on or near Mississippi Highway 309 near the Byhalia schools, and to assist in paying costs associated with street paving improvements to Mississippi Highway 309\$1,000,000.00

(dg) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, * * * in paying costs associated with the renovation of the historic Byhalia High School to provide civic, business, and hospitality for the town\$500,000.00

(dh) To assist the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department in paying costs associated with building a substation in the Harmontown Community with Lafayette County\$250,000.00

(di) To assist the Town of New Houlka, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a new fire truck\$150,000.00

(dj) To assist the City of Houston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and overlay of streets including Airport Road, Church Street, Pittsboro Street, Dulaney Street, 1st Avenue, Harrington Street, Washington Street, Hamilton Street, Castle Street, Scott Street, Terrace Road and 6th Avenue\$400,000.00

(dk) To assist the Town of Bude, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the town's existing sewer lagoon for cleaning, removing excessive vegetation and including, but not limited to dredging of sludge and sediment\$500,000.00

(dl) To assist the Tennessee Valley Authority in paying costs associated with performing an assessment of the Holly Springs, Mississippi Utility Department and to be used for cutting of the right-of-way of the Holly Springs Utility Department\$500,000.00

(dm) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to the Benton County Historic Courthouse.....\$300,000.00

(dn) To assist Benton County Sheriff's Department in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment and vehicles.....\$400,000.00

(do) To assist Benton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Benton County Veterans Park\$300,000.00

(dp) To assist the Town of Abbeville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and additions to the town's water system \$500,000.00

(dq) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road maintenance on County Road 47 in Supervisors District 2 in Union County.....\$900,000.00

(dr) To assist DeSoto County, Mississippi, with providing funds to assist in paying costs associated with construction, furnishing and equipping of a training facility for the Walls Volunteer Fire Department..... \$250,000.00

(ds) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting \$2,000,000.00

(dt) To assist * * * the * * * Kiln Utility and Fire District with costs associated with sewer system improvements in the areas of Kiln Delisle Road and Fenton Dedeaux Road
\$500,000.00

(du) To assist the Town of Caledonia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase and upgrades of equipment..... \$150,000.00

(dv) To assist the Town of Caledonia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrading the town's lighting infrastructure \$350,000.00

(dw) To assist the Town of Brooksville, Mississippi, with matching funds for the Federal EPA Stag Grant to complete the town's water and wastewater infrastructure program \$500,000.00

(dx) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the county's community sports complex redevelopment project including the addition of bleachers, concession stand, scoreboard, bathrooms and approximately four hundred (400) yards of roadway pavement..... \$500,000.00

(dy) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Scott County, Mississippi, to assist in purchasing equipment: Forest Fire Department, North Scott Volunteer Fire Department, Homewood Volunteer Fire Department, Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, Ludlow Volunteer Fire Department, Morton Fire Department and Sebastopol Fire Department \$200,000.00

(dz) To assist the City of Forest, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing and developing a turn lane at a road by Tyson Foods for safety purposes..... \$250,000.00

(ea) To assist the Town of Summit, Mississippi, for purpose of building a fire station for Summit Rural Fire Department..... \$500,000.00

(eb) To assist Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation and repairs to the Courthouse Complex buildings \$750,000.00

(ec) To assist * * * Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a building to house the ladder truck, 18-wheeler tanker truck, rescue pumper and smaller tanker truck for the Sunnyhill Volunteer Fire Department \$250,000.00

(ed) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the RA Johnson Drive stormwater retention pond project . \$300,000.00

(ee) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with downtown storm drainage system improvements \$500,000.00

(ef) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving roads within the county..... \$500,000.00

(eg) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with roof repairs * * * \$500,000.00

(eh) To assist the City of Purvis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with VFW Post 3955 to expand and modernize the facility \$150,000.00

(ei) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a bridge extending from the intersection of the extension

of Ware Street and relocated St. Augustine Street to Pearson Road in the City of Pearl \$500,000.00

(ej) To assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of high speed service via Delta Lightspeed \$400,000.00

(ek) To assist the Town of North Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of high speed service via Delta Lightspeed \$350,000.00

(el) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Yazoo River Trail and Yazoo River Landing \$750,000.00

(em) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with an emergency generator, 65kw transfer switch, concrete pad and installation for the Stewart Water Association \$100,000.00

(en) To assist the Town of Kilmichael, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing turnout suits and equipment for the Kilmichael Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000.00

(eo) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, for the purpose of the Red Hill Volunteer Fire Department \$250,000.00

(ep) To assist the City of Winona, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing a fire truck \$450,000.00

(eq) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to County Road 83 \$700,000.00

(er) To assist the City of Tylertown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$500,000.00

(es) To assist Walthall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a frontage road along the south side of Highway 98 Bypass \$750,000.00

(et) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of the Mississippi Songwriters Performing Arts Center \$2,000,000.00

(eu) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing an inclusion and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) approved park area including, but not limited to, playground equipment for children with disabilities \$1,000,000.00

(ev) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Town Commons Park, including, but not limited to, parking and through roads for an amphitheater \$2,000,000.00

(ew) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance, repairs and facilitation of broadband service by the city electric department \$750,000.00

(ex) To assist the City of Charleston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvement and restoration of city streets \$500,000.00

(ey) To assist Yalobusha County, Mississippi, by providing funds to be used as matching funds for the Tennessee Valley Authority grant for the industrial park \$100,000.00

(ez) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with restoration and maintenance of the Water Valley Civic Center \$250,000.00

(fa) * * * [Deleted]

(fb) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the city's Main Street Project \$1,500,000.00

(fc) To assist the Town of Sumner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a police department building and related facilities \$250,000.00

(fd) To assist the Town of Webb, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a community center \$250,000.00

(fe) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing a fire truck \$250,000.00

(ff) To assist the Town of Decatur, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of two (2) patrol vehicles and equipment \$125,000.00

(fg) To assist the Town of Sebastopol, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a building extension and fixtures for the town police department \$250,000.00

(fh) To assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water and sewer infrastructure improvements..... \$250,000.00

(fi) To assist Jefferson Davis County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Broome Road \$100,000.00

(fj) To assist Jones County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with mill and overlay to Graves Road and adjoining streets from Buffalo Hill road to the city limits of Ellisville, Mississippi, and to extend the project to Mississippi Highway 588, and for other paving projects in the county \$600,000.00

(fk) To assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with additions to and expansion of the Veterans Memorial Museum in Laurel, Mississippi..... \$200,000.00

(fl) To assist Jones County Junior College in paying costs associated with construction of a building to house the School of Design \$200,000.00

(fm) To assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure repairs, maintenance, upgrades and improvements \$1,000,000.00

(fn) To provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Jasper County: Bay Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Central Volunteer Fire Department, Fellowship Volunteer Fire Department, Hal Volunteer Fire Department, Lake Eddins Volunteer Fire Department, Louin Volunteer Fire Department, Montrose Volunteer Fire Department, Mossville Volunteer Fire Department, Northeast Jasper Volunteer Fire Department, Paulding Volunteer Fire Department and Rose Hill Volunteer Fire Department \$110,000.00

(fo) To assist Clarke County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure for the new Howard Industrial Expansion Plant, including, but not limited to, water, sewer and fencing \$500,000.00

(fp) To assist the Mississippi Wireless * * * Communication Commission in paying costs associated with adding new statewide communication towers in needed location \$3,900,000.00

(fq) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the destruction of the old Tippah County Hospital..... \$500,000.00

(fr) To assist the Town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department \$50,000.00

(fs) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department. \$100,000.00

(ft) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the city's fire department... \$175,000.00

(fu) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department... \$50,000.00

(fv) To assist the Town of Dumas, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the town's fire department... \$50,000.00

(fw) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs association with the purchase of equipment for the Tippah County Sheriff's Department \$100,000.00

(fx) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Heritage Museum \$30,000.00

(fy) To assist * * * the CREATE Foundation with creating a Target Endowment Fund for various projects in * * * Tippah County, Mississippi ... \$75,000.00

(fz) To assist VFW Post 4881 in the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building maintenance * * * \$25,000.00

(ga) To assist American Legion Post 81 in the City of Ripley, Mississippi, with costs associated * * * with building maintenance * * * \$25,000.00

(gb) To assist the Town of Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with gas system improvements \$75,000.00

(gc) To assist Sharkey County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to the Sharkey County Courthouse located in Rolling Fork, Mississippi \$1,000,000.00

(gd) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing and installing surveillance cameras on Dixon Road, McCain Avenue and South Drive \$25,000.00

(ge) To assist the City of Verona, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with site work and infrastructure related to the Old Town Project \$500,000.00

(gf) To assist the Town of Taylorsville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure repair and to upgrade water, sewer and fire protection systems to industrial area \$350,000.00

(gg) To assist the City of Guntown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairing, reconstruction, resurfacing and other improvements such as curbs, drainage to Mike Avenue and to bring the road up to code, and any remaining funds shall be used for costs associated with making improvements to other streets in the city \$750,000.00

(gh) To assist Prentiss County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to roads and bridges in Supervisors District 3 in Prentiss County \$300,000.00

(gi) To assist the Town of Lena, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and water infrastructure projects \$500,000.00

(gj) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a fire station \$50,000.00

(gk) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Phase II of paving town streets including First Street from Highway 149 to South Pine, Second Street from Highway 149 to South Maple, Third Street from Highway 149 to South Maple, Fourth Street from Highway 149 to South Maple and Cemetery Road \$250,000.00

(gl) To assist the Town of D'Lo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Phase III of paving town streets including South Oak from Highway 540 to end, West Fifth from Highway 149 to South Oak, East Fifth from Highway 149 to South Oak, West Pecan from Willow Street to Highway 149, and East Pecan from Highway 149 to Water Tower \$250,000.00

(gm) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, to provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Rankin County: Cleary Volunteer Fire Department, Star Volunteer Fire Department, Florence Volunteer Fire Department, SW Rankin Volunteer Fire Department and Monterey Volunteer Fire Department \$75,000.00

(gn) To assist Copiah County, Mississippi, to provide funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments in Copiah County: Crystal Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Hopewell Volunteer Fire Department, New Zion Volunteer Fire Department and Dentville Volunteer Fire Department \$60,000.00

(go) To assist Simpson County, Mississippi, with costs associated with the Old Pearl Volunteer Fire Department \$15,000.00

- (gp) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, with funds associated with the road connecting U.S. Highway 49 to Pearson Road \$500,000.00
- (gq) To assist the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Chautauqua Park Amphitheater \$500,000.00
- (gr) * * * [Deleted]
- (gs) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with GIS mapping of infrastructure \$75,000.00
- (gt) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements or adding turn lanes, curbs, drainage and sidewalks \$400,000.00
- (gu) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with covering the stage located at Fort Maurepas \$450,000.00
- (gv) To the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of providing funding to WISPR Systems in Batesville, Mississippi, for research and development to expand its current small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturing capabilities in Mississippi \$500,000.00
- (gw) To assist the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency in paying costs associated with a statewide communications program.....\$500,000.00
- (gx) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water, sewer and road infrastructure renovations in the Downtown Historic District \$2,000,000.00
- (gy) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on the I-20 Connector Loop Project \$3,000,000.00
- (gz) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure repairs and improvements at the Senatobia Sports Park \$600,000.00
- (ha) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with sewer and water improvements to the New Image Water and Sewer System \$2,000,000.00
- (hb) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, with reimbursement of funds for costs associated with Tate County Courthouse parking facility renovations; any remaining funds may be spent on drainage and road repairs as determined by the Tate County Board of Supervisors \$1,650,000.00
- (hc) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with improvements at the intersection of Highway 51 and Porter Street, and at the intersection of Highway 4 and I-55 intersection within the city limits of the City of Senatobia, Mississippi \$750,000.00
- (hd) To assist Northwest Mississippi Community College in paying costs associated with capital infrastructure and repairs to the main campus facilities \$2,000,000.00
- (he) To assist the Cottonville-Savage Rural Water Association in paying costs associated with construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, a water system \$285,000.00
- (hf) To assist Holmes Community College in paying costs associated with the construction of a new Allied Health building \$1,000,000.00
- (hg) To assist the Kosciusko School District in paying costs associated with infrastructure, construction and improvements to facilities throughout the district \$1,000,000.00
- (hh) To assist the Edinburg Domestic Water Association in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, a water system \$150,000.00
- (hi) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of North Jordan Street \$2,500,000.00
- (hj) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of Red Dog Road \$925,000.00
- (hk) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the local workforce initiative of the Leake County Development Association for students in Leake County

\$50,000.00

(hl) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road resurfacing and repairs in Supervisors District 2 of the county \$500,000.00

(hm) To assist the City of Carthage, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and renovation of the Carthage Coliseum \$1,000,000.00

(hn) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with acquiring firefighting equipment for Leake County fire departments \$100,000.00

(ho) To assist the Town of West, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements, renovations and rehabilitation of existing town properties, including, but not limited to, the Welcome Center, City Hall, Old City Hall and the Library, as well as the purchase of a new police vehicle, including the necessary equipment to outfit the vehicle

\$300,000.00

(hp) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of an Attala County Fire Station, an Emergency Operations Center and E-911

Telecommunications Center \$3,600,000.00

(hq) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair or replacement of the roof for the Old Jack Post Industrial Building \$850,000.00

(hr) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, renovation and rehabilitation of the Strand Theatre \$500,000.00

(hs) To assist the Carmack Community Club in Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation, construction and rehabilitation of a building for the * * * club \$200,000.00

(ht) To assist the Possumneck-Carmack Water Association in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, the water association

\$150,000.00

(hu) To assist Zama Water Association in paying costs associated with the construction, repair and maintenance of, and acquiring equipment for, the water association \$150,000.00

(hv) To assist the Department of Finance and Administration in paying costs associated with the program established under Section 3 of House Bill No. 419, 2023 Regular Session \$300,000.00

(hw) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to roads and bridges \$ 1,100,000.00

(hx) To assist the Town of Heidelberg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 300,000.00

(hy) To assist the City of Bay Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 150,000.00

(hz) To assist the East Jasper Consolidated School District in paying costs associated with * * * repairs and renovations of the old Heidelberg Academy \$ 150,000.00

(ia) To assist Forrest County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements on Monroe Road

Extension\$ 325,000.00

(ib) To assist Lawrence County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with pavement maintenance for the N.A. Sandifer Highway \$ 1,000,000.00

(ic) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the county courthouse \$ 250,000.00

(id) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 500,000.00

(ie) To assist the City of Lexington, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to the city hall and the municipal fire station \$ 500,000.00

(if) To assist the Town of Tchula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to town streets \$ 250,000.00

- (ig) To assist the City of Olive Branch, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the improvement and expansion of aircraft hangers \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ih) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building the Chickasaw Trail Emergency Response Center \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ii) To assist Desoto County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a parking lot and staging improvements at the National Guard Armory \$ 500,000.00
- (ij) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with drainage repair projects \$ 500,000.00
- (ik) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Terry Road Bridge \$ 250,000.00
- (il) To assist the Town of Terry, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation of a community center and improvements to Main Street \$ 300,000.00
- (im) * * * [Deleted]
- (in) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new police station \$ 1,000,000.00
- (io) To assist Panola County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements at the Panola County Airport \$ 500,000.00
- (ip) To assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the North and South Industrial Road Project \$ 2,000,000.00
- (iq) To assist Neshoba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Neshoba County Sheriff's Department \$ 200,000.00
- (ir) To assist the Brewer Community Association, Inc., in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation of the community center in Brewer, Mississippi \$ 150,000.00
- (is) To assist Tammy Wynette Legacy Park in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation of the Tammy Wynette Legacy Center in the Town of Tremont, Mississippi \$ 150,000.00
- (it) To assist the Prairie Rural Community Development Club in paying costs associated with the improvement and operation of the former Prairie School in Prairie, Mississippi \$ 150,000.00
- (iu) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Ballard Park including, but not limited to, inclusive playground equipment and any necessary playground equipment for special needs children \$ 500,000.00
- (iv) To assist Jefferson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to roads and bridges \$ 100,000.00
- (iw) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (ix) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to law enforcement facilities \$ 225,000.00
- (iy) To assist Copiah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the demolition of the former hospital complex in the City of Hazlehurst \$ 75,000.00
- (iz) To assist the City of Natchez, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various drainage projects \$ 500,000.00
- (ja) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission in paying costs associated with a mixed-use downtown development project, including general infrastructure to leverage public and private investment \$ 2,000,000.00
- (jb) To assist the City of Magee, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

- \$ 500,000.00
(jc) To assist the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements
\$ 500,000.00
(jd) To assist the Village of Puckett, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements
\$ 500,000.00
(je) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Middleton Road and at the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and Mission Road
\$ 700,000.00
(jf) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Nat G. Trout Road
\$ 500,000.00
(jg) To assist the Kosciusko School District in paying costs associated with renovations and improvements to the Skipworth Auditorium \$ 500,000.00
(jh) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and/or replacement of the roof of the Jack Post Industrial Building \$ 250,000.00
(ji) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the Strand \$ 250,000.00
(jj) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Emergency 911 Call Center \$ 705,000.00
(jk) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a county-owned building \$ 400,000.00
(jl) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the rehabilitation and repair of the Greene County Rural Events Center \$ 600,000.00
(jm) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with widening and improvements to State Highway/Old Highway 63 from Highway 57 to Highway 63 in Greene County, Mississippi \$ 1,000,000.00
(jn) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements
\$ 300,000.00
(jo) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements
\$ 550,000.00
(jp) To assist the Town of State Line, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Hurricane Zeta \$ 250,000.00
(jq) To assist Wayne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and upgrades to courtrooms
\$ 75,000.00
(jr) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Mallet Road
\$ 2,500,000.00
(js) To assist the Mississippi State University Research and Technology Corporation in paying costs associated with the Mississippi Cybersecurity Center adjacent to Keesler Air Force Base \$15,000,000.00
(jt) To assist the Jackson County School District in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to facilities at St. Martin High School \$ 1,000,000.00
(ju) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades at the intersection of Jim Ramsey Road and Old Fort Bayou Road \$ 500,000.00
(jv) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and restoration of the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center \$ 250,000.00
(jw) To assist the Lamar County School District in paying costs associated with the development of the new courtyard at the Sumrall High School \$ 1,400,000.00
(jx) To assist the Town of Seminary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water and sewer improvements
\$ 250,000.00

- (jy) To assist the City of Collins, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water and sewer improvement near the Collins Civic Center \$ 400,000.00
- (jz) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Flowood Drive \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ka) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Liberty Road and at Liberty Park \$ 1,250,000.00
- (kb) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on the I-20 Connector Loop Project \$ 4,500,000.00
- (kc) To assist the City of Meridian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to North Hills Street from Highway 19 to Highway 39 \$ 3,400,000.00
- (kd) To assist the Kemper County School District in paying costs associated with software and training programs for the Career and Technical Education Center \$ 200,000.00
- (ke) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (kf) To assist the City of Poplarville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of public safety vehicles, public works vehicles and equipment, fire protection purchases, street paving and drainage improvements \$ 1,000,000.00
- (kg) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to the Fisher Ferry Bridge \$ 4,000,000.00
- (kh) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (ki) To assist the South Delta School District in paying costs associated with asbestos demolition and remediation \$ 350,000.00
- (kj) To assist with Pearl River Valley Water Supply District for the dredging fund \$ 2,000,000.00
- (kk) To assist the Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia in Ocean Springs with costs associated for general purposes for dyslexia services \$ 195,000.00
- (kl) To assist the Culkin Water District with the reconstruction of water lines for an industrial park, schools, hospital and other accounts \$ 1,500,000.00
- (km) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the historic Old Courthouse and grounds in Vicksburg \$ 2,000,000.00
- (kn) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and repairs to the Lake George Bridge \$ 3,000,000.00
- (ko) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of the Commerce Park Connector Road \$ 2,000,000.00
- (kp) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovation and upgrades to the Jackson Planetarium \$ 1,000,000.00
- (kq) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and upgrades to Thalia Mara Hall \$ 1,500,000.00
- (kr) To assist the Town of Bolton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the * * * police department \$ 50,000.00
- (ks) To assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements and traffic signal upgrades on Casino Strip Resort Boulevard \$ 500,000.00
- (kt) To assist the Town of Lambert, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with equipment purchases for the town's fire department \$ 100,000.00
- (ku) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in infrastructure in the Midtown area of the city, including, but not limited to, roads, bridges, water, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting \$ 2,000,000.00

- (kv) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a roadway and a bridge to access the Perry County Industrial Park\$ 750,000.00
- (kw) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements\$ 500,000.00
- (kx) To assist the Mississippi Development Authority in providing reimbursements for Major League Baseball mandated alterations and improvements to Trustmark Park.....\$ 1,300,000.00
- (ky) To assist the Town of Gloster, Mississippi, in paying costs associated for infrastructure improvements to Gloster Road, Georgia Pacific 1 Road, Georgia Pacific 2 Road, Pepper House Road and East Railroad Avenue\$ 2,500,000.00
- (kz) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with lighting improvements on U.S. Highway 80.....\$ 1,500,000.00
- (la) To assist the City of Richland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the U.S. Highway 49 pedestrian crossover \$ 500,000.00
- (lb) To assist the City of Newton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with demolition, repairs and renovations of the Medical and Community Facility \$ 1,500,000.00
- (lc) To assist the City of Forest, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to Jack Lee Drive and Old Morton Road \$ 250,000.00
- (ld) To assist the City of Hernando, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the installation of a roundabout at the intersection of U.S. Highway 51 and Oak Grove Road \$ 1,500,000.00
- (le) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition of real property adjacent to Turner Industrial Park for the purpose of site expansion and rail spur improvements \$ 1,000,000.00
- (lf) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck for the Richmond Fire Department in the Richmond community of Lee County \$ 358,000.00
- (lg) To assist the City of Saltillo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new fire station \$ 1,000,000.00
- (lh) To assist the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a municipal court building and a police station\$ 750,000.00
- (li) To assist the City of Madison, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Madison Avenue bypass to U.S. Highway 51 \$ 2,000,000.00
- (lj) To assist the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 250,000.00
- (lk) To assist Hancock County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (ll) To assist the City of Waveland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 250,000.00
- (lm) To assist the Horn Lake Creek Basin Interceptor Sewer District in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 2,000,000.00
- (ln) To assist the Twenty-third Circuit Court District in paying costs associated with the District Attorney's Office \$ 275,000.00
- (lo) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with traffic signal and intersection improvements at Stateline Road and Swinnea Road \$ 300,000.00
- (lp) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Snowden Grove Park \$ 500,000.00

- (lq) To assist the City of Southaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a traffic signal and intersection improvements at Church Road and Tchulahoma Road
\$ 350,000.00
- (lr) To assist * * * Horn Lake Water * * * Association, Inc. in paying costs associated with a water meter replacement
\$ 250,000.00
- (ls) To assist Alcorn County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the Industrial Access Roadway \$ 500,000.00
- (lt) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Polk Street bridge replacement project \$ 1,500,000.00
- (lu) To assist Blue Mountain Christian University in paying costs associated with the nursing school \$ 250,000.00
- (lv) To assist the City of Farmington, Mississippi, in paying the costs associated with the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the police department \$ 100,000.00
- (lw) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the roundabout at Oak Grove Road and Weathersby Road \$ 1,500,000.00
- (lx) To assist the Jackson County Economic Development Foundation in paying costs associated with the employment of career coaches for the Jackson County School District
\$ 600,000.00
- (ly) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and bridge repairs in Supervisor District 1 \$ 300,000.00
- (lz) To assist Washington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovations of Estes Street, Airdale Drive * * *, Sidney Street and other streets
\$ 600,000.00
- (ma) To assist the Town of Metcalfe, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and technological enhancements of town hall \$ 100,000.00
- (mb) To assist the Town of Benoit, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and technological enhancements of town hall \$ 100,000.00
- (mc) To assist the City of Leland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and technological enhancements of city hall \$ 75,000.00
- (md) To assist Washington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, renovations, repairs and upgrades to the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport
\$ 500,000.00
- (me) To assist the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure and drainage improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (mf) To assist Bolivar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the expansion of the Terrene Landing River Boat Dock and improvements to Terrene Landing Road
\$ 400,000.00
- (mg) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair, renovation and expansion of the General Building 1016 at the Tri-State Commerce Park
\$ 650,000.00
- (mh) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction, renovation and repair of an acquired building to repurpose for use as the city hall
\$ 250,000.00
- (mi) To assist the Town of Marietta, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements
\$ 200,000.00
- (mj) To assist the Town of Mantachie, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the Fawn Grove Industrial Park \$ 148,000.00

(mk) To assist the Town of Tishomingo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the replacement of gate valves and other water infrastructure projects \$ 150,000.00

(ml) To assist the Village of Paden, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs and renovations of a village-owned industrial building \$ 150,000.00

(mm) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the RCDC facilities \$ 40,000.00

(mn) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations at the Old Historical Courthouse \$ 100,000.00

(mo) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with equipment upgrades and other purchases for the town's police department \$ 50,000.00

(mp) To assist the Town of New Houlika, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck \$ 125,000.00

(mq) To assist Calhoun County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs, paving and improvements of County Road 137 \$ 125,000.00

(mr) To assist Calhoun County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs, paving and improvements of County Road 306 \$ 1,000,000.00

(ms) To assist the Pat Harrison Waterway District in paying costs associated with the relocation of a boat ramp \$ 100,000.00

(mt) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with a turn lane and traffic signal at the intersection of McArthur Street and Highway 145 in Quitman, Mississippi \$ 100,000.00

(mu) To assist Clarke County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Clarke County Sheriff's Department \$ 100,000.00

(mv) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to roads and bridges \$ 500,000.00

(mw) To assist the Town of Cary, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a fire station \$ 250,000.00

(mx) To assist Yazoo City, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair and renovation of the Triangle Cultural Center \$ 200,000.00

(my) To assist the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 750,000.00

(mz) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 750,000.00

(na) To assist the City of Macon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks and firefighting equipment for the city's fire department \$ 350,000.00

(nb) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, resurfacing and improvements to streets \$ 1,000,000.00

(nc) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements for the Chrome-Craft Redevelopment project \$ 1,000,000.00

(nd) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Supervisor District 1 \$ 300,000.00

(ne) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Supervisor District 2 \$ 300,000.00

(nf) To assist the Town of Potts Camp, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 300,000.00

(ng) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the engineering and construction of the Jackson County Blueway Connection, along the Pascagoula River

\$ 500,000.00

(nh) To assist the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, in defraying expenses associated with a police substation for East Pascagoula \$ 1,500,000.00

(ni) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 600,000.00

(nj) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Starkville Main Street

Project \$ 500,000.00

(nk) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, with costs associated with roof repairs to the Town of Maben's Fire

Department \$ 50,000.00

(nl) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in * * * providing funds to be distributed equally among the following fire departments to assist in paying various department costs: Adaton Self Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Central Oktibbeha Fire Department, Maben Fire Department, and Sturgis/District 4 Volunteer Fire Department

\$ 200,000.00

(nm) To assist Webster County, Mississippi, with costs associated with the repairs and maintenance of the Volunteer Fire Departments buildings \$ 250,000.00

(nn) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, with costs associated with the purchase of a police vehicle

\$ 55,000.00

(no) To assist the Town of Weir, Mississippi, with costs associated with infrastructure improvement projects and purchasing vehicles for the police department \$ 45,000.00

(np) To assist the Community Foundation for Mississippi in paying costs associated with providing direct services for reading intervention and training for teachers, and with renovations to building space to provide such services

\$ 500,000.00

(nq) To assist the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music Museum in paying costs associated with the construction of Phase 2 of the museum in the City of Philadelphia, Mississippi; however, no funds may be disbursed for such purposes until the Department of Finance and Administration is provided proof that the museum, museum owner or museum governing body, as applicable, possesses the ownership rights to all Marty Stuart memorabilia, exhibits and/or other items or material displayed in the museum or has a written binding agreement to display Marty Stuart memorabilia and/or similar memorabilia for a period of at least twenty-five (25) years

\$10,000,000.00

(nr) To provide funds to the Three Rivers Solid Waste Management Authority to construct, repair, renovate, expand, enhance, improve, and equip the Three Rivers Regional Landfill in the City of Pontotoc, Mississippi, and the three (3) Authority Transfer Stations located in the City of Oxford, Mississippi, Lee County, Mississippi, and Monroe County, Mississippi

\$4,000,000.00

(ns) To assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation in paying costs associated with the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Chickasaw Heritage Center in the City of Tupelo, Mississippi \$4,950,000.00

(nt) To assist the Scenic Rivers Development Alliance in paying costs associated with the Okhissa Lake Development Project \$8,000,000.00

(nu) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, with a match to federal funds for the construction of railroad improvements that run through the city for public safety and economic development improvements \$4,600,000.00

(nv) To assist Camp Kamassa in defraying expenses related to construction of buildings, facilities, complexes and related infrastructure \$4,000,000.00

(nw) To assist Hinds Community College in paying costs associated with construction of the Health Science Complex at the Rankin Campus \$16,000,000.00

(nx) To * * * assist the Columbus Redevelopment Authority in paying costs associated with the Park View - Burns Bottom Project \$3,000,000.00

- (ny) To the Prentiss County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at Wheeler Attendance Center \$1,000,000.00
- (nz) To the Grenada School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$3,000,000.00
- (oa) To the Itawamba County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program including equipment for aiding in logistics and maintenance \$4,000,000.00
- (ob) To the George County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$1,000,000.00
- (oc) To the Jackson County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at three high schools: East Central, Vancleave and St. Martin
\$9,000,000.00
- (od) To the South Tippah School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$500,000.00
- (oe) To the Senatobia Municipal School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program \$500,000.00
- (of) To the Attala County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program at Kosciusko-Attala County Career Tech Center \$2,000,000.00
- (og) To the Greene County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$2,000,000.00
- (oh) To the Lee County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$350,000.00
- (oi) To the Wayne County School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$500,000.00
- (oj) To Long Beach High School for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$1,000,000.00
- (ok) To the Newton County School System for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$2,000,000.00
- (ol) To the Tupelo Public School District for upgrades to equipment, furnishings and facilities for the CTE program
\$350,000.00.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Chapter 549, Laws of 2023, is amended as follows:

Section 4. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 37-101-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by the department's appropriation bill, Senate Bill No. 3043, 2023 Regular Session, to spend those monies, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED
Alcorn State University	\$ 13,197,500.00
Repair, renovation, and expansion of and upgrades, improvements and additions	

to the David L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center.....\$	13,197,500.00	
Alcorn State University/Division of Agriculture.....\$	620,000.00	
Preplanning for renovation of the poultry science facilities on the Lorman Campus into a Poultry/Animal Science Center Academic Research Center Building Complex.....\$	620,000.00	
Delta State University		\$ 8,122,500.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....\$	2,800,000.00	
Repair and renovation of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the Walter Sillers Coliseum.....\$	5,322,500.00	
Jackson State University		\$ 8,013,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new residence hall and related facilities, and/or repairing and renovating existing residence halls and related facilities.....\$	8,013,000.00	
Mississippi State University		\$ 20,732,500.00
Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of related facilities to house the College of Architecture, Art and Design.....\$	5,732,500.00	
Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of related facilities of the Kinesiology and Autism Building.....\$	15,000,000.00	
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine		\$ 14,755,000.00
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....\$	1,300,000.00	
Preplanning for renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Bost Extension Center.....\$	455,000.00	
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....\$	13,000,000.00	
Mississippi University for Women		\$ 9,312,500.00

Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 8,712,500.00	
Preplanning for repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Old Pohl Gym.....	\$ 300,000.00	
Preplanning for repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Hogarth Center.....	\$ 300,000.00	
Mississippi Valley State University		\$ 3,427,500.00
Demolition of Leflore Hall and preplanning for construction, furnishing and equipping of a new residence hall and related facilities.....	\$ 3,427,500.00	
University of Mississippi		\$ 18,382,500.00
Planning and construction, furnishing and equipping of a new building and related facilities to house the School of Accountancy.....	\$ 14,382,500.00	
Repair, renovation, and expansion of the Nursing School in Oxford.....	\$ 4,000,000.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center		\$ 56,886,500.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 11,350,000.00	
Upgrades and improvements to elevators and related facilities.....	\$ 4,000,000.00	
Development and implementation of campus wayfinding system.....	\$ 1,536,500.00	
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new Dental School.....	\$40,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi		\$ 22,162,500.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new science research facility.....	\$ 17,162,500.00	
Repair and renovation of the Criminal Justice Building and improvements to the Forensic Lab	\$ 5,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf Coast Campuses.....		\$ 11,140,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of		

campus buildings and facilities at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Halstead Campus.....	\$ 640,000.00
Ocean Enterprise at the Port of Gulfport	\$ 10,000,000.00
Dubard School and Children's Center for Communication and Development – Gulf Park campus for furnishing and equipment...	\$ 500,000.00.
IHL Education and Research Center.....	\$ 6,500,000.00
Replacement of a chiller and related equipment for the campus air conditioning and heating system; replacement of cooling tower and related equipment for the campus air conditioning and heating system; replacement of roof for the Universities Center; and replacement of campus emergency management system.....	\$6,500,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 193,252,000.00

(2) (a) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his or her designee.

(4) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in subsection (1) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

SECTION 3. Section 27-104-373, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-104-373. (1) A special fund, to be designated as the "2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration as provided in Section 28 of this act. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(2) Contracts or purchases for projects funded with monies disbursed from the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund under Section 28 of Chapter 549, 2023 Regular Session, as amended by Section 1 of this act, that involve expenditures that are more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, must be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisements for bids after obtaining at least two (2) competitive written bids. Any such contracts or purchases that involve expenditures that are more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, must be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids and obtaining at least three (3) competitive written bids. "Competitive" means that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. This provision of this subsection shall supersede any other provision of law to the contrary.

SECTION 4. Section 65-1-185, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-1-185. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2023 DeSoto County Infrastructure Improvements Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies deposited into the fund shall be used by the * * * Mississippi Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist * * * in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Interstate 55 from Church Road to Goodman Road in Desoto County, Mississippi. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 5. Section 65-1-187, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-1-187. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2023 Lafayette County Infrastructure Improvements Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies deposited into the fund shall be used by the * * * Mississippi Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist * * * in paying the costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Highway 7 from Highway 9 to 0.2 miles North of Highway 6 in Lafayette County, Mississippi. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 6. Section 65-1-189, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-1-189. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2023 Gulfport Commerce Corridor Fund," which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner and funds from any other source designated for deposit into such fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of

the state. Monies deposited into the fund shall be used by the * * * Mississippi Department of Transportation, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist in paying the costs associated with the Gulfport Commerce Corridor project located in the City of Gulfport. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any investment earnings or interest earned on amounts in the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 7. Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended by House Bill No. 297 and Senate Bill No. 2486, 2024 Regular Session, is amended as follows:

[Until July 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper

published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. * * * The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. * * * Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department.

The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page * * * until the project is completed * * *.

4. Agencies and governing authorities using federal funds for the procurement of any good or service, including exempt personal and professional services, must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - Subpart D - Post Federal Award Requirements Procurement Standards, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access becomes available. Any county having a

population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing

authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the

total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department. Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products or services. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities

involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (l)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however, state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the purpose of fulfilling their respective

responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall

contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount

of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

(x) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act. (i) The Department of Finance and Administration shall enter into nine (9) contracts for the pre-need purchase of labor, services, work, materials, equipment, supplies or other personal property for disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring. One (1) contract shall be entered into for each of the nine (9) Mississippi Emergency Management Association districts:

1. Coahoma, DeSoto, Grenada, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica and Yalobusha Counties;
2. Alcorn, Benton, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo and Union Counties;
3. Attala, Bolivar, Carroll, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, Sunflower and Washington Counties;
4. Calhoun, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Monroe, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston Counties;
5. Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Issaquena, Madison, Rankin, Sharkey, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo Counties;
6. Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith Counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians;
7. Adams, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson Counties;
8. Covington, Forrest, Greene, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Perry and Wayne Counties; and
9. George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River and Stone Counties.

Any such contract shall set forth the manner of awarding such a contract, the method of payment, and any other matter deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Such contract may be entered into only for a term of one (1) year, with an option for an additional one-year extension after the conclusion of the first year of the contract, and only after having solicited bids or proposals, as appropriate, which shall be publicly advertised by posting on a web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration through submission of such advertisement to the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority. The bid opening shall not occur until after the submission has been posted for at least ten (10) consecutive days. The state's share of expenditures for solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring under any contract shall be appropriated and paid in the manner set forth in the contract and in the same manner as for other solid waste collection, disposal, or monitoring expenses of the state. Any contract entered into under this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 17-13-11.

(ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

[From and after July 1, 2024, this section shall read as follows:]

31-7-13. All agencies and governing authorities shall purchase their commodities and printing; contract for garbage collection or disposal; contract for solid

waste collection or disposal; contract for sewage collection or disposal; contract for public construction; and contract for rentals as herein provided.

(a) Bidding procedure for purchases not over \$5,000.00. Purchases which do not involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), exclusive of freight or shipping charges, may be made without advertising or otherwise requesting competitive bids. However, nothing contained in this paragraph (a) shall be construed to prohibit any agency or governing authority from establishing procedures which require competitive bids on purchases of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or less.

(b) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$5,000.00 but not over \$75,000.00. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) but not more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder without publishing or posting advertisement for bids, provided at least two (2) competitive written bids have been obtained. Any state agency or community or junior college purchasing commodities or procuring construction pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, to accept the lowest competitive written bid under Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Any governing authority purchasing commodities pursuant to this paragraph (b) may authorize its purchasing agent, or his designee, with regard to governing authorities other than counties, or its purchase clerk, or his designee, with regard to counties, to accept the lowest and best competitive written bid. Such authorization shall be made in writing by the governing authority and shall be maintained on file in the primary office of the agency and recorded in the official minutes of the governing authority, as appropriate. The purchasing agent or the purchase clerk, or his designee, as the case may be, and not the governing authority, shall be liable for any penalties and/or damages as may be imposed by law for any act or omission of the purchasing agent or purchase clerk, or his designee, constituting a violation of law in accepting any bid without approval by the governing authority. The term "competitive written bid" shall mean a bid submitted on a bid form furnished by the buying agency or governing authority and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor, or a bid submitted on a vendor's letterhead or identifiable bid form and signed by authorized personnel representing the vendor. "Competitive" shall mean that the bids are developed based upon comparable identification of the needs and are developed independently and without knowledge of other bids or prospective bids. Any bid item for construction in excess of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) shall be broken down by components to provide detail of component description and pricing. These details shall be submitted with the written bids and become part of the bid evaluation criteria. Bids may be submitted by facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. Bids submitted by electronic transmission shall not require the signature of the vendor's representative unless required by agencies or governing authorities.

(c) Bidding procedure for purchases over \$75,000.00.

(i) Publication requirement.

1. Purchases which involve an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), exclusive of freight and shipping charges, may be made from the lowest and best bidder after advertising for competitive bids once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a regular newspaper published in the county or municipality in which such agency or governing authority is located. However, all American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be bid. All references to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in this section shall not apply to programs identified in Division B of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

2. Reverse auctions shall be the primary method for receiving bids during the bidding process. If a purchasing entity determines that a reverse auction is not in the best interest of the state, then that determination must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. The purchasing entity shall submit a detailed explanation of why a reverse auction would not be in the best interest of the state and present an alternative process to be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board. If the Public Procurement Review Board authorizes the

purchasing entity to solicit bids with a method other than reverse auction, then the purchasing entity may designate the other methods by which the bids will be received, including, but not limited to, bids sealed in an envelope, bids received electronically in a secure system, or bids received by any other method that promotes open competition and has been approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel. However, reverse auction shall not be used for any public contract for design, construction, improvement, repair or remodeling of any public facilities, including the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment or goods for same and including buildings, roads and bridges. The Public Procurement Review Board must approve any contract entered into by alternative process. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to the individual state institutions of higher learning. The provisions of this item 2 requiring reverse auction as the primary method of receiving bids shall not apply to term contract purchases as provided in paragraph (n) of this section; however, a purchasing entity may, in its discretion, utilize reverse auction for such purchases. The provisions of this item 2 shall not apply to individual public schools, including public charter schools and public school districts, only when purchasing copyrighted educational supplemental materials and software as a service product. For such purchases, a local school board may authorize a purchasing entity in its jurisdiction to use a Request for Qualifications which promotes open competition and meets the requirements of the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

3. The date as published for the bid opening shall not be less than seven (7) working days after the last published notice; however, if the purchase involves a construction project in which the estimated cost is in excess of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), such bids shall not be opened in less than fifteen (15) working days after the last notice is published and the notice for the purchase of such construction shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks. * * * The notice of intention to let contracts or purchase equipment shall state the time and place at which bids shall be received, list the contracts to be made or types of equipment or supplies to be purchased, and, if all plans and/or specifications are not published, refer to the plans and/or specifications on file. If there is no newspaper published in the county or municipality, then such notice shall be given by posting same at the courthouse, or for municipalities at the city hall, and at two (2) other public places in the county or municipality, and also by publication once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in some newspaper having a general circulation in the county or municipality in the above-provided manner. On the same date that the notice is submitted to the newspaper for publication, the agency or governing authority involved shall mail written notice to, or provide electronic notification to the main office of the Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program under the Mississippi Development Authority that contains the same information as that in the published notice. * * * Within one (1) working day of the contract award, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration, notice of the award, including the award recipient, the contract amount, and a brief summary of the contract in accordance with rules promulgated by the department. Within one (1) working day of the contract execution, the agency or governing authority shall post to the designated web page maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration a summary of the executed contract and make a copy of the appropriately redacted contract documents available for linking to the designated web page in accordance with the rules promulgated by the department. The information provided by the agency or governing authority shall be posted to the web page * * * until the project is completed * * *.

4. Agencies and governing authorities using federal funds for the procurement of any good or service, including exempt personal and professional services, must comply with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards - Subpart D - Post Federal Award Requirements Procurement Standards, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327.

(ii) Bidding process amendment procedure. If all plans and/or specifications are published in the notification, then the plans and/or specifications may not be amended. If all plans and/or specifications are not published in the notification, then amendments to the plans/specifications, bid opening date, bid

opening time and place may be made, provided that the agency or governing authority maintains a list of all prospective bidders who are known to have received a copy of the bid documents and all such prospective bidders are sent copies of all amendments. This notification of amendments may be made via mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other generally accepted method of information distribution. No addendum to bid specifications may be issued within two (2) working days of the time established for the receipt of bids unless such addendum also amends the bid opening to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum.

(iii) Filing requirement. In all cases involving governing authorities, before the notice shall be published or posted, the plans or specifications for the construction or equipment being sought shall be filed with the clerk of the board of the governing authority. In addition to these requirements, a bid file shall be established which shall indicate those vendors to whom such solicitations and specifications were issued, and such file shall also contain such information as is pertinent to the bid.

(iv) Specification restrictions.

1. Specifications pertinent to such bidding shall be written so as not to exclude comparable equipment of domestic manufacture. However, if valid justification is presented, the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of a governing authority may approve a request for specific equipment necessary to perform a specific job. Further, such justification, when placed on the minutes of the board of a governing authority, may serve as authority for that governing authority to write specifications to require a specific item of equipment needed to perform a specific job. In addition to these requirements, from and after July 1, 1990, vendors of relocatable classrooms and the specifications for the purchase of such relocatable classrooms published by local school boards shall meet all pertinent regulations of the State Board of Education, including prior approval of such bid by the State Department of Education.

2. Specifications for construction projects may include an allowance for commodities, equipment, furniture, construction materials or systems in which prospective bidders are instructed to include in their bids specified amounts for such items so long as the allowance items are acquired by the vendor in a commercially reasonable manner and approved by the agency/governing authority. Such acquisitions shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing laws.

(v) Electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall provide a secure electronic interactive system for the submittal of bids requiring competitive bidding that shall be an additional bidding option for those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically. The Department of Finance and Administration shall provide, by regulation, the standards that agencies must follow when receiving electronic bids. Agencies and governing authorities shall make the appropriate provisions necessary to accept electronic bids from those bidders who choose to submit their bids electronically for all purchases requiring competitive bidding under this section. Any special condition or requirement for the electronic bid submission shall be specified in the advertisement for bids required by this section. Agencies or governing authorities that are currently without available high speed Internet access shall be exempt from the requirement of this subparagraph (v) until such time that high speed Internet access becomes available. Any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). Any municipality having a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) shall be exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph (v). The provisions of this subparagraph (v) shall not require any bidder to submit bids electronically. When construction bids are submitted electronically, the requirement for including a certificate of responsibility, or a statement that the bid enclosed does not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), on the exterior of the bid envelope as indicated in Section 31-3-21(1) and (2) shall be deemed in compliance with by including same as an attachment with the electronic bid submittal.

(d) Lowest and best bid decision procedure.

(i) Decision procedure. Purchases may be made from the lowest and best bidder. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping

charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(ii) Decision procedure for Certified Purchasing Offices.

In addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), Certified Purchasing Offices may also use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the bidder offering the best value. In determining the best value bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions, documented previous experience, training costs and other relevant provisions, including, but not limited to, a bidder having a local office and inventory located within the jurisdiction of the governing authority, may be included in the best value calculation. This provision shall authorize Certified Purchasing Offices to utilize a Request For Proposals (RFP) process when purchasing commodities. All best value procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items or criteria not included in the specifications.

(iii) Decision procedure for Mississippi Landmarks. In

addition to the decision procedure set forth in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (d), where purchase involves renovation, restoration, or both, of the State Capitol Building or any other historical building designated for at least five (5) years as a Mississippi Landmark by the Board of Trustees of the Department of Archives and History under the authority of Sections 39-7-7 and 39-7-11, the agency or governing authority may use the following procedure: Purchases may be made from the lowest and best prequalified bidder. Prequalification of bidders shall be determined not less than fifteen (15) working days before the first published notice of bid opening. Prequalification criteria shall be limited to bidder's knowledge and experience in historical restoration, preservation and renovation. In determining the lowest and best bid, freight and shipping charges shall be included. Life-cycle costing, total cost bids, warranties, guaranteed buy-back provisions and other relevant provisions may be included in the best bid calculation. All best bid and prequalification procedures for state agencies must be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration. If any governing authority accepts a bid other than the lowest bid actually submitted, it shall place on its minutes detailed calculations and narrative summary showing that the accepted bid was determined to be the lowest and best bid, including the dollar amount of the accepted bid and the dollar amount of the lowest bid. No agency or governing authority shall accept a bid based on items not included in the specifications.

(iv) Construction project negotiations authority. If the

lowest and best bid is not more than ten percent (10%) above the amount of funds allocated for a public construction or renovation project, then the agency or governing authority shall be permitted to negotiate with the lowest bidder in order to enter into a contract for an amount not to exceed the funds allocated.

(e) Lease-purchase authorization. For the purposes of this

section, the term "equipment" shall mean equipment, furniture and, if applicable, associated software and other applicable direct costs associated with the acquisition. Any lease-purchase of equipment which an agency is not required to lease-purchase under the master lease-purchase program pursuant to Section 31-7-10 and any lease-purchase of equipment which a governing authority elects to lease-purchase may be acquired by a lease-purchase agreement under this paragraph (e). Lease-purchase financing may also be obtained from the vendor or from a third-party source after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) written competitive bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, for such financing without advertising for such bids. Solicitation for the bids for financing may occur before or after acceptance of bids for the purchase of

such equipment or, where no such bids for purchase are required, at any time before the purchase thereof. No such lease-purchase agreement shall be for an annual rate of interest which is greater than the overall maximum interest rate to maturity on general obligation indebtedness permitted under Section 75-17-101, and the term of such lease-purchase agreement shall not exceed the useful life of equipment covered thereby as determined according to the upper limit of the asset depreciation range (ADR) guidelines for the Class Life Asset Depreciation Range System established by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder as in effect on December 31, 1980, or comparable depreciation guidelines with respect to any equipment not covered by ADR guidelines. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this paragraph (e) may contain any of the terms and conditions which a master lease-purchase agreement may contain under the provisions of Section 31-7-10(5), and shall contain an annual allocation dependency clause substantially similar to that set forth in Section 31-7-10(8). Each agency or governing authority entering into a lease-purchase transaction pursuant to this paragraph (e) shall maintain with respect to each such lease-purchase transaction the same information as required to be maintained by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-10(13). However, nothing contained in this section shall be construed to permit agencies to acquire items of equipment with a total acquisition cost in the aggregate of less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) by a single lease-purchase transaction. All equipment, and the purchase thereof by any lessor, acquired by lease-purchase under this paragraph and all lease-purchase payments with respect thereto shall be exempt from all Mississippi sales, use and ad valorem taxes. Interest paid on any lease-purchase agreement under this section shall be exempt from State of Mississippi income taxation.

(f) Alternate bid authorization. When necessary to ensure ready availability of commodities for public works and the timely completion of public projects, no more than two (2) alternate bids may be accepted by a governing authority for commodities. No purchases may be made through use of such alternate bids procedure unless the lowest and best bidder cannot deliver the commodities contained in his bid. In that event, purchases of such commodities may be made from one (1) of the bidders whose bid was accepted as an alternate.

(g) Construction contract change authorization. In the event a determination is made by an agency or governing authority after a construction contract is let that changes or modifications to the original contract are necessary or would better serve the purpose of the agency or the governing authority, such agency or governing authority may, in its discretion, order such changes pertaining to the construction that are necessary under the circumstances without the necessity of further public bids; provided that such change shall be made in a commercially reasonable manner and shall not be made to circumvent the public purchasing statutes. In addition to any other authorized person, the architect or engineer hired by an agency or governing authority with respect to any public construction contract shall have the authority, when granted by an agency or governing authority, to authorize changes or modifications to the original contract without the necessity of prior approval of the agency or governing authority when any such change or modification is less than one percent (1%) of the total contract amount. The agency or governing authority may limit the number, manner or frequency of such emergency changes or modifications.

(h) Petroleum purchase alternative. In addition to other methods of purchasing authorized in this chapter, when any agency or governing authority shall have a need for gas, diesel fuel, oils and/or other petroleum products in excess of the amount set forth in paragraph (a) of this section, such agency or governing authority may purchase the commodity after having solicited and obtained at least two (2) competitive written bids, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. If two (2) competitive written bids are not obtained, the entity shall comply with the procedures set forth in paragraph (c) of this section. In the event any agency or governing authority shall have advertised for bids for the purchase of gas, diesel fuel, oils and other petroleum products and coal and no acceptable bids can be obtained, such agency or governing authority is authorized and directed to enter into any negotiations necessary to secure the lowest and best contract available for the purchase of such commodities.

(i) Road construction petroleum products price adjustment clause authorization. Any agency or governing authority authorized to enter into contracts for the construction, maintenance, surfacing or repair of highways, roads or streets, may include in its bid proposal and contract documents a price adjustment clause with relation to the cost to the contractor, including taxes, based upon an industry-wide cost index, of petroleum products including asphalt used in the performance or execution of the contract or in the production or manufacture of materials for use in such performance. Such industry-wide index shall be established and published monthly by the Mississippi Department of Transportation with a copy thereof to be mailed, upon request, to the clerks of the governing authority of each municipality and the clerks of each board of supervisors throughout the state. The price adjustment clause shall be based on the cost of such petroleum products only and shall not include any additional profit or overhead as part of the adjustment. The bid proposals or document contract shall contain the basis and methods of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such petroleum products.

(j) State agency emergency purchase procedure. If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency of the state shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interests of the state, then the head of such agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration (i) a statement explaining the conditions and circumstances of the emergency, which shall include a detailed description of the events leading up to the situation and the negative impact to the entity if the purchase is made following the statutory requirements set forth in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of this section, and (ii) a certified copy of the appropriate minutes of the board of such agency requesting the emergency purchase, if applicable. Upon receipt of the statement and applicable board certification, the State Fiscal Officer, or his designees, may, in writing, authorize the purchase or repair without having to comply with competitive bidding requirements.

If the governing board or the executive head, or his designees, of any agency determines that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would threaten the health or safety of any person, or the preservation or protection of property, then the provisions in this section for competitive bidding shall not apply, and any officer or agent of the agency having general or specific authority for making the purchase or repair contract shall approve the bill presented for payment, and he shall certify in writing from whom the purchase was made, or with whom the repair contract was made.

Total purchases made under this paragraph (j) shall only be for the purpose of meeting needs created by the emergency situation. Following the emergency purchase, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be filed with the Department of Finance and Administration. Any contract awarded pursuant to this paragraph (j) shall not exceed a term of one (1) year.

Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (j).

(k) Governing authority emergency purchase procedure. If the governing authority, or the governing authority acting through its designee, shall determine that an emergency exists in regard to the purchase of any commodities or repair contracts, so that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the interest of the governing authority, then the provisions herein for competitive bidding shall not apply and any officer or agent of such governing authority having general or special authority therefor in making such purchase or repair shall approve the bill presented therefor, and he shall certify in writing thereon from whom such purchase was made, or with whom such a repair contract was made. At the board meeting next following the emergency purchase or repair contract, documentation of the purchase or repair contract, including a description of the

commodity purchased, the price thereof and the nature of the emergency shall be presented to the board and shall be placed on the minutes of the board of such governing authority. Purchases under the grant program established under Section 37-68-7 in response to COVID-19 and the directive that school districts create a distance learning plan and fulfill technology needs expeditiously shall be deemed an emergency purchase for purposes of this paragraph (k).

(l) Hospital purchase, lease-purchase and lease authorization.

(i) The commissioners or board of trustees of any public hospital may contract with such lowest and best bidder for the purchase or lease-purchase of any commodity under a contract of purchase or lease-purchase agreement whose obligatory payment terms do not exceed five (5) years.

(ii) In addition to the authority granted in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph (l), the commissioners or board of trustees is authorized to enter into contracts for the lease of equipment or services, or both, which it considers necessary for the proper care of patients if, in its opinion, it is not financially feasible to purchase the necessary equipment or services. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed by the commissioners or board shall not exceed a maximum of five (5) years' duration and shall include a cancellation clause based on unavailability of funds. If such cancellation clause is exercised, there shall be no further liability on the part of the lessee. Any such contract for the lease of equipment or services executed on behalf of the commissioners or board that complies with the provisions of this subparagraph (ii) shall be excepted from the bid requirements set forth in this section.

(m) Exceptions from bidding requirements. Excepted from bid requirements are:

(i) Purchasing agreements approved by department.

Purchasing agreements, contracts and maximum price regulations executed or approved by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(ii) Outside equipment repairs. Repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by repair facilities in the private sector; however, engines, transmissions, rear axles and/or other such components shall not be included in this exemption when replaced as a complete unit instead of being repaired and the need for such total component replacement is known before disassembly of the component; however, invoices identifying the equipment, specific repairs made, parts identified by number and name, supplies used in such repairs, and the number of hours of labor and costs therefor shall be required for the payment for such repairs.

(iii) In-house equipment repairs. Purchases of parts for repairs to equipment, when such repairs are made by personnel of the agency or governing authority; however, entire assemblies, such as engines or transmissions, shall not be included in this exemption when the entire assembly is being replaced instead of being repaired.

(iv) Raw gravel or dirt. Raw unprocessed deposits of gravel or fill dirt which are to be removed and transported by the purchaser.

(v) Governmental equipment auctions. Motor vehicles or other equipment purchased from a federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any governing authority or state agency of another state at a public auction held for the purpose of disposing of such vehicles or other equipment. Any purchase by a governing authority under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph (v) shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the governing authority to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(vi) Intergovernmental sales and transfers. Purchases, sales, transfers or trades by governing authorities or state agencies when such purchases, sales, transfers or trades are made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency or governing authority of another state. Nothing in this section shall permit such purchases through public auction except as provided for in subparagraph (v) of this paragraph (m). It is the intent

of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties. This shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below the market value if the selling entity determines that the sale at below market value is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the state. Governing authorities shall place the terms of the agreement and any justification on the minutes, and state agencies shall obtain approval from the Department of Finance and Administration, prior to releasing or taking possession of the commodities.

(vii) Perishable supplies or food. Perishable supplies or food purchased for use in connection with hospitals, the school lunch programs, homemaking programs and for the feeding of county or municipal prisoners.

(viii) Single-source items. Noncompetitive items available from one (1) source only. In connection with the purchase of noncompetitive items only available from one (1) source, a certification of the conditions and circumstances requiring the purchase shall be filed by the agency with the Department of Finance and Administration and by the governing authority with the board of the governing authority. Upon receipt of that certification the Department of Finance and Administration or the board of the governing authority, as the case may be, may, in writing, authorize the purchase, which authority shall be noted on the minutes of the body at the next regular meeting thereafter. In those situations, a governing authority is not required to obtain the approval of the Department of Finance and Administration. Following the purchase, the executive head of the state agency, or his designees, shall file with the Department of Finance and Administration, documentation of the purchase, including a description of the commodity purchased, the purchase price thereof and the source from whom it was purchased.

(ix) Waste disposal facility construction contracts. Construction of incinerators and other facilities for disposal of solid wastes in which products either generated therein, such as steam, or recovered therefrom, such as materials for recycling, are to be sold or otherwise disposed of; however, in constructing such facilities, a governing authority or agency shall publicly issue requests for proposals, advertised for in the same manner as provided herein for seeking bids for public construction projects, concerning the design, construction, ownership, operation and/or maintenance of such facilities, wherein such requests for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, environmental compatibility, legal responsibilities and such other matters as are determined by the governing authority or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; and after responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency may select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals.

(x) Hospital group purchase contracts. Supplies, commodities and equipment purchased by hospitals through group purchase programs pursuant to Section 31-7-38.

(xi) Information technology products. Purchases of information technology products made by governing authorities under the provisions of purchase schedules, or contracts executed or approved by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services and designated for use by governing authorities.

(xii) Energy efficiency services and equipment. Energy efficiency services and equipment acquired by school districts, community and junior colleges, institutions of higher learning and state agencies or other applicable governmental entities on a shared-savings, lease or lease-purchase basis pursuant to Section 31-7-14.

(xiii) Municipal electrical utility system fuel. Purchases of coal and/or natural gas by municipally owned electric power generating systems that have the capacity to use both coal and natural gas for the generation of electric power.

(xiv) Library books and other reference materials. Purchases by libraries or for libraries of books and periodicals; processed film, videocassette tapes, filmstrips and slides; recorded audiotapes, cassettes and

diskettes; and any such items as would be used for teaching, research or other information distribution; however, equipment such as projectors, recorders, audio or video equipment, and monitor televisions are not exempt under this subparagraph.

(xv) Unmarked vehicles. Purchases of unmarked vehicles when such purchases are made in accordance with purchasing regulations adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 31-7-9(2).

(xvi) Election ballots. Purchases of ballots printed pursuant to Section 23-15-351.

(xvii) Multichannel interactive video systems. From and after July 1, 1990, contracts by Mississippi Authority for Educational Television with any private educational institution or private nonprofit organization whose purposes are educational in regard to the construction, purchase, lease or lease-purchase of facilities and equipment and the employment of personnel for providing multichannel interactive video systems (ITSF) in the school districts of this state.

(xviii) Purchases of prison industry products by the Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons. Purchases made by the Mississippi Department of Corrections, regional correctional facilities or privately owned prisons involving any item that is manufactured, processed, grown or produced from the state's prison industries.

(xix) Undercover operations equipment. Purchases of surveillance equipment or any other high-tech equipment to be used by law enforcement agents in undercover operations, provided that any such purchase shall be in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(xx) Junior college books for rent. Purchases by community or junior colleges of textbooks which are obtained for the purpose of renting such books to students as part of a book service system.

(xxi) Certain school district purchases. Purchases of commodities made by school districts from vendors with which any levying authority of the school district, as defined in Section 37-57-1, has contracted through competitive bidding procedures for purchases of the same commodities.

(xxii) Garbage, solid waste and sewage contracts. Contracts for garbage collection or disposal, contracts for solid waste collection or disposal and contracts for sewage collection or disposal.

(xxiii) Municipal water tank maintenance contracts. Professional maintenance program contracts for the repair or maintenance of municipal water tanks, which provide professional services needed to maintain municipal water storage tanks for a fixed annual fee for a duration of two (2) or more years.

(xxiv) Purchases of Mississippi Industries for the Blind products or services. Purchases made by state agencies or governing authorities involving any item that is manufactured, processed or produced by, or any services provided by, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind.

(xxv) Purchases of state-adopted textbooks. Purchases of state-adopted textbooks by public school districts.

(xxvi) Certain purchases under the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Act. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-75-9(2), (3) and (4).

(xxvii) Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment for installation of soil and water conservation practices purchased at auction. Used heavy or specialized machinery or equipment used for the installation and implementation of soil and water conservation practices or measures purchased subject to the restrictions provided in Sections 69-27-331 through 69-27-341. Any purchase by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission under the exemption authorized by this subparagraph shall require advance authorization spread upon the minutes of the commission to include the listing of the item or items authorized to be purchased and the maximum bid authorized to be paid for each item or items.

(xxviii) Hospital lease of equipment or services. Leases by hospitals of equipment or services if the leases are in compliance with paragraph (l)(ii).

(xxix) Purchases made pursuant to qualified cooperative purchasing agreements. Purchases made by certified purchasing offices of state agencies or governing authorities under cooperative purchasing agreements previously approved by the Office of Purchasing and Travel and established by or for any municipality, county, parish or state government or the federal government, provided that the notification to potential contractors includes a clause that sets forth the availability of the cooperative purchasing agreement to other governmental entities. Such purchases shall only be made if the use of the cooperative purchasing agreements is determined to be in the best interest of the governmental entity.

(xxx) School yearbooks. Purchases of school yearbooks by state agencies or governing authorities; however, state agencies and governing authorities shall use for these purchases the RFP process as set forth in the Mississippi Procurement Manual adopted by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(xxxi) Design-build method of contracting and certain other contracts. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 31-7-13.1, 37-101-44 or 65-1-85.

(xxxii) Toll roads and bridge construction projects. Contracts entered into under the provisions of Section 65-43-1 or 65-43-3.

(xxxiii) Certain purchases under Section 57-1-221. Contracts entered into pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-1-221.

(xxxiv) Certain transfers made pursuant to the provisions of Section 57-105-1(7). Transfers of public property or facilities under Section 57-105-1(7) and construction related to such public property or facilities.

(xxxv) Certain purchases or transfers entered into with local electrical power associations. Contracts or agreements entered into under the provisions of Section 55-3-33.

(xxxvi) Certain purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school. Purchases by an academic medical center or health sciences school, as defined in Section 37-115-50, of commodities that are used for clinical purposes and 1. intended for use in the diagnosis of disease or other conditions or in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease, and 2. medical devices, biological, drugs and radiation-emitting devices as defined by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

(xxxvii) Certain purchases made under the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law. Contracts made by the Mississippi Lottery Corporation pursuant to the Alyce G. Clarke Mississippi Lottery Law.

(xxxviii) Certain purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue. Purchases made by the Department of Health and the Department of Revenue solely for the purpose of fulfilling their respective responsibilities under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act. This subparagraph shall stand repealed on June 30, 2026.

(xxxix) Purchases made by state agencies related to museum exhibits. Purchases made by an agency related to the fabrication, construction, installation or refurbishing of museum exhibits. An agency making a purchase under this exemption in excess of the bid threshold set forth in 31-7-13(c) shall publicly advertise a Request for Qualifications or Request for Proposals in which price as an evaluation factor is at least twenty percent (20%) out of the one hundred percent (100%) total weight, but shall be otherwise exempt. Any contract arising from a purchase using this exemption must be approved by the Public Procurement Review Board prior to execution by the agency. The agency shall submit a written report on December 1 of each year to the Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, the Chairs of the Senate and House Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency Committees and the Chair of the Public Procurement Review Board, identifying all purchases made by the agency using this exemption in which the cost of the option selected by the agency was more than twenty-five percent (25%) higher than the lowest cost option available.

(n) Term contract authorization. All contracts for the purchase of:

(i) All contracts for the purchase of commodities, equipment and public construction (including, but not limited to, repair and maintenance), may be let for periods of not more than sixty (60) months in advance, subject to applicable statutory provisions prohibiting the letting of contracts during specified periods near the end of terms of office. Term contracts for a period exceeding twenty-four (24) months shall also be subject to ratification or cancellation by governing authority boards taking office subsequent to the governing authority board entering the contract.

(ii) Bid proposals and contracts may include price adjustment clauses with relation to the cost to the contractor based upon a nationally published industry-wide or nationally published and recognized cost index. The cost index used in a price adjustment clause shall be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration for the state agencies and by the governing board for governing authorities. The bid proposal and contract documents utilizing a price adjustment clause shall contain the basis and method of adjusting unit prices for the change in the cost of such commodities, equipment and public construction.

(o) Purchase law violation prohibition and vendor penalty. No contract or purchase as herein authorized shall be made for the purpose of circumventing the provisions of this section requiring competitive bids, nor shall it be lawful for any person or concern to submit individual invoices for amounts within those authorized for a contract or purchase where the actual value of the contract or commodity purchased exceeds the authorized amount and the invoices therefor are split so as to appear to be authorized as purchases for which competitive bids are not required. Submission of such invoices shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for thirty (30) days in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment. In addition, the claim or claims submitted shall be forfeited.

(p) Electrical utility petroleum-based equipment purchase procedure. When in response to a proper advertisement therefor, no bid firm as to price is submitted to an electric utility for power transformers, distribution transformers, power breakers, reclosers or other articles containing a petroleum product, the electric utility may accept the lowest and best bid therefor although the price is not firm.

(q) Fuel management system bidding procedure. Any governing authority or agency of the state shall, before contracting for the services and products of a fuel management or fuel access system, enter into negotiations with not fewer than two (2) sellers of fuel management or fuel access systems for competitive written bids to provide the services and products for the systems. In the event that the governing authority or agency cannot locate two (2) sellers of such systems or cannot obtain bids from two (2) sellers of such systems, it shall show proof that it made a diligent, good-faith effort to locate and negotiate with two (2) sellers of such systems. Such proof shall include, but not be limited to, publications of a request for proposals and letters soliciting negotiations and bids. For purposes of this paragraph (q), a fuel management or fuel access system is an automated system of acquiring fuel for vehicles as well as management reports detailing fuel use by vehicles and drivers, and the term "competitive written bid" shall have the meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of this section. Governing authorities and agencies shall be exempt from this process when contracting for the services and products of fuel management or fuel access systems under the terms of a state contract established by the Office of Purchasing and Travel.

(r) Solid waste contract proposal procedure. Before entering into any contract for garbage collection or disposal, contract for solid waste collection or disposal or contract for sewage collection or disposal, which involves an expenditure of more than Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), a governing authority or agency shall issue publicly a request for proposals concerning the specifications for such services which shall be advertised for in the same manner as provided in this section for seeking bids for purchases which involve an expenditure of more than the amount provided in paragraph (c) of this section. Any request for proposals when issued shall contain terms and conditions relating to price, financial responsibility, technology, legal responsibilities and other relevant factors as are determined by the governing authority

or agency to be appropriate for inclusion; all factors determined relevant by the governing authority or agency or required by this paragraph (r) shall be duly included in the advertisement to elicit proposals. After responses to the request for proposals have been duly received, the governing authority or agency shall select the most qualified proposal or proposals on the basis of price, technology and other relevant factors and from such proposals, but not limited to the terms thereof, negotiate and enter into contracts with one or more of the persons or firms submitting proposals. If the governing authority or agency deems none of the proposals to be qualified or otherwise acceptable, the request for proposals process may be reinitiated. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this paragraph, where a county with at least thirty-five thousand (35,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000) population, according to the 1990 federal decennial census, owns or operates a solid waste landfill, the governing authorities of any other county or municipality may contract with the governing authorities of the county owning or operating the landfill, pursuant to a resolution duly adopted and spread upon the minutes of each governing authority involved, for garbage or solid waste collection or disposal services through contract negotiations.

(s) Minority set-aside authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, any agency or governing authority, by order placed on its minutes, may, in its discretion, set aside not more than twenty percent (20%) of its anticipated annual expenditures for the purchase of commodities from minority businesses; however, all such set-aside purchases shall comply with all purchasing regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and shall be subject to bid requirements under this section. Set-aside purchases for which competitive bids are required shall be made from the lowest and best minority business bidder. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "minority business" means a business which is owned by a majority of persons who are United States citizens or permanent resident aliens (as defined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service) of the United States, and who are Asian, Black, Hispanic or Native American, according to the following definitions:

(i) "Asian" means persons having origins in any of the original people of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.

(ii) "Black" means persons having origins in any black racial group of Africa.

(iii) "Hispanic" means persons of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

(iv) "Native American" means persons having origins in any of the original people of North America, including American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

(t) Construction punch list restriction. The architect, engineer or other representative designated by the agency or governing authority that is contracting for public construction or renovation may prepare and submit to the contractor only one (1) preliminary punch list of items that do not meet the contract requirements at the time of substantial completion and one (1) final list immediately before final completion and final payment.

(u) Procurement of construction services by state institutions of higher learning. Contracts for privately financed construction of auxiliary facilities on the campus of a state institution of higher learning may be awarded by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning to the lowest and best bidder, where sealed bids are solicited, or to the offeror whose proposal is determined to represent the best value to the citizens of the State of Mississippi, where requests for proposals are solicited.

(v) Insurability of bidders for public construction or other public contracts. In any solicitation for bids to perform public construction or other public contracts to which this section applies, including, but not limited to, contracts for repair and maintenance, for which the contract will require insurance coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), bidders shall be permitted to either submit proof of current insurance coverage in the specified amount or demonstrate

ability to obtain the required coverage amount of insurance if the contract is awarded to the bidder. Proof of insurance coverage shall be submitted within five (5) business days from bid acceptance.

(w) Purchase authorization clarification. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any purchase not authorized by law.

(x) Mississippi Regional Pre-Need Disaster Clean Up Act. (i) * * * The Department of Finance and Administration shall develop and implement a process that creates a preferred vendor list for both disaster debris removal and monitoring.

(ii) Any board of supervisors of any county or any governing authority of any municipality may opt in to the benefits and services provided under the appropriate and relevant contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph at the time of a disaster event in that county or municipality. At the time of opt in, the county or municipality shall assume responsibility for payment in full to the contractor for the disaster-related solid waste collection, disposal or monitoring services provided. Nothing in this subparagraph (ii) shall be construed as requiring a county or municipality to opt in to any such contract established in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 28 OF CHAPTER 549, LAWS OF 2023, TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT NAMES AND PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROJECTS FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 549, LAWS OF 2023, TO REVISE THE PURPOSE OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-373, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTS OR PURCHASES FOR PROJECTS FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND THAT INVOLVE EXPENDITURES ABOVE CERTAIN AMOUNTS MUST BE MADE AFTER OBTAINING COMPETITIVE WRITTEN BIDS; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-185, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-187, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 LAFAYETTE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-189, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 GULFPORT COMMERCE CORRIDOR FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 297 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2486, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE SEVERAL TECHNICAL CHANGES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT PROJECTS UNDER THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Josh Harkins

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada,

Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 63-11-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-11-23. (1) Administrative license suspension for test refusal. The Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, shall review the sworn report by a law enforcement officer as provided in Section 63-11-21.

(a) If upon review the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, finds (i) that the law enforcement officer had reasonable grounds and probable cause to believe the person had been operating a motor vehicle upon the public highways, public roads * * * or streets of this state while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any other substance that may impair a person's mental or physical ability; (ii) that the person refused to submit to the chemical test of the person's breath, blood or urine upon request of the officer; and (iii) that the person was informed that his license and driving privileges would be suspended or denied if he refused to submit to the chemical test of his breath, blood or urine, then the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, shall give notice to the licensee that his license or permit to drive, or any nonresident operating privilege, shall be suspended thirty (30) days after the date of the notice for a period of ninety (90) days if the person has not previously been convicted of or nonadjudicated for a violation of Section 63-11-30, or, for a period of one (1) year if the person was previously convicted or nonadjudicated under Section

63-11-30. If the commissioner or his authorized agent determines that the license or permit should not be suspended, he shall return the license or permit to the licensee.

(b) The notice of suspension shall be in writing and conform to Section 63-1-52.

(c) A person may continue to drive on either an interlock-restricted license or under a drug-testing program if so ordered by a court in the course of a criminal proceeding for a violation of Section 63-11-30.

(2) Extension or suspension of privilege to drive; request for trial. (a) If the chemical testing of a person's breath indicates the blood alcohol concentration was eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more for persons who are above the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law, or two one-hundredths percent (.02%) or more for persons who are below the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law, based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) liters of breath as shown by a chemical analysis of the person's blood, breath, or urine, the arresting officer shall seize the license and give the driver a receipt for his license on forms prescribed by the Commissioner of Public Safety and shall promptly forward the license together with a sworn report to the Commissioner of Public Safety. The receipt given a person shall be valid as a permit to operate a motor vehicle for thirty (30) days in order that the defendant may be processed through the court having original jurisdiction and a final disposition had.

(b) If the defendant requests a trial within thirty (30) days and trial is not commenced within thirty (30) days, then the court shall determine if the delay in the trial is the fault of the defendant or his counsel. If the court finds that it is not the fault of the defendant or his counsel, then the court shall order the defendant's privileges to operate a motor vehicle to be extended until the defendant is convicted upon final order of the court.

(c) If a receipt or permit to drive issued under this subsection expires without a trial having been requested as provided in this subsection, then the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, shall suspend the license or permit to drive or any nonresident operating privilege for the applicable period of time as provided in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Offenders driving without a license. If the person is a resident without a license or permit to operate a motor vehicle in this state, the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his authorized agent, shall deny to the person the issuance of a license or permit for a period of one (1) year beginning thirty (30) days after the date of notice of the suspension.

(4) Appeal. It shall be the duty of the municipal prosecuting attorney, county prosecuting attorney, an attorney employed under the provisions of Section 19-3-49, or if there is not a prosecuting attorney for the municipality or county, the duty of the district attorney to represent the state in any hearing on a de novo appeal held under the provisions of Section 63-11-25, Section 63-11-37 or Section 63-11-30.

(5) Suspension subsequent to conviction. Unless the person obtains an interlock-restricted license or the court orders the person to exercise the privilege to operate a motor vehicle only under an interlock-restricted license or while participating in a court-ordered drug-testing program, thirty (30) days after receipt of the court abstract documenting a person's conviction under Section 63-11-30, the Department of Public Safety shall suspend the driver's license and privileges of the person to operate a motor vehicle as follows:

(a) When sentenced under Section 63-11-30(2):

(i) For a first offense: one hundred twenty (120) days;

(ii) For a second offense: one (1) year;

(iii) For a third offense: for the full period of the person's sentence; upon release from incarceration, the person will be eligible for only an interlock-restricted license for three (3) years;

(iv) For a fourth or subsequent offense: for the full period of the person's sentence; upon release from incarceration, the person will be eligible for only an interlock-restricted license for ten (10) years and will further be subject to

court-ordered drug testing if the original offense involved operating a motor vehicle under the influence of a drug other than alcohol.

(b) When sentenced under Section 63-11-30(3) (Zero Tolerance for Minors):

- (i) For a first offense: one hundred twenty (120) days;
- (ii) For a second offense: one (1) year;
- (iii) For a third offense occurring within five (5) years,

suspend or deny the driving privilege for two (2) years or until the person reaches the age of twenty-one (21), whichever is longer.

(6) Suspensions. (a) Notices of suspension given under this section shall be in writing and conform to Section 63-1-52.

(b) Suspensions under this and any other chapter shall run consecutively and not concurrently.

(c) The first day of any one-hundred-twenty-day period shall begin twenty-one (21) days after entry of judgement of conviction or order of nonadjudication.

(7) License reinstatement. A person is eligible for an unrestricted license when the person has completed an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32, has satisfied all other conditions of law and of the person's sentence or nonadjudication, and is not otherwise barred from obtaining an unrestricted license.

SECTION 2. Section 63-11-30, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-11-30. (1) It is unlawful for a person to drive or otherwise operate a vehicle within this state if the person:

(a) Is under the influence of intoxicating liquor;

(b) Is under the influence of any other substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle;

(c) Is under the influence of any drug or controlled substance, the possession of which is unlawful under the Mississippi Controlled Substances Law; or

(d) Has an alcohol concentration in the person's blood, based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood, or grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) liters of breath, as shown by a chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood or urine administered as authorized by this chapter, of:

(i) Eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more for a person who is above the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law;

(ii) Two one-hundredths percent (.02%) or more for a person who is below the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law; or

(iii) Four one-hundredths percent (.04%) or more for a person operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section (Zero Tolerance for Minors):

(a) First offense DUI. (i) Upon conviction of any person for the first offense of violating subsection (1) of this section where chemical tests under Section 63-11-5 were given, or where chemical test results are not available, the person shall be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or imprisoned for not more than forty-eight (48) hours in jail, or both; the court shall order the person to attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32 within six (6) months of sentencing. The court may substitute attendance at a victim impact panel instead of forty-eight (48) hours in jail.

(ii) Suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) A qualifying first offense may be nonadjudicated by the court under subsection (14) of this section. The holder of a commercial driver's license or a commercial learning permit at the time of the offense is ineligible for nonadjudication.

(iv) Eligibility for an interlock-restricted license is governed by Section 63-11-31 and suspension of regular driving privileges is governed by Section 63-11-23.

(b) Second offense DUI. (i) Upon any second conviction of any person violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, fined not less than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), shall be imprisoned not less than five (5) days nor more than six (6) months and sentenced to community service work for not less than ten (10) days nor more than six (6) months. The minimum penalties shall not be suspended or reduced by the court and no prosecutor shall offer any suspension or sentence reduction as part of a plea bargain.

(ii) Suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) Eligibility for an interlock-restricted license is governed by Section 63-11-31 and suspension of regular driving privileges is governed by Section 63-11-23.

(c) Third offense DUI. (i) For a third conviction of a person for violating subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, the person shall be guilty of a felony and fined not less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), and shall serve not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections. For any offense that does not result in serious injury or death to any person, the sentence of incarceration may be served in the county jail rather than in the State Penitentiary at the discretion of the circuit court judge. The minimum penalties shall not be suspended or reduced by the court and no prosecutor shall offer any suspension or sentence reduction as part of a plea bargain.

(ii) The suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) The suspension of regular driving privileges is governed by Section 63-11-23.

(d) Fourth and subsequent offense DUI. (i) For any fourth or subsequent conviction of a violation of subsection (1) of this section, without regard to the time period within which the violations occurred, the person shall be guilty of a felony and fined not less than Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) nor more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), and shall serve not less than two (2) years nor more than ten (10) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

(ii) The suspension of commercial driving privileges is governed by Section 63-1-216.

(iii) A person convicted of a fourth or subsequent offense is ineligible to exercise the privilege to operate a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition-interlock device for ten (10) years.

(e) Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section shall receive an in-depth diagnostic assessment, and if as a result of the assessment is determined to be in need of treatment for alcohol or drug abuse, the person must successfully complete treatment at a program site certified by the Department of Mental Health. Each person who receives a diagnostic assessment shall pay a fee representing the cost of the assessment. Each person who participates in a treatment program shall pay a fee representing the cost of treatment.

(f) The use of ignition-interlock devices is governed by Section 63-11-31.

(3) Zero tolerance for minors. (a) This subsection shall be known and may be cited as Zero Tolerance for Minors. The provisions of this subsection shall apply only when a person under the age of twenty-one (21) years has a blood alcohol concentration of two one-hundredths percent (.02%) or more, but lower than eight one-hundredths percent (.08%). If the person's blood alcohol concentration is eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more, the provisions of subsection (2) shall apply.

(b) (i) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) is eligible for nonadjudication of a qualifying first offense by the court pursuant to subsection (14) of this section.

(ii) Upon conviction of any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years for the first offense of violating subsection (1) of this section

where chemical tests provided for under Section 63-11-5 were given, or where chemical test results are not available, the person shall be fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00); the court shall order the person to attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32 within six (6) months. The court may also require attendance at a victim impact panel.

(c) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) years who is convicted of a second violation of subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, shall be fined not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

(d) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) years who is convicted of a third or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section, the offenses being committed within a period of five (5) years, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

(e) License suspension is governed by Section 63-11-23 and ignition interlock is governed by Section 63-11-31.

(f) Any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years convicted of a third or subsequent violation of subsection (1) of this section must complete treatment of an alcohol or drug abuse program at a site certified by the Department of Mental Health.

(4) DUI test refusal. In addition to the other penalties provided in this section, every person refusing a law enforcement officer's request to submit to a chemical test of the person's breath as provided in this chapter, or who was unconscious at the time of a chemical test and refused to consent to the introduction of the results of the test in any prosecution, shall suffer an additional administrative suspension of driving privileges as set forth in Section 63-11-23.

(5) Aggravated DUI. (a) (i) Except as otherwise provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph (a), every person who operates any motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section and who in a negligent manner causes the death of another or mutilates, disfigures, permanently disables or destroys the tongue, eye, lip, nose or any other limb, organ or member of another shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a separate felony for each victim who suffers death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury and shall be committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for a period of time of not less than five (5) years and not to exceed twenty-five (25) years for each death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury, and the imprisonment for the second or each subsequent conviction, in the discretion of the court, shall commence either at the termination of the imprisonment for the preceding conviction or run concurrently with the preceding conviction. Any person charged with causing the death of another as described in this subsection shall be required to post bail before being released after arrest.

(ii) Every person who is below the legal age to purchase alcoholic beverages under state law and has an alcohol concentration in the person's blood, based upon grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood, or grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) liters of breath, as shown by a chemical analysis of the person's breath, blood or urine administered as authorized by this chapter, of eight one-hundredths percent (0.08%) or more and who in a negligent manner causes the death of another or mutilates, disfigures, permanently disables or destroys the tongue, eye, lip, nose or any other limb, organ or member of another shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a separate felony for each victim who suffers death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury and shall be committed to the custody of the State Department of Corrections for a period of time not less than five (5) years and not to exceed twenty-five (25) years for each death, mutilation, disfigurement or other injury, and the imprisonment for the second or each subsequent conviction, in the discretion of the court, shall commence either at the termination of the imprisonment for the preceding conviction or run concurrently with the preceding conviction. Any such person charged with causing the death of another as described in this subparagraph shall be required to post bail before being released after arrest.

(b) A holder of a commercial driver's license who is convicted of operating a commercial motor vehicle with an alcohol concentration of eight one-hundredths percent (.08%) or more shall be guilty of a felony and shall be

committed to the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than two (2) years and not more than ten (10) years.

(c) The court shall order an ignition-interlock restriction on the offender's privilege to drive as a condition of probation or post-release supervision not to exceed five (5) years unless a longer restriction is required under other law. The ignition-interlock restriction shall not be applied to commercial license privileges until the driver serves the full disqualification period required by Section 63-1-216.

(6) DUI citations. (a) Upon conviction of a violation of subsection (1) of this section, the trial judge shall sign in the place provided on the traffic ticket, citation or affidavit stating that the person arrested either employed an attorney or waived his right to an attorney after having been properly advised. If the person arrested employed an attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the attorney shall be written on the ticket, citation or affidavit. The court clerk must immediately send a copy of the traffic ticket, citation or affidavit, and any other pertinent documents concerning the conviction or other order of the court, to the Department of Public Safety as provided in Section 63-11-37.

(b) A copy of the traffic ticket, citation or affidavit and any other pertinent documents, having been attested as true and correct by the Commissioner of Public Safety, or his designee, shall be sufficient proof of the conviction for purposes of determining the enhanced penalty for any subsequent convictions of violations of subsection (1) of this section. The Department of Public Safety shall maintain a central database for verification of prior offenses and convictions.

(7) Out-of-state prior convictions. Convictions in another state, territory or possession of the United States, or under the law of a federally recognized Native American tribe, of violations for driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any other substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle occurring within five (5) years before an offense shall be counted for the purposes of determining if a violation of subsection (1) of this section is a second, third, fourth or subsequent offense and the penalty that shall be imposed upon conviction for a violation of subsection (1) of this section.

(8) Charging of subsequent offenses. (a) For the purposes of determining how to impose the sentence for a second, third, fourth or subsequent conviction under this section, the affidavit or indictment shall not be required to enumerate previous convictions. It shall only be necessary that the affidavit or indictment states the number of times that the defendant has been convicted and sentenced within the past five (5) years for a second or third offense, or without a time limitation for a fourth or subsequent offense, under this section to determine if an enhanced penalty shall be imposed. The amount of fine and imprisonment imposed in previous convictions shall not be considered in calculating offenses to determine a second, third, fourth or subsequent offense of this section.

(b) Before a defendant enters a plea of guilty to an offense under this section, law enforcement must submit certification to the prosecutor that the defendant's driving record, the confidential registry and National Crime Information Center record have been searched for all prior convictions, nonadjudications, pretrial diversions and arrests for driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or while under the influence of any other substance that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle. The results of the search must be included in the certification.

(9) License eligibility for underage offenders. A person who is under the legal age to obtain a license to operate a motor vehicle at the time of the offense and who is convicted under this section shall not be eligible to receive a driver's license until the person reaches the age of eighteen (18) years.

(10) License suspensions and restrictions to run consecutively. Suspension or restriction of driving privileges for any person convicted of or nonadjudicated for violations of subsection (1) of this section shall run consecutively to and not concurrently with any other administrative license suspension.

(11) Ignition interlock. If the court orders installation and use of an ignition-interlock device as provided in Section 63-11-31 for every vehicle operated by

a person convicted or nonadjudicated under this section, each device shall be installed, maintained and removed as provided in Section 63-11-31.

(12) DUI child endangerment. A person over the age of twenty-one (21) who violates subsection (1) of this section while transporting in a motor vehicle a child under the age of sixteen (16) years is guilty of the separate offense of endangering a child by driving under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle. The offense of endangering a child by driving under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle shall not be merged with an offense of violating subsection (1) of this section for the purposes of prosecution and sentencing. An offender who is convicted of a violation of this subsection shall be punished as follows:

(a) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which does not result in the serious injury or death of a child and which is a first conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or shall be imprisoned for not more than twelve (12) months, or both;

(b) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which does not result in the serious injury or death of a child and which is a second conviction shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or shall be imprisoned for one (1) year, or both;

(c) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which does not result in the serious injury or death of a child and which is a third or subsequent conviction shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) or shall be imprisoned for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or both; and

(d) A person who commits a violation of this subsection which results in the serious injury or death of a child, without regard to whether the offense was a first, second, third or subsequent offense, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and shall be imprisoned for not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty-five (25) years.

(13) Expunction. (a) Any person convicted under subsection (2) or (3) of this section of a first offense of driving under the influence and who was not the holder of a commercial driver's license or a commercial learning permit at the time of the offense may petition the circuit court of the county in which the conviction was had for an order to expunge the record of the conviction at least five (5) years after successful completion of all terms and conditions of the sentence imposed for the conviction. Expunction under this subsection will only be available to a person:

(i) Who has successfully completed all terms and conditions of the sentence imposed for the conviction;

(ii) Who did not refuse to submit to a test of his blood or breath;

(iii) Whose blood alcohol concentration tested below sixteen one-hundredths percent (.16%) if test results are available;

(iv) Who has not been convicted of and does not have pending any other offense of driving under the influence;

(v) Who has provided the court with justification as to why the conviction should be expunged; and

(vi) Who has not previously had a nonadjudication or expunction of a violation of this section.

(b) A person is eligible for only one (1) expunction under this subsection, and the Department of Public Safety shall maintain a permanent confidential registry of all cases of expunction under this subsection for the sole purpose of determining a person's eligibility for expunction, for nonadjudication, or as a first offender under this section.

(c) The court in its order of expunction shall state in writing the justification for which the expunction was granted and forward the order to the Department of Public Safety within five (5) days of the entry of the order.

(14) Nonadjudication. (a) For the purposes of this chapter, "nonadjudication" means that the court withholds adjudication of guilt and sentencing, either at the conclusion of a trial on the merits or upon the entry of a plea of guilt by a defendant, and places the defendant in a nonadjudication program conditioned upon the successful completion of the requirements imposed by the court under this subsection.

(b) A person is eligible for nonadjudication of an offense under this Section 63-11-30 only one (1) time under any provision of a law that authorizes nonadjudication and only for an offender:

(i) Who has successfully completed all terms and conditions imposed by the court after placement of the defendant in a nonadjudication program;

(ii) Who was not the holder of a commercial driver's license or a commercial learning permit at the time of the offense;

(iii) Who has not previously been convicted of and does not have pending any former or subsequent charges under this section; and

(iv) Who has provided the court with justification as to why nonadjudication is appropriate.

(c) Nonadjudication may be initiated upon the filing of a petition for nonadjudication or at any stage of the proceedings in the discretion of the court; the court may withhold adjudication of guilt, defer sentencing, and upon the agreement of the offender to participate in a nonadjudication program, enter an order imposing requirements on the offender for a period of court supervision before the order of nonadjudication is entered. Failure to successfully complete a nonadjudication program subjects the person to adjudication of the charges against him and to imposition of all penalties previously withheld due to entrance into a nonadjudication program. The court shall immediately inform the commissioner of the conviction as required in Section 63-11-37.

(i) The court shall order the person to:

1. Pay the nonadjudication fee imposed under Section 63-11-31 if applicable;

2. Pay all fines, penalties and assessments that would have been imposed for conviction;

3. Attend and complete an alcohol safety education program as provided in Section 63-11-32 within six (6) months of the date of the order;

4. a. If the court determines that the person violated this section with respect to alcohol or intoxicating liquor, the person must install an ignition-interlock device on every motor vehicle operated by the person, obtain an interlock-restricted license, and maintain that license for one hundred twenty (120) days or suffer a one-hundred-twenty-day suspension of the person's regular driver's license, during which time the person must not operate any vehicle.

b. If the court determines that the person violated this section by operating a vehicle when under the influence of a substance other than alcohol that has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle, including any drug or controlled substance which is unlawful to possess under the Mississippi Controlled Substances Law, the person must submit to a one-hundred-twenty-day period of a nonadjudication program that includes court-ordered drug testing at the person's own expense not less often than every thirty (30) days, during which time the person may drive if compliant with the terms of the program, or suffer a one-hundred-twenty-day suspension of the person's regular driver's license, during which time the person will not operate any vehicle.

(ii) Other conditions that may be imposed by the court include, but are not limited to, alcohol or drug screening, or both, proof that the person has not committed any other traffic violations while under court supervision, proof of immobilization or impoundment of vehicles owned by the offender if required, and attendance at a victim-impact panel.

(d) The court may enter an order of nonadjudication only if the court finds, after a hearing or after ex parte examination of reliable documentation of compliance, that the offender has successfully completed all conditions imposed by law

and previous orders of the court. The court shall retain jurisdiction over cases involving nonadjudication for a period of not more than two (2) years.

(e) (i) The clerk shall immediately forward a record of every person placed in a nonadjudication program and of every nonadjudication order to the Department of Public Safety for inclusion in the permanent confidential registry of all cases that are nonadjudicated under this subsection (14).

(ii) Judges, clerks and prosecutors involved in the trial of implied consent violations and law enforcement officers involved in the issuance of citations for implied consent violations shall have secure online access to the confidential registry for the purpose of determining whether a person has previously been the subject of a nonadjudicated case and 1. is therefore ineligible for another nonadjudication; 2. is ineligible as a first offender for a violation of this section; or 3. is ineligible for expunction of a conviction of a violation of this section.

(iii) The Driver Services Bureau of the department shall have access to the confidential registry for the purpose of determining whether a person is eligible for a form of license not restricted to operating a vehicle equipped with an ignition-interlock device.

(iv) The Mississippi Alcohol Safety Education Program shall have secure online access to the confidential registry for research purposes only.

(15) The provisions of this section are fully applicable to any person who is under the influence of medical cannabis that is lawful under the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act and in compliance with rules and regulations adopted thereunder which has impaired the person's ability to operate a motor vehicle.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 63-11-23 AND 63-11-30, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR THE 120-DAY SUSPENSION FOR DUI VIOLATIONS TO PROVIDE AN AGGRAVATED DUI PENALTY FOR PERSONS WHO ARE UNDER THE LEGAL AGE FOR PURCHASING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Elliot Burch (Not Signed), Jansen Owen
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Rod Hickman (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--118.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--James-Jones, McCray, Porter, Summers. Total-4.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Horan called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1253: Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 99-39-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-39-7. (1) The motion under this article shall be filed as an original civil action in the trial court, except in cases in which:

(a) The petitioner's conviction and sentence have been appealed to the Supreme Court of Mississippi and there affirmed or the appeal dismissed;

(b) The denial of a previous post-conviction motion filed by the petitioner has been appealed to the Supreme Court of Mississippi and there affirmed or the appeal dismissed; or

(c) More than three (3) years after the time for taking an appeal from the judgment or conviction have elapsed.

(2) Where the conviction and sentence have been affirmed on appeal or the appeal has been dismissed, where the denial of a previous post-conviction motion filed by the petitioner has been appealed to the Supreme Court of Mississippi and there affirmed or the appeal dismissed, or where more than three (3) years after the time for taking an appeal from the judgment or conviction have elapsed, the motion under this article shall not be filed in the trial court until the motion shall have first been presented to a quorum of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Mississippi, convened for * * * that purpose either in termtime or in vacation, and an order granted allowing the filing of such motion in the trial court. The procedure governing applications to the Supreme Court for leave to file a motion under this article shall be as provided in Section 99-39-27.

SECTION 2. Section 21-23-8, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

21-23-8. (1) (a) The purpose of bail is to guarantee appearance and a bail bond shall not be forfeited for any other reason.

(b) (i) If a defendant in any criminal case, proceeding or matter fails to appear for any proceeding as ordered by the municipal court, then the court shall order the bail forfeited and a judgment nisi and a bench warrant issued at the time of nonappearance. The clerk of the municipal court shall notify the surety of the forfeiture by writ of scire facias, with a copy of the judgment nisi and bench warrant attached thereto, within ten (10) working days of such order of judgment nisi either by personal service or by certified mail. Failure * * * to provide the required notice within ten (10) working days shall constitute prima facie evidence that the order * * * shall be set aside, and the clerk shall present a set-aside order on behalf of the surety to the court. All felony warrants issued by a court for nonappearance shall be put on the National Crime

Information Center (NCIC) index with no restrictions until the defendant is returned to custody.

(ii) 1. The judgment nisi shall be returnable for ninety (90) days from the date of issuance. If during that period the defendant appears before the municipal court, or is arrested and surrendered, then the judgment nisi shall be set aside. If the surety produces the defendant or provides to the municipal court reasonable mitigating circumstances upon such showing, then the forfeiture shall not be made final. If the forfeiture is made final, a copy of the final judgment shall be served on the surety within ten (10) working days by either personal service or certified mail.

2. Reasonable mitigating circumstances shall be that the defendant is incarcerated in another jurisdiction; that the defendant is hospitalized under a doctor's care; that the defendant is in a recognized drug rehabilitation program; that the defendant has been placed in a witness protection program, in which case it shall be the duty of any agency placing the defendant into a witness protection program to notify the municipal court and the municipal court to notify the surety; or any other reason justifiable to the municipal court.

(2) (a) If a final judgment is entered against a surety licensed by the Department of Insurance and has not been set aside after ninety (90) days, or later if such time is extended by the municipal court issuing the judgment nisi, then the municipal court shall order the department to revoke the authority of the surety to write bail bonds. The Commissioner of Insurance shall, upon notice of the municipal court, notify the surety within five (5) working days of receipt of the order of revocation. If after * * * twenty (20) working days of the notification the revocation order has not been set aside by the municipal court, then the commissioner shall revoke the authority of the surety and all agents of the surety and shall notify the sheriff of every county of such revocation.

(b) Before the revocation authorized in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the surety may submit proof to the department that the defendant has been surrendered to the appropriate authorities or that the bond has been paid directly to the court or other proper authorities, such proof to include, but not be limited to:

- (i) A receipt of payment to the bond;
- (ii) A surrender certificate; or
- (iii) A notice of surrender from the proper authorities,

including foreign jurisdictions.

(3) If within eighteen (18) months of the date of the final forfeiture the defendant appears for municipal court, is arrested or surrendered to the municipal court, or if the defendant is found to be incarcerated in another jurisdiction and a hold order placed on the defendant, then the amount of bail, less reasonable extradition cost, excluding attorney fees, shall be refunded by the municipal court upon application by the surety.

(4) (a) The municipal judge shall set the amount of bail for persons charged with offenses in municipal court and may approve the bond or recognizance therefor.

(b) The court shall not set the financial conditions of bail solely for the purpose of detaining the defendant. When bail is set, it is presumed that the amount of bail is both necessary to reasonably assure the safety of a victim, witness or the general public and to guarantee the appearance of a defendant as required by the court. The amount of bail is also presumed to be attainable by the defendant. The presumption that bail is attainable by the defendant may be rebutted by the defendant who may file a motion to reduce or set aside the bail requirement with the court due to lack of financial means, which shall also consider the availability of a third-party support system to obtain the defendant's release. The court shall rule on any such motion within forty-eight (48) hours of the filing.

(c) If the defendant or his counsel asserts that the defendant is indigent and cannot afford the amount of bail, the municipal judge shall make a determination of whether the defendant can be released on recognizance, based on the standards enumerated in the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure and any other factors considered relevant by the municipal judge. No misdemeanor defendant shall be incarcerated solely because the defendant cannot afford to post bail; nor shall a misdemeanor defendant be released solely because the defendant cannot afford bail.

It is the duty of the municipal judge to ensure that release of the defendant does not jeopardize the community.

(d) The accused may waive an appearance before the judge and execute an appearance bond in an amount determined by the court from the bond guidelines set out in the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure and agree to appear at a specified time and place.

(e) If the municipal judge is unavailable and has not provided a bail schedule or otherwise provided for the setting of bail, it is lawful for any officer or officers designated by order of the municipal judge to take bond, cash, property or recognizance, with or without sureties, in the amount of the minimum bail specified in the bond guidelines set out in the Mississippi Rules of Criminal Procedure, payable to the municipality and conditioned for the appearance of the person on the return day and time of the writ before the court to which the warrant is returnable, or in cases of arrest without a warrant, on the day and time set by the court or officer for arraignment, and there remain from day to day and term to term until discharged.

(f) In circumstances involving an offense against any of the following: (i) a current or former spouse of the accused or child of that person; (ii) a person living as a spouse or who formerly lived as a spouse with the accused or a child of that person; (iii) a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild or someone similarly situated to the accused; (iv) a person who has a current or former dating relationship with the accused; or (v) a person with whom the accused has had a biological or legally adopted child, the municipal judge shall check, or cause to be made a check of the status of the person for whom recognizance or bond is taken before ordering bail in the Mississippi Protection Order Registry authorized under Section 93-21-25, and the existence of a domestic abuse protection order against the accused shall be considered when determining appropriate bail.

(g) All bonds shall be promptly returned to the court, together with any cash deposited, and be filed and proceeded on by the court in a case of forfeiture. The chief of the municipal police or a police officer or officers designated by order of the municipal judge may approve bonds or recognizances.

(h) All bonds and recognizances in municipal court where the municipal court shall have the jurisdiction to hear and determine the case may be made payable to the municipality and shall have the effect to bind the principal and any sureties on the bond or recognizance until they shall be discharged by due course of law without renewal.

SECTION 3. Section 83-39-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-39-7. (1) (a) Each applicant for a professional bail agent license who acts as personal surety shall be required to post a qualification bond in the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

(b) The Insurance Department shall submit a report to the Senate and House of Representatives Committees on Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency that details the amount of all bonds or undertakings that each bail bondsman has written in this state on which the bail bondsman is absolutely or conditionally liable since the Bail Bond Database was established by the department. The report shall be submitted on or before December 1, 2017. The report shall also include the number of bail bondsmen who have failed to comply with the database reporting requirements, if any, the technical issues that may have occurred since the database was established and any suggested legislation to ensure each bail bondsman's continued compliance with the database reporting requirements.

(2) The qualification bond shall be made by depositing with the commissioner the aforesaid amount of bonds of the United States, the State of Mississippi or any agency or subdivision thereof, or a certificate of deposit issued by an institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and made payable jointly to the owner and the Department of Insurance, or shall be written by an insurer as defined in this chapter, shall meet the specifications as may be required and defined in this chapter, and shall meet such specifications as may be required and approved by the department. The bond shall be conditioned upon the full and prompt payment of any bail bond issued by such professional bail agent into the court ordering the bond

forfeited. The bond shall be to the people of the State of Mississippi in favor of any court of this state, whether municipal, justice, county, circuit, Supreme or other court.

(3) (a) If any bond issued by a professional bail agent is declared forfeited and judgment entered thereon by a court of proper jurisdiction as authorized in Section 99-5-25, and the amount of the bond is not paid within ninety (90) days, that court shall order the department to declare the qualification bond of the professional bail agent to be forfeited and the license revoked. If the bond was not forfeited correctly under Section 99-5-25, it shall be returned to the court as uncollectible. The department shall then order the surety on the qualification bond to deposit with the court an amount equal to the amount of the bond issued by the professional bail agent and declared forfeited by the court, or the amount of the qualification bond, whichever is the smaller amount. The department shall, after a hearing held upon not less than * * * twenty (20) days' written notice, suspend the license of the professional bail agent until such time as another qualification bond in the required amount is posted with the department. The revocation of the license of the professional bail agent shall also serve to revoke the license of each soliciting bail agent and bail enforcement agent employed or used by such professional bail agent. In the event of a final judgment of forfeiture of any bail bond written under the provisions of this chapter, the amount of money so forfeited by the final judgment of the proper court, less all accrued court costs and excluding any interest charges or attorney's fees, shall be refunded to the bail agent or his insurance company upon proper showing to the court as to which is entitled to same, provided the defendant in such cases is returned to the sheriff of the county to which the original bail bond was returnable within eighteen (18) months of the date of such final judgment, or proof made of incarceration of the defendant in another jurisdiction, and that a "Hold Order" has been placed upon the defendant for return of the defendant to the sheriff upon release from the other jurisdiction, the return to the sheriff to be the responsibility of the professional bail agent, then the bond forfeiture shall be stayed and remission made upon petition to the court, in the amount found in the court's discretion to be just and proper. A bail agent licensed under this chapter shall have a right to apply for and obtain from the proper court an extension of time delaying a final judgment of forfeiture if such bail agent can satisfactorily establish to the court wherein such forfeiture is pending that the defendant named in the bail bond is lawfully in custody outside of the State of Mississippi.

(b) Before the revocation authorized in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the surety may submit proof to the department that the defendant has been surrendered to the appropriate authorities or that the bond has been paid directly to the court or other proper authorities, such proof to include, but not be limited to:

- (i) A receipt of payment to the bond;
- (ii) A surrender certificate; or
- (iii) A notice of surrender from the proper authorities,

including foreign jurisdictions.

(4) The qualification bond may be released by the department to the professional bail personal surety agent upon an order to release the qualification bond issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, or upon written request to the department by the professional bail personal surety agent no earlier than five (5) years after the expiration date of his last license.

SECTION 4. Section 99-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-5-25. (1) (a) The purpose of bail is to guarantee appearance and a bail bond shall not be forfeited for any other reason.

(b) If a defendant in any criminal case, proceeding or matter fails to appear for any proceeding as ordered by the court, then the court shall order the bail forfeited and a judgment nisi and a bench warrant issued at the time of nonappearance. The clerk of the court shall notify the surety of the forfeiture by writ of scire facias, with a copy of the judgment nisi and bench warrant attached thereto, within ten (10) working days of such order of judgment nisi either by personal service or by certified mail. Failure * * * to provide the required notice within ten (10) working days shall constitute prima facie evidence that the order * * * shall be set aside, and the clerk shall present a set-aside order on behalf of the surety to the court. * * * All felony warrants issued by a

court for nonappearance shall be put on the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) index with no restrictions until the defendant is returned to custody.

(c) The judgment nisi shall be returnable for ninety (90) days from the date of issuance. If during such period the defendant appears before the court, or is arrested and surrendered, then the judgment nisi shall be set aside and a copy of the judgment that is set aside shall be served on the surety by personal service or certified mail. If the surety produces the defendant or provides to the court reasonable mitigating circumstances upon such showing, then the forfeiture shall not be made final. If the forfeiture is made final, a copy of the final judgment shall be served on the surety within ten (10) working days by either personal service or certified mail. Reasonable mitigating circumstances shall be that the defendant is incarcerated in another jurisdiction, that the defendant is hospitalized under a doctor's care, that the defendant is in a recognized drug rehabilitation program, that the defendant has been placed in a witness protection program and it shall be the duty of any such agency placing such defendant into a witness protection program to notify the court and the court to notify the surety, or any other reason justifiable to the court.

(d) Execution upon the final judgment shall be automatically stayed for ninety (90) days from the date of entry of the final judgment. If, at any time before execution of the final judgment, the defendant appears in court either voluntarily or in custody after surrender or arrest, the court shall on its own motion direct that the forfeiture be set aside and the bond exonerated as of the date the defendant first appeared in court.

(2) (a) If a final judgment is entered against a surety licensed by the Department of Insurance and has not been set aside after ninety (90) days, or later if such time is extended by the court issuing the judgment nisi, then the court shall order the department to revoke the authority of the surety to write bail bonds. The commissioner shall, upon notice of the court, notify the surety within five (5) working days of receipt of revocation. If after * * * twenty (20) working days of such notification the revocation order has not been set aside by the court, then the commissioner shall revoke the authority of the surety and all agents of the surety and shall notify the sheriff of every county of such revocation.

(b) Before the revocation authorized in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the surety may submit proof to the department that the defendant has been surrendered to the appropriate authorities or that the bond has been paid directly to the court or other proper authorities, such proof to include, but not be limited to:

- (i) A receipt of payment to the bond;
- (ii) A surrender certificate; or
- (iii) A notice of surrender from the proper authorities,

including foreign jurisdictions.

(3) If within eighteen (18) months of the date of the final forfeiture the defendant appears for court, is arrested or surrendered to the court, or if the defendant is found to be incarcerated in another jurisdiction and a hold order placed on the defendant, then the amount of bail, less reasonable extradition cost, excluding attorney fees, shall be refunded by the court upon application by the surety.

SECTION 5. Section 99-39-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-39-5. (1) Any person sentenced by a court of record of the State of Mississippi, including a person currently incarcerated, civilly committed, on parole or probation or subject to sex offender registration for the period of the registration or for the first five (5) years of the registration, whichever is the shorter period, may file a motion to vacate, set aside or correct the judgment or sentence, a motion to request forensic DNA testing of biological evidence, or a motion for an out-of-time appeal if the person claims:

- (a) That the conviction or the sentence was imposed in violation of the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution or laws of Mississippi;
- (b) That the trial court was without jurisdiction to impose sentence;
- (c) That the statute under which the conviction and/or sentence was obtained is unconstitutional;
- (d) That the sentence exceeds the maximum authorized by law;

(e) That there exists evidence of material facts, not previously presented and heard, that requires vacation of the conviction or sentence in the interest of justice;

(f) That there exists biological evidence secured in relation to the investigation or prosecution attendant to the petitioner's conviction not tested, or, if previously tested, that can be subjected to additional DNA testing, that would provide a reasonable likelihood of more probative results, and that testing would demonstrate by reasonable probability that the petitioner would not have been convicted or would have received a lesser sentence if favorable results had been obtained through such forensic DNA testing at the time of the original prosecution * * *;

(g) That his plea was made involuntarily;

(h) That his sentence has expired; his probation, parole or conditional release unlawfully revoked; or he is otherwise unlawfully held in custody;

(i) That he is entitled to an out-of-time appeal; or

(j) That the conviction or sentence is otherwise subject to collateral attack upon any grounds of alleged error heretofore available under any common law, statutory or other writ, motion, petition, proceeding or remedy.

(2) A motion for relief under this article shall be made within three (3) years after the time in which the petitioner's direct appeal is ruled upon by the Supreme Court of Mississippi or, in case no appeal is taken, within three (3) years after the time for taking an appeal from the judgment of conviction or sentence has expired, or in case of a guilty plea, within three (3) years after entry of the judgment of conviction. Excepted from this three-year statute of limitations are those cases in which the petitioner can demonstrate either:

(a) (i) That there has been an intervening decision of the Supreme Court of either the State of Mississippi or the United States which would have actually adversely affected the outcome of his or her conviction or sentence, and any motion filed under this subparagraph shall be made within three (3) years of issuance of the mandate in the intervening case;

(ii) * * * That he or she has evidence, not reasonably discoverable at the time of trial, which is of such nature that it would be practically conclusive that had such been introduced at trial it would have caused a different result in the conviction or sentence, and any motion filed under this subparagraph shall be made within three (3) years from the date on which the basis for the exception could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence; or

(* * *b) That, even if the petitioner * * * pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, or confessed or admitted to a crime, there exists biological evidence not tested, or, if previously tested, that can be subjected to additional DNA testing that would provide a reasonable likelihood of more probative results, and that testing would demonstrate by reasonable probability that the petitioner would not have been convicted or would have received a lesser sentence if favorable results had been obtained through such forensic DNA testing at the time of the original prosecution * * *;

(* * *c) * * * That the petitioner claims that his sentence has expired or his probation, parole or conditional release has been unlawfully revoked * * *;

(* * *d) Likewise excepted are filings for post-conviction relief in capital cases which shall be made within one (1) year after conviction * * *;

(e) That the petition claims that his conviction or sentence violates his or her (1) right against double jeopardy; (2) right to be free from an illegal sentence; (3) right to due process at sentencing; and (4) right not to be subject to ex post facto laws.

(3) This motion is not a substitute for, nor does it affect, any remedy incident to the proceeding in the trial court, or direct review of the conviction or sentence.

(4) Proceedings under this article shall be subject to the provisions of Section 99-19-42.

(5) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during state collateral post-conviction proceedings shall not be a ground for relief in a proceeding arising under this article.

(* * *6) For the purposes of this article:

(a) "Biological evidence" means the contents of a sexual assault examination kit and any item that contains blood, semen, hair, saliva, skin tissue, fingernail scrapings, bone, bodily fluids or other identifiable biological material that was collected as part of the criminal investigation or may reasonably be used to incriminate or exculpate any person for the offense. This definition applies whether that material is catalogued separately, such as on a slide, swab or in a test tube, or is present on other evidence, including, but not limited to, clothing, ligatures, bedding or other household material, drinking cups, cigarettes or other items * * *.

(b) "DNA" means deoxyribonucleic acid.

SECTION 6. Section 99-39-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-39-27. (1) The application for leave to proceed in the trial court filed with the Supreme Court under Section 99-39-7 shall name the State of Mississippi as the respondent.

(2) The application shall contain the original and two (2) executed copies of the motion proposed to be filed in the trial court together with such other supporting pleadings and documentation as the Supreme Court by rule may require.

(3) The prisoner shall serve an executed copy of the application upon the Attorney General simultaneously with the filing of the application with the court.

(4) The original motion, together with all files, records, transcripts and correspondence relating to the judgment under attack, shall promptly be examined by the court.

(5) Unless it appears from the face of the application, motion, exhibits and the prior record that the claims presented by those documents are not procedurally barred under Section 99-39-21 and that they further present a substantial showing of the denial of a state or federal right, the court shall by appropriate order deny the application. The court may, in its discretion, require the Attorney General upon sufficient notice to respond to the application.

(6) The court, upon satisfaction of the standards set forth in this article, is empowered to grant the application.

(7) In granting the application the court, in its discretion, may:

(a) Where sufficient facts exist from the face of the application, motion, exhibits, the prior record and the state's response, together with any exhibits submitted with those documents, or upon stipulation of the parties, grant or deny any or all relief requested in the attached motion.

(b) Allow the filing of the motion in the trial court for further proceedings under Sections 99-39-13 through 99-39-23.

(8) No application or relief shall be granted without the Attorney General being given at least five (5) days to respond.

(9) The dismissal or denial of an application under this section is a final judgment and shall be a bar to a second or successive application under this article. Excepted from this prohibition is an application filed under Section 99-19-57(2), raising the issue of the offender's supervening mental illness before the execution of a sentence of death. A dismissal or denial of an application relating to mental illness under Section 99-19-57(2) shall be res judicata on the issue and shall likewise bar any second or successive applications on the issue. Likewise excepted from this prohibition are those cases in which the prisoner can demonstrate either that there has been an intervening decision of the Supreme Court of either the State of Mississippi or the United States that would have actually adversely affected the outcome of his conviction or sentence * * *, and any motion filed under this exception shall be made within three (3) years of issuance of the mandate in the intervening case. Likewise excepted from this prohibition are those cases in which the prisoner can demonstrate that he has evidence, not reasonably discoverable at the time of trial, that is of such nature that it would be practically conclusive that, if it had been introduced at trial, it would have caused a different result in the conviction or sentence, and any motion filed under this exception shall be made within three (3) years from the date on which the basis for the exception could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence. Likewise exempted are those cases in which the prisoner claims that his sentence has expired or his probation, parole or conditional release has been unlawfully revoked. Likewise

excepted from this prohibition are those cases in which the prisoner can demonstrate that his or her conviction or sentence violates his or her (a) right against double jeopardy; (b) right to be free from an illegal sentence; (c) right to due process at sentencing; and (d) right not to be subject to ex post facto laws.

(10) Proceedings under this section shall be subject to the provisions of Section 99-19-42.

(11) Post-conviction proceedings in which the defendant is under sentence of death shall be governed by rules established by the Supreme Court as well as the provisions of this section.

(12) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during state collateral post-conviction proceedings shall not be an exception for relief under this section.

SECTION 7. Section 99-39-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

99-39-23. (1) If an evidentiary hearing is required, the judge may appoint counsel for a petitioner who qualifies for the appointment of counsel under Section 99-15-15.

(2) The hearing shall be conducted as promptly as practicable, having regard for the need of counsel for both parties for adequate time for investigation and preparation.

(3) The parties shall be entitled to subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, including, but not being limited to, subpoenas duces tecum.

(4) The court may receive proof by affidavits, depositions, oral testimony or other evidence and may order the petitioner brought before it for the hearing.

(5) If the court finds in favor of the petitioner, it shall enter an appropriate order with respect to the conviction or sentence under attack, and any supplementary orders as to rearraignment, retrial, custody, bail, discharge, correction of sentence or other matters that may be necessary and proper. The court shall make specific findings of fact, and state expressly its conclusions of law, relating to each issue presented.

(6) The order as provided in subsection (5) of this section or any order dismissing the petitioner's motion or otherwise denying relief under this article is a final judgment and shall be conclusive until reversed. It shall be a bar to a second or successive motion under this article. Excepted from this prohibition is a motion filed under Section 99-19-57(2), raising the issue of the convict's supervening mental illness before the execution of a sentence of death. A dismissal or denial of a motion relating to mental illness under Section 99-19-57(2) shall be res judicata on the issue and shall likewise bar any second or successive motions on the issue. Likewise excepted from this prohibition are those cases in which the petitioner, within the time period under Section 99-39-5(2) can demonstrate either that there has been an intervening decision of the Supreme Court of either the State of Mississippi or the United States which would have actually adversely affected the outcome of his conviction or sentence or that he has evidence, not reasonably discoverable at the time of trial, which is of such nature that it would be practically conclusive that, if it had been introduced at trial, it would have caused a different result in the conviction or sentence. Likewise excepted are those cases in which the petitioner, within the time period under Section 99-39-5(2) claims that his sentence has expired or his probation, parole or conditional release has been unlawfully revoked. Likewise excepted are those cases in which the petitioner has filed a prior petition and has requested DNA testing under this article, provided the petitioner asserts new or different grounds for relief related to DNA testing not previously presented or the availability of more advanced DNA technology. Likewise excepted from this prohibition are those cases in which the prisoner can demonstrate that his or her conviction or sentence violates his or her (a) right against double jeopardy; (b) right to be free from an illegal sentence; (c) right to due process at sentencing; and (d) right not to be subject to ex post facto laws.

(7) No relief shall be granted under this article unless the petitioner proves by a preponderance of the evidence that he is entitled to the relief.

(8) Proceedings under this section shall be subject to the provisions of Section 99-19-42.

(9) In cases resulting in a sentence of death and upon a determination of indigence, appointment of post-conviction counsel shall be made by the Office of Capital

Post-Conviction Counsel upon order entered by the Supreme Court promptly upon announcement of the decision on direct appeal affirming the sentence of death. The order shall direct the trial court to immediately determine indigence and whether the inmate will accept counsel.

(10) The ineffectiveness or incompetence of counsel during State collateral post-conviction proceedings shall not be an exception for relief under this section.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 99-39-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE A PERSON SEEKING TO FILE A MOTION FOR POST-CONVICTION COLLATERAL RELIEF TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SUPREME COURT BEFORE FILING THE MOTION IN TRIAL COURT IF A DENIAL OF A PREVIOUS POST-CONVICTION MOTION HAS BEEN AFFIRMED ON APPEAL OR MORE THAN THREE YEARS HAVE ELAPSED AFTER THE TIME FOR TAKING AN APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT OR CONVICTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 21-23-8, 83-39-7 AND 99-5-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE COURT CLERKS TO ACCEPT SET-ASIDE ORDERS ON BEHALF OF A SURETY WHERE THE SURETY WAS NOT PROVIDED WITH NOTICE OF THE DEFENDANT'S FAILURE TO APPEAR IN A CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE ALL FELONY WARRANTS ISSUED BY A COURT FOR NONAPPEARANCE PLACED ON THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION CENTER INDEX WITH NO RESTRICTIONS UNTIL THE DEFENDANT IS RETURNED TO CUSTODY; TO EXTEND THE NUMBER OF DAYS BETWEEN THE NOTIFICATION OF REVOCATION OF LICENSE TO A SURETY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND THE DAY THE REVOCATION WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE; TO AUTHORIZE A SURETY TO SUBMIT PROOF TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE THAT THE DEFENDANT HAS BEEN SURRENDERED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OR THAT THE BOND HAS BEEN PAID DIRECTLY TO THE COURT OR OTHER PROPER AUTHORITIES BEFORE REVOCATION OF THE SURETY'S LICENSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Kevin Horan, Lance Varner, Celeste Hurst

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Joey Fillingane, Daniel H. Sparks, Derrick T. Simmons (Not Signed)

On motion of Rep. Horan the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Thompson, Tubbs, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--119.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--McCray, Summers. Total-2.

Present--Evans. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--60

Rep. Sanford called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of this article, for all absentee ballots that are cast in person at the office of the registrar, the absentee ballot application and the required elector certificates shall be printed on the same absentee ballot envelope, with the application being printed on the front side of the envelope and the elector's certificates printed on the back side of the envelope. Such envelope shall not be smaller than eight and one-half (8-1/2) inches by eleven (11) inches. Once a voter has completed the application, he or she shall proceed to cast his or her absentee ballot and then place the ballot in the absentee ballot envelope as otherwise provided by law. After the ballot is sealed in the envelope, the elector shall complete the elector's certificate. A signature mismatch shall not be grounds for rejecting an absentee ballot that was cast in person in the registrar's office.

SECTION 2. Section 23-15-633, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-633. (1) On any envelope where the elector's signature and the signature of the attesting witness are required, the signature lines and the signatures shall be in the boxes across the flap of the envelope to * * * ensure the integrity of the ballot and the following shall be printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS IN THE BOXES ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE * * *."

A portion of the elector's signature extending outside of the box shall not be grounds for rejecting that elector's ballot.

(2) For in-person absentee ballot envelopes, the form of the envelope shall comply with the provisions of Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. Section 23-15-635, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-635. (1) The form of the elector's certificate, attesting witness certification and certificate of the person providing voter assistance on the back of the envelope used by absentee voters who receive their ballot by mail and who are not absent voters as defined in Section 23-15-673, shall be as follows:

"ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, under penalty of perjury do solemnly swear that this envelope contains the ballot marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the ____ day of _____, 2____, and I

hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the * * * resolution board to open this envelope and place my ballot among the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

I further swear that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to five (5) years in prison and a fine of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are up to one (1) year in jail and a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

(Signature of voter)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTING WITNESS

Under penalty of perjury I affirm that the above named voter personally appeared before me, on this the ____ day of _____, 2____, and is known by me to be the person named, and who, after being duly sworn or having affirmed, subscribed the foregoing oath or affirmation. That the voter exhibited to me his or her blank ballot; that the ballot was not marked or voted before the voter exhibited the ballot to me; that the voter was not solicited or advised by me to vote for any candidate, question or issue, and that the voter, after marking his or her ballot, placed it in the envelope, closed and sealed the envelope in my presence, and signed and swore or affirmed the above certificate.

(Attesting witness)

(Address)

(Official title)

(City and State)

CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PROVIDING VOTER ASSISTANCE

(To be completed only if the voter has received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot.) I, under penalty of perjury, hereby certify that the above-named voter declared to me that he or she is blind, temporarily or permanently physically disabled, or cannot read or write, and that the voter requested that I assist the voter in marking the enclosed absentee ballot. I hereby certify that the ballot preferences on the enclosed ballot are those communicated by the voter to me, and that I have marked the enclosed ballot in accordance with the voter's instructions.

Penalties for vote fraud are up to five (5) years in prison and a fine of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 23-15-753.) Penalties for voter intimidation are up to one (1) year in jail and a fine of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). (Miss. Code. Ann. Section 97-13-37.)

Signature of person providing assistance

Printed name of person providing assistance

Address of person providing assistance

Date and time assistance provided

Family relationship to voter (if any)"

(2) The envelope shall have printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color, the following: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS IN THE BOXES ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE * * *."

A portion of the elector's signature extending outside of the box shall not be grounds for rejecting that elector's ballot.

SECTION 4. Section 23-15-639, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-639. (1) The examination and counting of all absentee ballots shall be conducted as follows:

(a) At the opening of the regular balloting and at the opening of the polls, the resolution board established under Section 23-15-523 and trained in the process of canvassing absentee ballots shall first take the envelopes containing the absentee ballots of such electors from the secure location at the * * * registrar's office, and the name, address and precinct inscribed on each envelope shall be announced by the * * * resolution board.

(b) (i) For absentee ballots that were received by mail, the signature on the application shall then be compared with the signature in the box on the back of the envelope. A portion of the elector's signature extending outside of the box shall not be grounds for rejecting that elector's ballot. If it corresponds and the affidavit, if one is required, is sufficient and the resolution board finds that the applicant is a registered and qualified voter or otherwise qualified to vote, the envelope shall then be opened and the ballot removed from the envelope, without its being unfolded, or permitted to be unfolded or examined.

(ii) For absentee ballots that were cast in person in the registrar's office, the resolution board shall confirm that the voter completed the application on the front of the envelope and signed the elector's certificate in the box on the back of the envelope. If it is signed and the resolution board finds that the applicant is a registered and qualified voter or otherwise qualified to vote, the envelope shall be opened and the absentee ballot removed from the envelope, without its being unfolded, or permitted to be unfolded or examined.

(c) Having observed and found the ballot to be regular as far as can be observed from its official endorsement, the resolution board shall deposit it in the ballot box with the other ballots before counting any ballots and enter the voter's name in the receipt book provided for that purpose. All absentee ballots received prior to 7:00 p.m. the day before the election shall be counted in the registrar's office by the resolution board when the polls close and then added to the votes cast in each precinct. All absentee ballots received after 7:00 p.m. the day before the election but not later than the fifth business day after the election shall be processed by the resolution board.

(2) The resolution board shall also take such action as may be prescribed by the Secretary of State to ensure compliance with the identification requirements of Section 23-15-563.

(3) The resolution board shall process the absentee ballots using the procedure provided in subsection (1) of this section.

SECTION 5. Section 23-15-641, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-641. (1) For all absentee votes received by mail, if an affidavit or the certificate of the officer before whom the affidavit is taken is required and such affidavit or certificate is found to be insufficient, or if it is found that the signatures do not correspond, or that the applicant is not a duly qualified elector in the precinct, or otherwise qualified to vote, or that the ballot envelope is open or has been opened and resealed, * * * the previously cast vote shall not be allowed. Without opening the voter's envelope the resolution board shall mark across its face "REJECTED", with the reason therefor.

(2) For all absentee votes received by mail, if the ballot envelope contains more than one (1) ballot of any kind, the ballot shall not be counted but shall be marked "REJECTED", with the reason therefor, and the registrar shall promptly notify the voter of such rejection. The voter's envelopes and affidavits, and the voter's envelope with its contents unopened, when such vote is rejected, shall be retained and preserved in the same manner as other ballots at the election. Such votes may be challenged in the same manner and for the same reasons that any other vote cast in such election may be challenged.

(3) If an affidavit is required and the officials find that the affidavit is insufficient, or if the officials find that the absentee voter is otherwise disqualified to vote, the envelope shall not be opened and * * * the resolution board shall write across the face of the envelope "REJECTED" giving the reason therefor, and the registrar shall promptly notify the voter of such rejection.

(4) The ballots marked "REJECTED" shall be placed in a separate envelope in the secure ballot transfer case and delivered to the officials in charge of conducting the election at the central tabulation point of the county.

(5) All electors voting absentee shall be provided with written information to inform the person how to ascertain whether his or her ballot was counted and, if rejected, the reason therefor.

(6) A signature mismatch shall not be grounds for rejecting an absentee ballot that was cast in the registrar's office. A portion of the elector's signature extending outside of the box shall not be grounds for rejecting that elector's ballot.

SECTION 6. Section 23-15-715, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-715. Any elector desiring an absentee ballot as provided in this subarticle may secure same if:

(a) Not more than forty-five (45) days nor later than 12:00 noon, * * * on the Saturday immediately preceding elections held on Tuesday, the Thursday immediately preceding elections held on Saturday, or the second day immediately preceding the date of elections held on other days, he or she shall appear in person before the registrar of the county in which he resides, or for municipal elections he shall appear in person before the city clerk of the municipality in which he or she resides and, when the elector so appears, he or she shall execute and file an application as provided in Section 23-15-627 and vote by absentee ballot * * *. If the absentee ballot has not been printed by forty-five (45) days preceding the election, the elector may appear and file an application anytime before the election. Then the absentee ballot shall be mailed by the * * * registrar to the elector as soon as the ballot has been printed.

(b) Within forty-five (45) days next prior to any election, any elector who cannot comply with paragraph (a) of this section by reason of temporarily residing outside the county, or any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability, persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, any person who is incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where the person is registered to vote and has not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime, or any person who is the parent, spouse or dependent of a temporarily or permanently physically disabled person who is hospitalized outside of his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence and such parent, spouse or dependent will be with such person on election day, may make application for an absentee ballot by mailing the appropriate application to the registrar. Only persons temporarily residing out of the county of their residence, persons having a temporary or permanent physical disability, persons who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, any person who is incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where the person is registered to vote and has not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime, or any person who is the parent, spouse or dependent of a temporarily or permanently physically disabled person who is hospitalized outside of his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and such parent, spouse or dependent will be with such person on election day, may obtain absentee ballots by mail under the provisions of this subsection and as provided by Section 23-15-713. Applications of persons temporarily residing outside the county shall be sworn to and subscribed before an official who is authorized to administer oaths or other official authorized to witness absentee balloting as provided in this chapter, said application to be accompanied by such verifying affidavits as required by this chapter. The applications of persons having a temporary or permanent physical disability shall not be required to be accompanied by an affidavit but shall be witnessed and signed by a person eighteen (18) years of age or older. The registrar shall send to such absent voter a proper absentee voter ballot within twenty-four (24) hours, or as soon thereafter as the ballots are available, containing the names of all candidates who qualify or the proposition to be voted on in such election,

and with such ballot there shall be sent an official envelope containing upon it in printed form the recitals and data hereinafter required.

(c) Except when the voter has requested a runoff ballot on the initial absentee ballot application, upon request for a runoff ballot pursuant to Section 23-15-719, the registrar shall mail together the absentee ballot application and the absentee ballot to the absent voter for the runoff election.

SECTION 7. Section 23-15-719, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-719. (1) Except where the registrar has already mailed a ballot with an application, upon receipt of a properly completed application form by an elector qualified to vote absentee as provided in this article, the registrar shall mail the absent voter an absentee ballot within one (1) business day, or as soon as the absentee ballot is prepared and available, containing the names of all the candidates and propositions, if any, to be voted on in the election. The registrar shall include with the absentee ballot an official envelope that complies with the provisions of * * * Section 23-15-635, as well as information to comply with Section 23-15-641(3) related to the status of the elector's ballot.

(2) When an absentee voter appears before the registrar to vote, the registrar shall identify the applicant by requiring him or her to present identification as required by Section 23-15-563, and shall then deliver the * * * ballot to the applicant in the registrar's office. * * * After the applicant has properly marked the ballot and properly folded it, he or she shall deposit it in the envelope furnished to him or her by the registrar.

After the absentee voter has sealed the envelope, he or she shall ensure the absentee application on the front of the envelope is complete and shall subscribe and swear to an affidavit * * *. The affidavit shall be in the following form, which shall be printed on the back of the envelope containing the applicant's ballot:

"STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF _____

I, _____, do solemnly swear that this envelope contains the ballot marked by me indicating my choice of the candidates or propositions to be submitted at the election to be held on the ____ day of _____, 2____, and I hereby authorize the registrar to place this envelope in the ballot box on my behalf, and I further authorize the * * * resolution board to open this envelope and place my ballot among the other ballots cast before such ballots are counted, and record my name on the poll list as if I were present in person and voted.

I further swear that I marked the enclosed ballot in secret.

(Signature of voter)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, _____, this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Registrar)

(Registrar)"

After the completion of the requirements of this section, the elector shall deliver the envelope containing the ballot to the registrar.

(* * *3) If the voter has received assistance in marking his or her ballot, the person providing the assistance shall complete the following form which shall be printed on the back of the envelope containing the applicant's ballot:

"CERTIFICATE OF PERSON PROVIDING VOTER ASSISTANCE

(To be completed only if the voter has received assistance in marking the enclosed ballot.) I hereby certify that the above-named voter declared to me that he or she is blind, temporarily or permanently physically disabled, or cannot read or write, and that the voter requested that I assist the voter in marking the enclosed absentee ballot. I hereby certify that the ballot preferences on the enclosed ballot are those communicated by the voter to me, and that I have marked the enclosed ballot in accordance with the voter's instructions.

Signature of person providing assistance

Printed name of person providing assistance

Address of person providing assistance

Date and time assistance provided

Family relationship to voter (if any)"

(* * *4) The envelope used pursuant to this section shall not contain the form prescribed by Section 23-15-635 and shall have printed on the flap on the back of the envelope in bold print and in a distinguishing color, the following: "YOUR VOTE WILL BE REJECTED AND NOT COUNTED IF THIS ENVELOPE IS NOT SIGNED BY YOU AND AN ATTESTING WITNESS IN THE BOXES ACROSS THE FLAP OF THIS ENVELOPE * * *."

A portion of the voter's signature extending outside of the box shall not be grounds for rejecting that voter's ballot.

(5) The registrar shall not personally hand deliver ballots to voters, except to those who personally appear in the registrar's office to absentee vote.

SECTION 8. Section 23-15-625, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-625. (1) The registrar shall be responsible for providing applications for absentee voting as provided in this section. At least sixty (60) days before any election in which absentee voting is provided for by law, the registrar shall provide a sufficient number of applications. In the event a special election is called and set at a date which makes it impractical or impossible to prepare applications for absent elector's ballot sixty (60) days before the election, the registrar shall provide applications as soon as practicable after the election is called. The registrar shall fill in the date of the particular election on the application for which the application will be used. For voters appearing in person to cast an absentee vote, the application and elector certificate shall be printed on the absentee ballot envelope as provided in Section 1 of this act.

(2) The registrar shall be authorized to disburse applications for absentee ballots to any qualified elector within the county where he or she serves. Any person who presents to the registrar an oral or written request for an absentee ballot application for a voter entitled to vote absentee by mail, other than the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot, shall, in the presence of the registrar, sign the application and print on the application his or her name and address and the name of the elector for whom the application is being requested in the place provided for on the application for that purpose. However, if for any reason such person is unable to write the information required, then the registrar shall write the information on a printed form which has been prescribed by the Secretary of State. The form shall provide a place for such person to place his or her mark after the form has been filled out by the registrar.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit absentee ballot applications or absentee ballots for persons staying in any skilled nursing facility as defined in Section 41-7-173 unless the person soliciting the absentee ballot applications or absentee ballots is:

(a) A family member of the person staying in the skilled nursing facility; or

(b) A person designated by the person for whom the absentee ballot application or absentee ballot is sought, the registrar or the deputy registrar.

As used in this subsection, "family member" means a spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, adult child, grandchild or legal guardian.

(4) The registrar in the county wherein a voter is qualified to vote upon receiving by mail the envelope containing the absentee ballots shall keep an accurate list of all persons preparing such ballots. The list shall be kept in a conspicuous place accessible to the public near the entrance to the registrar's office. The registrar shall also furnish to each precinct manager a list of the names of all persons in each respective precinct voting absentee by mail and in person to be posted in a conspicuous place at the polling place for public notice. The application on file with the registrar and the envelopes containing the ballots that voters mailed to the registrar shall be kept by the registrar in his or her office in a secure location. At the time such boxes are delivered to the election commissioners or managers, the registrar shall also turn over a list of all such persons who have voted and whose mailed ballots are in the registrar's office.

(5) The registrar shall also be authorized to mail one (1) application to any qualified elector of the county, who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot, for use in a particular election.

(6) The registrar shall process all applications for absentee ballots by using the Statewide Election Management System. The registrar shall account for all absentee ballots delivered to and received by mail as well as those who voted absentee in person from qualified voters by processing such ballots using the Statewide Election Management System.

SECTION 9. Section 23-15-627, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-627. (1) Any elector described in Section 23-15-713 may request an absentee ballot application and vote in person at the office of the registrar in the county in which he or she resides. The registrar shall be responsible for furnishing an absentee ballot application form to any elector authorized to receive an absentee ballot. Such form shall be printed on the absentee ballot envelope as provided in Section 1 of this act. Except as otherwise provided in Section 23-15-625, absentee ballot applications shall be furnished to a person only upon the oral or written request of the elector who seeks to vote by absentee ballot; however, the parent, child, spouse, sibling, legal guardian, those empowered with a power of attorney for that elector's affairs or agent of the elector, who is designated in writing and witnessed by a resident of this state who shall write his or her physical address on such designation, may orally request an absentee ballot application on behalf of the elector. The written designation shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of the designation. An absentee ballot application must have the seal of the circuit or municipal clerk affixed to it and be initialed by the registrar or his or her deputy in order to be used to obtain an absentee ballot. A reproduction of an absentee ballot application shall not be valid unless it is a reproduction provided by the office of the registrar of the jurisdiction in which the election is being held and which contains the seal and initials required by this section.

(2) Such application shall be substantially in the following form for applications mailed to absentee electors:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the ____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

() (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

() I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

() I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

() I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

() I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

() I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

() I will be outside the county on election day.

() I have a temporary or permanent physical disability * * *.

() I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

() I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

() I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

() I am required to be at work on election day during the times * * * when the polls will be open or I am required to be on-call on election day during the times when the polls will be open.

() I am incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where I am registered to vote and have not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Mail 'Absent Elector's Ballot' to me at the following address _____.

() I wish to receive an absentee ballot for the runoff election _____.

Notify me of a problem with my "Absent Elector's Ballot" at the following:

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

I realize that I can be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and sentenced up to five (5) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

If you are temporarily or permanently disabled, you are not required to have this application notarized or signed by an official authorized to administer oaths for absentee balloting. You are required to sign this application in the proper place and have a person eighteen (18) years of age or older witness your signature and sign this application in the proper place.

DO NOT SIGN WITHOUT READING. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of absent elector)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Official authorized to administer oaths
for absentee balloting.)

TO BE SIGNED BY WITNESS FOR VOTERS TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY DISABLED:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this application for an absent elector's ballot was signed by the above-named elector in my presence and that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, this the ____ day of _____, 2____.

(Signature of witness)

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY

I hereby certify that _____ (print name of voter) has requested that I, _____ (print name of person delivering application), deliver to the voter this absentee ballot application.

(Signature of person delivering application)

(Address of person delivering application)"

(3) The application printed on the front of the absentee ballot envelope for absentee voters appearing before the registrar shall be substantially in the following form:

"OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR ABSENT ELECTOR'S BALLOT

I, _____, duly qualified and registered in the _____ Precinct of the County of _____, and State of Mississippi, coming within the purview of the definition 'ABSENT ELECTOR' will be absent from the county of my residence on election day, or unable to vote in person because (check appropriate reason):

☐ (PRESIDENTIAL APPLICANT ONLY:) I am currently a resident of Mississippi or have moved therefrom within thirty (30) days of the coming presidential election.

☐ I am an enlisted or commissioned member, male or female, of any component of the United States Armed Forces and am a citizen of Mississippi, or spouse or dependent of such member.

☐ I am a member of the Merchant Marine or the American Red Cross and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such member.

☐ I am a disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such veteran.

☐ I am a civilian attached to and serving outside of the United States with any branch of the Armed Forces or with the Merchant Marine or American Red Cross, and am a citizen of Mississippi or spouse or dependent of such civilian.

☐ I am a citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia.

☐ I am a student, teacher or administrator at a college, university, junior or community college, high, junior high, elementary or grade school, whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates my absence from the county of my voting residence or spouse or dependent of such student, teacher or administrator who maintains a common domicile outside the county of my voting residence with such student, teacher or administrator.

☐ I will be outside the county on election day.

☐ I have a temporary or permanent physical disability.

☐ I am sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

☐ I am the parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles away from his or her residence, and I will be with such person on election day.

☐ I am a member of the congressional delegation, or spouse or dependent of a member of the congressional delegation.

☐ I am required to be at work on election day during the times when the polls will be open or I am required to be on-call on election day during the times when the polls will be open.

☐ I am incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where I am registered to vote and have not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime.

I hereby make application for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election to be held in _____, on _____.

Notify me of a problem with my "Absent Elector's Ballot" at the following:

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

I realize that I can be fined up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) and sentenced up to five (5) years in the Penitentiary for making a false statement in this application and for selling my vote and violating the Mississippi Absentee Voter Law. (This sentence is to be in bold print.)

SECTION 10. Section 23-15-631, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-631. (1) The registrar shall enclose with each ballot mailed to an absent elector separate printed instructions furnished by the registrar containing the following:

(a) All absentee voters, excepting those with temporary or permanent physical disabilities or those who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older, who mark their ballots in the county of the residence shall use the registrar of that county as the witness. The absentee voter shall come to the office of the registrar and neither the registrar nor his or her deputy shall be required to go out of the registrar's office to serve as an attesting witness.

(b) Upon receipt of the enclosed ballot, you will not mark the ballot except in view or sight of the attesting witness. In the sight or view of the attesting witness, mark the ballot according to instructions.

(c) After marking the ballot, fill out and sign the "ELECTOR'S CERTIFICATE" in the box on the back of the envelope so that the signature is across the flap of the envelope to ensure the integrity of the ballot. All absent electors shall have the attesting witness sign the "ATTESTING WITNESS CERTIFICATE" in the box across the flap on the back of the envelope. A portion of the elector's signature extending outside of the box shall not be grounds for rejecting that elector's ballot. Place the necessary postage on the envelope and deposit it in the post office or some government receptacle provided for the deposit of mail so that the absent elector's ballot will be postmarked on or before the date of the election and received by the registrar no more than five (5) business days after the election. The ballot may only be transmitted by the United States Postal Service or other common carriers, including, but not limited to, United Parcel Service or FedEx Corporation.

Any notary public, United States postmaster, assistant United States postmaster, United States postal supervisor, clerk in charge of a contract postal station, or other officer having authority to administer an oath or take an acknowledgment may be an attesting witness; provided, however, that in the case of an absent elector who is temporarily or permanently physically disabled, the attesting witness may be any person eighteen (18) years of age or older and such person is not required to have the authority to administer an oath. If a postmaster, assistant postmaster, postal supervisor, or clerk in charge of a contract postal station acts as an attesting witness, his or her signature in a box on the elector's certificate must be authenticated by the cancellation stamp of their respective post offices. If an officer having authority to administer an oath or take an * * * acknowledgment acts as attesting witness, his or her signature in a box on the elector's certificate, together with his or her title and address, but no seal, shall be required. A portion of the elector's signature extending outside of the box shall not be grounds for rejecting that elector's ballot. Any affidavits made by an absent elector who is in the Armed Forces may be executed before a commissioned officer, warrant officer, or noncommissioned officer not lower in grade than sergeant rating or any person authorized to administer oaths.

(d) When the application accompanies the ballot it shall not be returned in the same envelope as the ballot but shall be returned in a separate pre-addressed envelope provided by the registrar.

(e) A candidate for public office, or the spouse, parent or child of a candidate for public office, may not be an attesting witness for any absentee ballot upon which the candidate's name appears, unless the voter is related within the first degree to the candidate or the spouse, parent or child of the candidate.

(f) Any voter casting an absentee ballot who declares that he or she requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, temporary or permanent physical disability or inability to read or write, shall be entitled to receive assistance in the marking of his or her absentee ballot and in completing the affidavit on the absentee

ballot envelope. The voter may be given assistance by anyone of the voter's choice other than a candidate whose name appears on the absentee ballot being marked, the spouse, parent or child of a candidate whose name appears on the absentee ballot being marked or the voter's employer, an agent of that employer or a union representative; however, a candidate whose name is on the ballot or the spouse, parent or child of such candidate may provide assistance upon request to any voter who is related within the first degree. In order to ensure the integrity of the ballot, any person who provides assistance to an absentee voter shall be required to sign and complete the "Certificate of Person Providing Voter Assistance" on the absentee ballot envelope.

(2) The foregoing instructions required to be provided by the registrar to the elector shall also constitute the substantive law pertaining to the handling of absentee ballots by the elector and registrar.

(3) The Secretary of State shall prepare instructions on how absent voters may comply with the identification requirements of Section 23-15-563.

SECTION 11. Section 23-15-713, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-713. For the purpose of this subarticle, any duly qualified elector may vote as provided in this subarticle if the elector falls within at least one (1) of the following categories:

(a) Any qualified elector who is a bona fide student, teacher or administrator at any college, university, junior college, high, junior high, or elementary grade school whose studies or employment at such institution necessitates his or her absence from the county of his or her voting residence on the date of any primary, general or special election, or the spouse and dependents of that student, teacher or administrator if such spouse or dependent(s) maintain a common domicile, outside of the county of his or her voting residence, with such student, teacher or administrator.

(b) Any qualified elector who is required to be away from his or her place of residence on any election day due to his or her employment as an employee of a member of the Mississippi congressional delegation and the spouse and dependents of such person if he or she shall be residing with such absentee voter away from the county of the spouse's voting residence.

(c) Any qualified elector who is away from his or her county of residence on election day for any reason.

(d) Any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability and who, because of such disability, is unable to vote in person without substantial hardship to himself, herself or others, or whose attendance at the voting place could reasonably cause danger to himself, herself or others. * * *

(e) The parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside of his or her county of residence or more than fifty (50) miles distant from his or her residence, if the parent, spouse or dependent will be with such person on election day. * * *

(f) Any person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

(g) Any member of the Mississippi congressional delegation absent from Mississippi on election day, and the spouse and dependents of such member of the congressional delegation.

(h) Any qualified elector who will be unable to vote in person because he or she is required to be at work on election day during the times * * * when the polls will be open or any qualified elector who will be required to be on-call on election day during the times when the polls will be open.

(i) Any qualified elector who is incarcerated in prison or jail in the county where he or she is registered to vote and has not been convicted of a disenfranchising crime.

SECTION 12. Section 23-15-637, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-637. (1) (a) Absentee ballots and applications received by mail, except for fax or electronically transmitted ballots as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-699 for UOCAVA ballots, or common carrier, such as United Parcel Service or FedEx Corporation, must be postmarked on or before the date of the election and received by the registrar no more than five (5) business days after the election; any

received after such time shall be handled as provided in Section 23-15-647 and shall not be counted.

(b) All ballots cast by the absent elector appearing in person in the office of the registrar shall be cast with an absentee paper ballot and deposited into a sealed ballot box by the voter, not later than 12:00 noon * * * on the Saturday immediately preceding elections held on Tuesday, the Thursday immediately preceding elections held on Saturday, or the second day immediately preceding the date of elections held on other days. At the close of business each day at the office of the registrar, the ballot box used shall be sealed and not unsealed until the beginning of the next business day, and the seal number shall be recorded with the number of ballots cast which shall be stored in a secure location in the registrar's office.

(2) The registrar shall deposit all absentee ballots which have been timely cast and received by mail in a secured and sealed box in a designated location in the registrar's office upon receipt. The registrar shall not send any absentee ballots to the precinct polling locations.

(3) The Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to ensure that when a qualified elector who is qualified to vote absentee votes by absentee ballot, either by mail or in person with a regular paper ballot, that person's absentee vote is final and he or she may not vote at the polling place on election day. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the Secretary of State shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to ensure that absentee ballots shall remain in the registrar's office for counting and not be taken to the precincts on election day.

SECTION 13. Section 23-15-721, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-721. (1) Absentee ballots requested under the provisions of Section 23-15-715 for electors temporarily residing outside the county of residence shall be mailed to the elector's address outside of the county in which he or she is registered, and such electors shall appear before any official authorized to administer oaths or other official authorized to witness absentee balloting as provided in this article. The elector shall exhibit to such official his or her absentee ballot unmarked and thereupon proceed in secret to fill in the ballot. After the elector has properly marked the ballot and properly folded it, he or she shall deposit it in the envelope furnished to him or her. After the elector has sealed the envelope he or she shall deliver it to the official before whom he or she is appearing and shall subscribe and swear to the elector's certificate provided for in Section 23-15-635, which affidavit shall be printed on the back of the envelope as provided for in Section 23-15-635 containing the elector's ballot.

(2) Electors who are temporarily or permanently physically disabled shall sign the elector's certificate and the certificate of attesting witness shall be signed by any person eighteen (18) years of age or older.

(3) After the completion of the requirements of this section, the elector shall mail the envelope containing the ballot to the registrar in the county wherein the elector is qualified to vote. The ballots must be postmarked by the date of the election and received by the registrar no more than five (5) business days after the election to be counted; any received after such time shall be handled as provided in Section 23-15-647 and shall not be counted.

SECTION 14. Section 23-15-697, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

23-15-697. When the absentee ballot has been voted and the envelope sealed, signed and certified to as provided above, the absentee voter shall mail the envelope containing the ballot to the registrar.

Hand-delivery of ballots to a voter or from a voter shall be prohibited, and the use of drop boxes or other mechanisms to submit a completed absentee ballot other than by mail or common carrier, shall be prohibited.

SECTION 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT FOR ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS THAT ARE CAST IN PERSON AT THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR, THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION AND ELECTOR CERTIFICATES SHALL BE PRINTED ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT ENVELOPE; TO PROVIDE THAT A SIGNATURE MISMATCH SHALL NOT BE GROUNDS FOR REJECTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT THAT WAS CAST IN PERSON IN THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-633, 23-15-635, 23-15-639, 23-15-641, 23-15-715, 23-15-719 AND 23-15-631, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM TO THE PRECEDING SECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-627, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN METHODS OF NOTIFICATION TO BE ASKED ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK ON-CALL AND THOSE WHO ARE INCARCERATED FOR A NONDISFRANCHISING CRIME TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-625, 23-15-713, 23-15-637 AND 23-15-721, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CONFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 23-15-697, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROHIBIT RETURNING MAIL-IN BALLOTS USING ANY METHOD OTHER THAN BY MAIL OR COMMON CARRIER; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: Noah Sanford, Mark Tullios, Timaka James-Jones (Not Signed)

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Jeremy England, Lydia Graves Chassaniol, David Blount

On motion of Rep. Sanford the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullios, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Bailey. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--McCray. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Shanks called up:

H. R. No. 147: Eris T. Sims; commend upon being the NAACP Chief of Staff and for numerous accomplishments with the NAACP.

H. R. No. 153: Rockford (Rocky) Vaughn; commend for designing the new Mississippi State Flag.

H. R. No. 154: Lafayette High School Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship.

H. R. No. 155: Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon the passing of.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Shanks unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 147: Eris T. Sims; commend upon being the NAACP Chief of Staff and for numerous accomplishments with the NAACP.

H. R. No. 153: Rockford (Rocky) Vaughn; commend for designing the new Mississippi State Flag.

H. R. No. 154: Lafayette High School Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship.

H. R. No. 155: Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon the passing of.

At 9:43 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed until 1:30 PM.

At 1:33 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 3056**:

AMEND on line 281 by deleting numbers "24" and "25" and replace with "25" and "26"

On request of Rep. Read, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **H. B. No. 1823**:

Amend on line 477 by deleting the word "teachers" and replacing with "employees"

AMEND on line 482 after the word "all" by inserting "eligible"

AMEND on line 483 by deleting "teachers" and inserting "employees"

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General Fund not otherwise appropriated,

for the support and maintenance of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 3,604,594.00.

SECTION 2. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Marine Resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 256,780,550.00.

Of the funds appropriated in this section, Three Million Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,050,000.00) is derived from the state excise taxes upon gasoline, oil and other petroleum products.

SECTION 3. Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act, the following positions are authorized:

AUTHORIZED HEADCOUNT:

Permanent: 108

Time-Limited: 65

With the funds herein appropriated, it shall be the agency's responsibility to make certain that funds required for Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2026 do not exceed Fiscal Year 2025 funds appropriated for that purpose unless programs or positions are added to the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 budget by the Mississippi Legislature. The Legislature shall determine the agency's personal services appropriation, which the State Personnel Board shall publish. The agency's personal services appropriation may consist of restricted funds for approved vacancies for Fiscal Year 2025 that may be utilized to fill vacant Fiscal Year 2024 headcount. It shall be the agency's responsibility to ensure that the funds provided for vacancies are used to increase headcount and not for promotions, title changes, in-range salary adjustments or any other mechanism for increasing salaries for current employees. It is the Legislature's intention that no employee salary falls below the minimum salary established by the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

Additionally, the State Personnel Board shall determine and publish the projected annualized payroll costs based on current employees. It shall be the responsibility of the agency head to ensure that actual personnel expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025 do not exceed the data provided by the Legislative Budget Office. If the agency's Fiscal Year 2025 projected cost exceeds the annualized costs, no salary actions shall be processed by the State Personnel Board except for new hires determined to be essential for the agency.

Any transfers or escalations shall be made in accordance with the terms, conditions, and procedures established by law or allowable under the terms set forth within this act. The State Personnel Board shall not escalate positions without written approval from the Department of Finance and Administration. The Department of Finance and Administration shall not provide written approval to escalate any funds for salaries and/or positions without proof of availability of new or additional funds above the appropriated level.

No general funds authorized to be expended herein shall be used to replace federal funds and/or other special funds used for salaries authorized under the provisions of this act and which are withdrawn and no longer available.

None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in violation of the Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

SECTION 4. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2024. It is further the intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2026 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2025 budget request process.

SECTION 5. Each Marine Conservation Officer and Supervisor shall be furnished an allowance for uniforms not to exceed Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) per annum.

SECTION 6. In addition to all other sums heretofore appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Tidelands Fund No. 3345200000 to the Department of Marine Resources for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the tidelands projects for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 11,700,000.00.

This amount is allocated as follows:

PROJECT NO.	PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS	AMOUNT
Harrison County:		
FY25-P603-03	Courthouse Road Boat Launch and Jetties Improvements/Mitigation	
	-City Of Gulfport	\$ 500,000.00
FY25-P511-12	D'Iberville Working Waterfront And Seafood Harbor	
	-City Of D'Iberville	\$ 800,000.00
FY25-P511-13	Fountain Pier and Kayak Launch	
	-City Of D'Iberville	\$ 100,000.00
FY25-P600-10	Pass Christian Small Craft Harbor/ Pier C-2 Improvements	
	-City Of Pass Christian	\$ 340,000.00
FY25-P613-11	Long Beach Small Craft Harbor Improvements	
	-City Of Long Beach	\$ 500,000.00
FY25-M648-20	Development of a broodstock of southern flounder	
	- Univ. of Southern Mississippi	\$ 164,534.00
Dredging Project at Brashier Bayou		
	-City of Biloxi	\$ 400,000.00
Jackson County:		
FY25-P412-13	McPhearson Pier Rehabilitation	
	-City Of Ocean Springs	\$ 250,000.00
FY25-P618-01	Fairway Drive Boat Launch and Pier	
	-City Of Gautier	\$ 250,000.00
FY25-P602-03	Hwy 63 Boat Launch Improvements	
	-Jackson Cnty Brd of Supervisors	\$ 200,000.00
FY25-P501-10	Moss Point Riverfront Enhancements	
	-City Of Moss Point	\$ 250,000.00
FY25-P604-07	Beach Park Pier Repairs and Enhancements	
	-City Of Pascagoula	\$ 400,000.00
Hancock County:		
FY25-P610-13	Municipal Harbor Beach Amenities and Improvement	
	- Hancock Cnty Brd of Supervisors	\$ 400,000.00
FY25-P401-11	Municipal Harbor Beach Amenities and Improvement	
	-City Of Bay St. Louis	\$ 250,000.00
FY25-P646-10	Coleman Avenue Waterfront Improvements	
	-City Of Waveland	\$ 250,000.00
FY25-P510-01	Lily Pond Public Access Improvements	
	-City Of Diamondhead	\$ 250,000.00
Total Public Access Projects		\$ 5,304,534.00
Total Management Projects		\$ 3,842,769.00
Bond Repayment		\$ 1,552,697.00
Prior Year Projects		\$ 1,000,000.00
Total Tidelands Funds		\$11,700,000.00

Each political subdivision receiving funds authorized in this section shall be held responsible for complying with Section 29-15-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, and

shall be subject to an audit by the State Auditor and shall submit detailed reports beginning June 30, and every six (6) months thereafter for the duration of the project to the Department of Marine Resources on how funds authorized in this section were expended.

It is the intention of the Legislature that any political subdivision seeking to qualify for tidelands funds for the subsequent fiscal year shall submit a proposal to the Department of Marine Resources no later than July 1, 2024. All proposals submitted will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department of Marine Resources in accordance to department plans and procedures. Multiphased projects, multiyear projects, proposed projects with high dollar value and projects that have a record of stacking funds shall be considered as low priority projects when evaluated.

It is the intention of the Legislature that if the amount of the Tidelands funds appropriated in this act exceed the actual amount of tidelands funds available, the available funds shall be allocated on a pro rata basis between projects listed in this section.

SECTION 7. It is the intention of the Legislature that the department shall place any special trust funds appropriated to the department in a special trust fund and the interest earned on the principal shall be credited to the special trust fund. Monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be retained in the special trust fund for use in the next succeeding fiscal year. The department may use the interest earned on the fund to pay reasonable costs for administering the fund and related projects.

SECTION 8. It is the intention of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources has the authorization to move tidelands funds between approved projects upon request from entity and proper completion of Form TTF-6 documentation.

SECTION 9. It is the intention of the Legislature for the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality to continue with any agency partnerships, including grant agreements, that provide environmental projects to restore Mississippi's natural resources in the wake of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.

SECTION 10. It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

SECTION 11. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2, One Hundred Nineteen Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Ninety-six Dollars (\$119,713,196.00) is provided for the funding of the following Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) projects for FY 2025:

(a) To assist the City of Waveland with Center City Infrastructure Improvements – Sewer	\$ 4,000,000.00
(b) To assist the City of D'Iberville with Working Waterfront Marina Expansion Project Phase II	\$ 2,500,000.00
(c) To assist the City of Ocean Springs With Washington Avenue and Front Beach Utility Improvement	\$ 1,200,000.00
(d) To assist the City of Gautier with Marin Bluff and Hickory Hills Sewer Improvements	\$ 2,701,150.00
(e) To assist the City of Moss Point with Riverfront Coastal River Protection	\$ 3,750,000.00
(f) To assist the City of Moss Point with Storm Water Park	\$ 118,500.00
(g) To assist the Jackson County Utility Authority with Poticaw Road Sewer Extension	\$ 1,200,000.00
(h) To assist Mississippi State University with Fixed Lab Equipment	\$ 865,000.00
(i) To assist the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District Sewer Improvements Phase III	\$ 1,000,000.00

(j) To assist the Hancock County Water and Sewer District with Asbestos Water Pipe Replacement And Port Bienville Water Improvements	\$ 1,000,000.00
(k) To assist the Kiln Utility and Fire District with Hwy 603 Sewer Expansion from Hwy 43 To Cuevas Town Road	\$ 2,452,575.00
(l) To assist The Nature Conservancy with Using Brood Stock Reefs to Enhance Oyster Production on Commercial Leases	\$ 1,000,000.00
(m) To assist the City of Ocean Springs with Front Beach Bulkhead	\$ 1,600,000.00
(n) To assist the City of Pascagoula with the Live Oak Corridor Drainage to Remedy Flooding \$ 2,000,000.00	
(o) To assist the City of Gulfport with the North Gulfport Wastewater Treatment Plant UV Disinfection.....	\$ 1,200,000.00
(p) To assist the Hancock County Utility Authority with the Stennis Space Center Wastewater Conveyance Project.....	\$ 10,064,952.00
(q) To assist the City of Long Beach with the Small Craft Harbor Eastern Bulkhead Improvements	\$ 5,193,000.00
(r) To assist the City of Pass Christian with the West Breakwater Wall Hurricane Mitigation Improvements	\$ 2,563,000.00
(s) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Oyster Spat	\$ 4,000,000.00
(t) To assist the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies with Monitoring and Evaluation of Sea Turtle Nesting in Mississippi.....	\$ 990,128.00
(u) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Mississippi Coastal Fishery Resource Assessment.....	\$ 382,317.00
(v) To assist the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission with Sewer Construction and Improvements to Site 1 at Port Bienville Industrial Park \$ 1,749,220.00	
(w) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with Oak Island Oyster Company in the Development and Testing of an Off Bottom Oyster Structure \$ 1,195,571.00	
(x) To assist Jackson County with Coastal Roadway Hurricane Protection	\$ 750,000.00
(y) To assist the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies with Monitoring/Gauging Habitat Suitability for Dolphins and Turtles	\$ 1,485,958.00
(z) To assist the Kiln Utility District with Jourdan River Shores Sewer Improvements Phase II \$ 2,225,600.00	
(aa) To assist Harrison County with Sand Beach Outfall Coordination.....	\$ 1,600,000.00
(bb) To assist the City of Ocean Springs With Sewer Rehabilitation.....	\$ 1,960,000.00
(cc) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Oyster Cultch	\$ 2,000,000.00
(dd) To assist the City of Pass Christian with Highway 90 Hurricane Mitigation Improvements	\$ 5,195,000.00

(ee) To assist Coastal Mississippi with the promotion of the Seafood Industry and their Economic Contributions to the State.....	\$ 500,000.00
(ff) To assist the City of Diamondhead With Drainage, Flood Prevention and Water Quality Improvements Phase II.....	\$ 1,999,839.00
(gg) To assist Jackson County with East Beach Outfalls/Shoreline Protection	\$ 1,710,000.00
(hh) To assist the City of Gautier with Hickory Hills/Lagrange Water Quality and Stormwater Improvements.....	\$ 2,941,981.00
(ii) To assist the City of Biloxi with Keegan Bayou Restoration.....	\$ 2,520,000.00
(jj) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek Outfall Pavilion \$ 635,819.00	
(kk) To assist the City of Long Beach with Small Craft Harbor Southern Quay Bulkhead Improvements	\$ 2,554,000.00
(ll) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Bonnet Carre Spillway Mitigation \$ 1,475,000.00	
(mm) To assist the City of D'Iberville with the Working Waterfront and Seafood Harbor Project \$ 500,000.00	
(nn) To assist the University of Southern Mississippi with the Ocean Enterprise Project \$ 1,142,308.00	
(oo) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek Outfall	\$ 55,738.00
(pp) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with the Coffee Creek water quality.....	\$ 76,073.00
(qq) To assist Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Front Beach Erosion Control \$ 640,243.00	
(rr) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with GOMESA project management, development and mitigation.....	\$ 1,288,123.00
(ss) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with artificial reef construction.....	\$ 1,032,598.00
(tt) To assist the Department of Environmental Quality with water quality	\$ 864,037.00
(uu) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Bonnet Carre Response	\$ 24,855.00
(vv) To assist the City of Pass Christian With Sanitary Sewer Pump Station Repairs.....	\$ 3,208,475.00
(ww) To assist Hancock County with Atlantic Street Sewer Improvements	\$ 402,342.00
(xx) To assist the City of Long Beach With Small Craft Harbor SE Bulkhead Improvements	\$ 2,188,000.00
(yy) To assist the Kiln Utility District with the Jordan River Shores Sewer Force Main Relocation	\$ 189,828.00
(zz) To assist the City of Biloxi with the Point Cadet Living Shoreline.....	\$ 756,537.00
(aaa) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with MS Reef Fish Monitoring and Assessment.....	\$ 297,348.00

(bbb) To assist Hancock County Utility
Authority with Oak Harbor Sewer Improvements \$ 2,804,082.00

(ccc) To assist Hancock County Port and
Harbor Commission with Port Bienville
Conservation Management..... \$ 260,423.00

(ddd) To assist the City of Pascagoula with
Buena Vista Area Drainage \$ 485,406.00

(eee) To assist the City of Pass Christian
with Gravity Sewer System Improvements Phase I..... \$ 1,643,861.00

(fff) To assist the City of Pascagoula with
Point Park Pier Repair/Improvements..... \$ 318,151.00

(ggg) To assist the Department of Marine
Resources with the Railroad Corner Beneficial
Use Site \$ 57,606.00

(hhh) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi with collection of Fishery-Dependent
information on Blue Crabs \$ 30,804.00

(iii) To assist the National Oceans and
Applications Research Center with the Cat Island
Baseline Inventory of Seagrass Habitat \$ 8,731.00

(jjj) To assist the National Oceans and
Applications Research Center with the Inventory
Of Wetlands Habitats..... \$ 66,971.00

(kkk) To assist Mississippi State University
with the Evaluation and Monitoring of Marine
Mammal and Sea Turtles after Bonnet Carre
Spillway Opening..... \$ 903,650.00

(lll) To assist the American Shrimp
Processors Association with the Shrimp
Processors Feasibility Study..... \$ 596,148.00

(mmm) To assist the Jackson County Utility
Authority with Septic System Abatements \$ 1,604,707.00

(nnn) To assist the University of Southern
Mississippi with the Mississippi Coastal Fishery
Resource Assessment..... \$ 43,932.00

(ooo) To assist the Department of Marine
Resources with the Katrina Key Expansion \$ 430,000.00

(ppp) To assist the Secretary of State with
the Broadwater Marina Restoration \$ 3,578,590.00

(qqq) To assist the City of Pass Christian
with Sewer Pump Station Repairs \$ 348,585.00

(rrr) To assist the City of Diamondhead
With Drainage, Flood Prevention and Water
Quality Improvements..... \$ 1,193,447.00

(sss) To assist the Department of Marine
Resources with the Bonnet Carre and Mid Breton
Response..... \$ 525,163.00

(ttt) To assist the City of Ocean Springs
with the Front Beach Pub Access and Storm Water
Mitigation Improvements \$ 1,934,039.00

(uuu) To assist the City of Pass Christian
with Phase II of the Gravity Sewer System
Improvements \$ 4,466,316.00

(vvv) To assist the Department of Marine
Resources with the Off Bottom Oyster
Aquaculture \$ 1,334,987.00

(www) To assist the Department of Marine
Resources with the Pelican Key Beneficial
Use Site \$ 348,220.00

(xxx) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with Phase II of the Katrina Key Expansion \$ 400,000.00

(yyy) To assist the Jackson County Board of Supervisors with the Pascagoula Beach Open Channel Outfalls \$ 1,339,000.00

(zzz) To assist the Department of Marine Resources with water testing for Seafood Consumption Safety \$ 45,262.00

SECTION 12. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Marine Resources shall have the authority to expend funds in an amount not to exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) from funds for the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) that may become available to the agency in fiscal year 2025 in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 13. It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

SECTION 14. It is the intention of the Legislature that the funds herein appropriated shall be expended in compliance with Section 27-104-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, that no state agency shall incur obligations or indebtedness in excess of their appropriation and that the responsible officers, either personally or upon their official bonds, shall be held responsible for actions contrary to this provision.

SECTION 15. With the funds appropriated herein, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is authorized to make payments for expenses incurred during prior fiscal years for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Forty-four Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-eight Dollars and Fifty-three Cents (\$144,658.53).

SECTION 16. The money herein appropriated shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: C. Scott Bounds, John Read, Brent Anderson

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Tyler McCaughn, Mike Thompson

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker,

Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullis, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--61

Rep. Read called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury, to the credit of the Secretary of State, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Secretary of State for the period beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 14,025,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is for grants from the Secretary of State Land Improvement Fund.

SECTION 2. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury, to the credit of the Mississippi Development Authority and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office to defray the expenses of the Mississippi Development Authority for the period beginning upon passage, and ending June 30, 2025

\$ 500,000.00.

The purpose of these funds is to provide grants from the Small Unmanned Aircraft System Manufacturer Grant Fund.

SECTION 3. In addition to all other sums herein appropriated, the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money to the credit of the General Fund, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office, to defray the expenses of the Office of the Attorney General for the period beginning upon passage of this act, and ending June 30, 2025 \$ 2,500,000.00.

This additional appropriation is for the purpose of defraying allowable expenses for Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation pursuant to Sections 97-3-54.10 through 97-3-54.13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFAY THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, Dennis DeBar, Jr., John A. Polk

On motion of Rep. Read the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

Rep. Cockerham called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1705: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds in the treasury.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1705: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to each of the following named funds:

FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT
Animal Disease Response Fund created in Section 69-15-21, Mississippi Code of 1972	3342700000	\$ 92,000.00
Oil and Gas Emergency Plugging Fund created in Section 53-1-77, Mississippi Code of 1972	3349300000	\$ 800,000.00
Disaster Assistance Trust Fund created in Section 33-15-307, Mississippi Code of 1972	3372500000	\$ 1,575,864.00
Mississippi Dam Safety Fund created in Section 19, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020	6614700000	\$ 2,000.000.00
Historic Site Preservation Fund created in Section 39-5-22, Mississippi Code of 1972	3348400000	\$ 500,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 4,967,864.00

SECTION 2. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Opioid Settlement Fund. The fund shall consist of monies received by the Attorney General on behalf of the State of Mississippi from settlements of opioid litigation with distributors Cardinal Health, McKesson and AmerisourceBergen, manufacturers Janssen Pharmaceuticals/Johnson & Johnson, Allergan and Teva, and pharmacy chains CVS, Walgreens and Walmart, which are deposited into the fund by the Attorney General.

(2) Monies in the fund shall be expended upon appropriation by the Legislature in accordance with the requirements of the opioid litigation settlements described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

SECTION 3. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Forest Improvement Revolving Fund. Money in the revolving fund shall be used by the State Forestry Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist in the reforestation and growth improvement of the forests, woodlands, and publicly owned lands of the state, including sixteenth section lands, Camp Shelby, Columbia Training School and colleges and universities.

(2) Landowners who contract with the commission for such work shall pay to the commission its actual cost for conducting such work. Money received for this work by the commission shall be paid into the State Treasury for deposit into the revolving fund.

(3) Monies remaining in the revolving fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the revolving fund shall be deposited to the credit of the revolving fund.

SECTION 4. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Conversion Revolving Fund. The revolving fund shall consist of monies received from charges for work and services performed for volunteer fire departments by the commission.

(2) Monies in the revolving fund shall be used by the State Forestry Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to assist in the conversion of vehicles acquired by the commission through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program or by volunteer fire departments through other means to adapt them for use in the suppression of wildland fires. This assistance shall be in the form of fabrication of water tanks or other accessories necessary for the operation of fire suppression units, installation of piping and valves, painting or other similar or associated component work

necessary to place fire suppression equipment into service; such assistance is not for general vehicle maintenance or repair.

(2) The State Treasurer shall make disbursements from the revolving fund for payment of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(3) The amount of monies deposited into the revolving fund from such charges shall not exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Funds in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from such charges shall be deposited into the Forestry Commission's regular appropriated special funds.

(4) Monies remaining in the revolving fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the revolving fund shall be deposited to the credit of the revolving fund.

SECTION 5. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Camden State Forest Revolving Fund. The revolving fund shall be funded by monies received from timber sales, leases, and any other source, and monies collected from these income sources shall be deposited into the revolving fund. Monies in the fund shall be used by the State Forestry Commission, upon appropriation of by the Legislature, to direct forest management activities on the Camden State Forest in Madison County, Mississippi. The forest management activities will include, but not be limited to, maintenance of property, timber sale activities and regeneration work.

(2) The State Treasurer shall make disbursements from the revolving fund for payments of materials, supplies and labor upon requisition of the commission and upon the issuance of warrants therefor by the Department of Finance and Administration.

(3) Monies remaining in the revolving fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the revolving fund shall be deposited to the credit of the revolving fund.

SECTION 6. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Arts Commission Challenge Initiative Fund. The fund shall consist of legislative appropriations, federal funds, contributions, donations, gifts and monies from any other source that are made available for deposit into the fund.

(2) Monies in the fund shall be used by the Arts Commission, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to award grants to arts organizations. Recipients of grants from the fund will be required to provide matching funds for the grants in an amount of not less than two (2) times the amount of the grant.

(3) Monies remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned on the fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

SECTION 7. (1) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the Public Employees' Retirement System Building Repair and Maintenance Fund. The fund shall consist of all funds collected as rental income from the building owned by the system located at 301 North President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

(2) Monies in the fund shall be used by the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System, upon appropriation of the Legislature, for the repair and maintenance of the Timothy Alan (Tim) Ford Building. At the end of each fiscal year, monies remaining in the fund shall be transferred to the Administrative Expense Account of the system.

SECTION 8. Section 83-1-191, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

83-1-191. (1) There is established within the Department of Insurance a Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program. This section does not create an entitlement for property owners or obligate the state in any way to fund the inspection or retrofitting of residential property or commercial property in this state. Implementation of this program is subject to the availability of funds that may be appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose. The program may develop and implement a comprehensive and coordinated approach for hurricane damage mitigation that may include the following:

(a) Cost-benefit study on wind hazard mitigation construction measures. The performance of a cost-benefit study to establish the most appropriate

wind hazard mitigation construction measures for both new construction and the retrofitting of existing construction for both residential and commercial facilities within the wind-borne debris regions of Mississippi as defined by the International Building Code. The recommended wind construction techniques shall be based on both the newly adopted Mississippi building code sections for wind load design and the wind-borne debris region. The list of construction measures to be considered for evaluation in the cost-benefit study shall be based on scientifically established and sound, but common, construction techniques that go above and beyond the basic recommendations in the adopted building codes. This allows residents to utilize multiple options that will further reduce risk and loss and still be awarded for their endeavors with appropriate wind insurance discounts. It is recommended that existing accepted scientific studies that validate the wind hazard construction techniques benefits and effects be taken into consideration when establishing the list of construction techniques that homeowners and business owners can employ. This will ensure that only established construction measures that have been studied and modeled as successful mitigation measures will be considered to reduce the chance of including risky or unsound data that will cost both the property owner and state unnecessary losses. The cost-benefit study shall be based on actual construction cost data collected for several types of residential construction and commercial construction materials, building techniques and designs that are common to the region. The study shall provide as much information as possible that will enhance the data and options provided to the public, so that homeowners and business owners can make informed and educated decisions as to their level of involvement. Based on the construction data, modeling shall be performed on a variety of residential and commercial designs, so that a broad enough representative spectrum of data can be obtained. The data from the study will be utilized in a report to establish tables reflecting actuarially appropriate levels of wind insurance discounts (in percentages) for each mitigation construction technique/combination of techniques. This report will be utilized as a guide for the Department of Insurance and the insurance industry for developing actuarially appropriate discounts, credits or other rate differentials, or appropriate reductions in deductibles, for properties on which fixtures or construction techniques demonstrated to reduce the amount of loss in a windstorm have been installed or implemented. Additional data that will enhance the program, such as studies to reflect property value increases for retrofitting or building to the established wind hazard mitigation construction techniques and cost comparison data collected to establish the value of this program against the investment required to include the mitigation measures, also may be provided.

(b) Wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspections.

(i) Home-retrofit inspections of site-built, residential property, including single-family, two-family, three-family or four-family residential units, and a set of representative commercial facilities may be offered to determine what mitigation measures are needed and what improvements to existing residential properties are needed to reduce the property's vulnerability to hurricane damage. A state program may be established within the Department of Insurance to provide homeowners and business owners wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspections. The inspections provided to homeowners and business owners, at a minimum, must include:

1. A home inspection and report that summarizes the results and identifies corrective actions a homeowner may take to mitigate hurricane damage.
2. A range of cost estimates regarding the mitigation features.
3. Insurer-specific information regarding premium discounts correlated to recommended mitigation features identified by the inspection.
4. A hurricane resistance rating scale specifying the home's current as well as projected wind resistance capabilities.

This data may be provided by trained and certified inspectors in standardized reporting formats and forms to ensure all data collected during inspections is equivalent

in style and content that allows construction data, estimates and discount information to be easily assimilated into a database. Data pertaining to the number of inspections and inspection reports may be stored in a state database for evaluation of the program's success and review of state goals in reducing wind hazard loss in the state.

(ii) To qualify for selection by the department as a provider of wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspections services, the entity shall, at a minimum, and on a form and in the manner prescribed by the commissioner:

1. Use wind certification and hurricane mitigation inspectors who:

a. Have prior experience in residential and/or commercial construction or inspection and have received specialized training in hurricane mitigation procedures through the state certified program. In order to qualify for training in the inspection process, the individual should be either a licensed building code official, a licensed contractor or inspector in the State of Mississippi, or a civil engineer.

b. Have undergone drug testing and background checks.

c. Have been certified through a state mandated training program, in a manner satisfactory to the department, to conduct the inspections.

d. Have not been convicted of a felony crime of violence or of a sexual offense; have not received a first-time offender pardon or nonadjudication order for a felony crime of violence or of a sexual offense; or have not entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony charge of violence or of a sexual offense.

e. Submit a statement authorizing the Commissioner of Insurance to order fingerprint analysis or any other analysis or documents deemed necessary by the commissioner for the purpose of verifying the criminal history of the individual. The commissioner shall have the authority to conduct criminal history verification on a local, state or national level, and shall have the authority to require the individual to pay for the costs of such criminal history verification.

2. Provide a quality assurance program including a reinspection component.

3. Have data collection equipment and computer systems, so that data can be submitted electronically to the state's database of inspection reports, insurance certificates, and other industry information related to this program. It is mandatory that all inspectors provide original copies to the property owner of any inspection reports, estimates, etc., pertaining to the inspection and keep a copy of all inspection materials on hand for state audits.

(c) Financial grants to retrofit properties. Financial grants may be used to encourage single-family, site-built, owner-occupied, residential property owners or commercial property owners to retrofit their properties to make them less vulnerable to hurricane damage. No financial grant made under this section shall exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per recipient.

(d) Education and consumer awareness. Multimedia public education, awareness and advertising efforts designed to specifically address mitigation techniques may be employed, as well as a component to support ongoing consumer resources and referral services. In addition, all insurance companies shall provide notification to their clients regarding the availability of this program, participation details, and directions to the state website promoting the program, along with appropriate contact phone numbers to the state agency administering the program. The notification to the clients must be sent by the insurance company within thirty (30) days after filing their insurance discount schedules with the Department of Insurance.

(e) Advisory council. There is created an advisory council to provide advice and assistance to the program administrator with regard to his or her administration of the program. The advisory council shall consist of:

(i) An agent, selected by the Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi.

(ii) Two (2) representatives of residential property insurers, selected by the Department of Insurance.

(iii) One (1) representative of homebuilders, selected by the Home Builders Association of Mississippi.

(iv) The Chairman of the House Insurance Committee, or his designee.

(v) The Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, or his designee.

(vi) The Executive Director of the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association, or his designee.

(vii) The Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, or his designee.

Members appointed under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) shall serve at the pleasure of the Department of Insurance. All other members shall serve as voting ex officio members. Members of the advisory council who are not legislators, state officials or state employees shall be compensated at the per diem rate authorized by Section 25-3-69, and shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 25-3-41, for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Legislative members of the advisory council shall be paid from the contingent expense funds of their respective houses in the same manner as provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in session; however, no per diem or expense for attending meetings of the advisory council may be paid while the Legislature is in session. No advisory council member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless previously authorized by vote, at a meeting of the council, which action shall be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting. Nonlegislative members shall be paid from any funds made available to the advisory council for that purpose.

(f) Rules and regulations. The Department of Insurance may adopt rules and regulations governing the Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program. The department also may adopt rules and regulations establishing priorities for grants provided under this section based on objective criteria that gives priority to reducing the state's probable maximum loss from hurricanes. However, pursuant to this overall goal, the department may further establish priorities based on the insured value of the dwelling, whether or not the dwelling is insured by the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association and whether or not the area under consideration has sufficient resources and the ability to perform the retrofitting required.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Department of Insurance from entering into an agreement with any other appropriate state agency to assist with or perform any of the duties set forth hereunder.

(3) The Department of Insurance shall issue a request for proposals to contract with a third party for the administration of the Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program. The contract for the third-party administrator shall be funded from monies in the Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program Fund created in subsection (4) of this section, and that amount shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the funds appropriated to the Department of Insurance for the program. If the third-party administrator selected through the request for proposals is replaced or is otherwise changed, the Department of Insurance shall notify the Chairs of the House and Senate Appropriations and Insurance Committees.

(4) There is created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program Fund. The fund shall consist of any monies from any source that are designated or made available for deposit into the fund. The Department of Insurance may apply for any federal or private grants to provide additional funds for the special fund. Monies in the fund shall be expended by the Department of Insurance, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purposes as provided in this section. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(* * *5) This section shall stand repealed from and after July 1, 2025.

SECTION 9. Upon the effective date of this act, the Mississippi Surplus Lines Association shall transfer the sum of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to the State

Treasurer to be deposited into the Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program Fund created in Section 83-1-191(4), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 10. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$259,000.00) from the Real Estate Commission Fund (Fund No. 3383200000) to the Home Inspector License Fund created in Section 73-60-29, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 11. Section 1 of Chapter 7, Laws of 2023, appropriation to the Board of Barber Examiners, is amended as follows:

Section 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Barber Examiners or its successor board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024 \$ 344,410.00.

SECTION 12. Section 1 of Chapter 8, Laws of 2023, appropriation to the Board of Cosmetology, is amended as follows:

Section 1. The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the State Board of Cosmetology or its successor board, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the board for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024..... \$ 1,013,260.00.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE ANIMAL DISEASE RESPONSE FUND, THE OIL AND GAS EMERGENCY PLUGGING FUND, THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE TRUST FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI DAM SAFETY FUND AND THE HISTORIC SITE PRESERVATION FUND; TO CREATE NEW SPECIAL FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND, THE FOREST IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND, THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT CONVERSION REVOLVING FUND, THE CAMDEN STATE FOREST REVOLVING FUND, THE ARTS COMMISSION CHALLENGE INITIATIVE FUND, AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BUILDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 83-1-191, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM SHALL NOT EXCEED \$10,000 PER RECIPIENT; TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMPREHENSIVE HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM FUND; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONTRACT SHALL BE FUNDED FROM MONIES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM FUND, AND THAT AMOUNT SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE PERCENT OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROGRAM; TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI SURPLUS LINES ASSOCIATION TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM TO THE STATE TREASURER TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN SUM FROM THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION FUND TO THE HOME INSPECTOR LICENSE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 7, LAWS OF 2023, TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO A SUCCESSOR BOARD OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS; TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 8, LAWS OF 2023, TO REVISE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF

COSMETOLOGY TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO A SUCCESSOR BOARD OF THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, Vince Mangold

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Josh Harkins

On motion of Rep. Cockerham the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Zuber. Total--120.

Nays--Young. Total--1.

Absent or those not voting--Hobgood-Wilkes. Total-1.

Necessary for passage--61

Representative Hood called up the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the conference report was adopted on **S. B. No. 2792**: (Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.), and moved to table, which motion prevailed.

At 1:44 PM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House recessed subject to call of the Chair.

At 3:26 PM the House met pursuant to recess, Speaker White in the Chair. A quorum was present.

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.

2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 7, Chapter 483, Laws of 2022, is amended as follows:

Section 7. Revenue bonds. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) Monies deposited into the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist in paying the costs associated with land acquisition for, and the purchase, design, construction, furnishing and/or equipping of, a new warehouse for the Department of Revenue's Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.

(b) Amounts deposited into the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) For the purpose of providing for the payment of the principal of and interest upon bonds issued under this section, there is created a special bond sinking fund in the State Treasury. The special bond sinking fund shall consist of such amounts as may be paid into such fund under this act, by appropriation or by other authorization by the Legislature. Except as otherwise provided in this section, monies in the special bond sinking fund shall be used to pay the debt service requirements of the bonds issued under this section. If the special bond sinking fund has a balance below the minimum amount specified in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds, or below one and one-half (1-1/2) times the amount needed to pay the annual debt obligations related to the bonds issued under this section, whichever is the lesser amount, the Commissioner of Revenue shall transfer the deficit amount to the bond sinking fund from revenue derived from the twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%) markup provided for in Section 27-71-11. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special bond sinking fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the special bond sinking fund shall be deposited into such sinking fund. If the special bond sinking fund has a balance in excess of the amount needed to pay the debt service and meet the obligations related to the bonds issued under this section, as determined in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds, the excess monies shall be transferred to the State General Fund.

(4) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of revenue bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the revenue bonds authorized by this subsection, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things

necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Ninety-five Million Dollars (\$95,000,000.00).

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(5) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(6) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(7) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(8) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(9) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be revenue bonds of the state, the principal of and interest on which shall be payable solely from and shall be secured by the special bond sinking fund created in subsection (3) of this section. The bonds shall never constitute an indebtedness of the state within the meaning of any state constitutional provision or statutory limitation, and shall never

constitute or give rise to a pecuniary liability of the state, or a charge against its general credit or taxing powers, and such fact shall be plainly stated on the face of each such bond. The bonds shall not be considered when computing any limitation of indebtedness of the state. All bonds issued under the authority of this section and all interest coupons applicable thereto shall be construed to be negotiable instruments, despite the fact that they are payable solely from a specified source.

(10) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 6(1) of this act. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(11) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(12) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(14) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(15) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(16) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(17) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(18) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 27-71-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

27-71-11. (1) The department shall from time to time by resolution request the State Bond Commission to provide sufficient funds required to maintain an adequate alcoholic beverage inventory. Said funds shall be provided under the provisions of Chapter 557, Laws of 1966.

(2) The department shall add to the cost of all alcoholic beverages a markup of twenty-seven and one-half percent (27-1/2%), inclusive of the three percent (3%) markup imposed by Section 27-71-7(2).

(3) In addition to other excise taxes and markups imposed in this section and in Section 27-71-7, the department shall add to the cost of all alcoholic beverages shipped a charge of Twenty-five Cents (25¢) per case, to be deposited into the ABC Warehouse Improvements Fund created in Section 67-1-211(2). However, any unobligated amounts above Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) remaining in the ABC Warehouse Improvements Fund at the end of a fiscal year shall be transferred to the State General Fund.

(4) Notwithstanding the contract for warehouse and distribution operations under Section 67-1-205, the department shall remain responsible for purchasing and selling alcoholic beverages. The department shall sell alcoholic beverages at uniform prices throughout the state. Pricing for all alcoholic beverages shall be set by the addition of the markup and taxes to the price at which the beverages were purchased by the department.

(5) A permittee's order shall qualify for shipping when it includes the minimum number of cases of alcoholic beverages as set by the department. The department shall place qualifying orders in a queue for shipment in the order in which the orders are made. An order of fewer than the minimum number of cases, and special orders, shall be added to the permittee's next qualified shipment. The department shall give sufficient notice of any change in the minimum number of cases for shipping and shall allow the opportunity for comment.

(6) The department shall set a per-case shipping fee to be charged to permittees. The department shall adjust the fee to match, as closely as possible, the shipping costs as defined in Section 67-1-201. The shipping fee charged under this subsection shall be deposited to the credit of the ABC Shipping Fund created in Section 27-71-29.

(7) The department shall charge manufacturers a bailment fee of * * * One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per case of alcoholic beverages stored in the warehouse, to be deposited to the credit of the bond sinking fund created in Section 7(3) of Chapter 483, Laws of 2022.

SECTION 3. Section 67-1-203, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

67-1-203. (1) The Department of Finance and Administration, using the monies available in the ABC Warehouse Construction Fund created in Section 67-1-211(1) and such other monies as the Legislature may make available, shall purchase land for and shall provide for the design and construction of a warehouse for the division in the most expedient and cost-effective manner practicable as determined by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall select a suitable site for the warehouse within fifty (50) miles of the new state capitol building. In selecting a site, the Department of Finance and Administration shall consider the feasibility of selecting state-owned land by comparing the cost of preparing the state-owned land for construction to the cost of acquiring other land and preparing such other land for construction.

(3) The contract for design and construction shall provide that the operator shall be consulted so that the warehouse may, so far as possible, suit the preferences of the operator in furtherance of effective operations. The contract shall also provide that the design shall aim to fill demand for the next twenty-five (25) years.

(4) A contract for warehouse construction shall not be entered into unless the construction contractor has demonstrated:

(a) The qualifications, experience and management personnel necessary to carry out the terms of the contract;

(b) The ability to comply with applicable federal and state laws; and

(c) The ability to expedite the design and construction of facilities comparable to the warehouse.

(5) A contract for warehouse construction shall be entered into not later than October 1, 2024.

SECTION 4. Section 67-1-205, Mississippi Code of 1972, is brought forward as follows:

67-1-205. (1) The department shall contract for warehouse and distribution operations. The shipping contract in effect on July 1, 2022, shall remain in effect until the expiration of its term.

(2) The department shall pay regular maintenance expenses and shall reimburse the operator for services performed under the contract out of monies appropriated by the Legislature.

(3) The contract shall include the following terms:

(a) The department shall pay the operator cost-plus on these operations at a set dollar amount per case of alcoholic beverages sold. Otherwise, the contract shall not alter the current cash flow of operations;

(b) The operator shall be allotted a monthly spending limit for occasional improvements. The state may, at any time, review the operator's spending. The operator shall obtain prior state approval for any spending over the monthly limit set in the contract. The contract shall allow the operator to pay out of pocket, in which case the state will reimburse the operator on a monthly basis out of monies in the ABC Warehouse Improvements Fund created in Section 67-1-211(2);

(c) Shipping costs, where the contract encompasses shipping, shall be based on a set dollar amount per case of alcoholic beverages shipped from the warehouse to the permittee's premises;

(d) The department and the operator may provide for the operator's software to interface with the department's TAP system in a manner allowing for information sharing in furtherance of efficient operations while also protecting the security of the TAP system;

(e) The department shall develop quality and efficiency criteria for determining whether to renew a contract for warehouse and distribution operations;

(f) The obligation of the department to proceed under the contract is conditioned upon the appropriation of funds by the Legislature and the receipt of state or federal funds. If the funds anticipated for the continuing time fulfillment of the agreement are, at any time, not forthcoming or insufficient, either through the failure of the federal government to provide funds or of the State of Mississippi to appropriate funds, or the discontinuance or material alteration of the program under which funds were provided, or if funds are not otherwise available to the department, the department shall have the right, upon ten (10) working days' written notice to the operator, to terminate this agreement without damage, penalty, cost or other expenses to the department of any kind whatsoever. The effective date of termination shall be as specified in the notice of termination;

(g) The state and the operator as parties to the contract and all terms of the contract shall be subject to and governed by the laws of the state at the time the contract is entered into, and any later amendments to such laws, through the duration of the contract; and

(h) The operator shall be required to comply with any duties, responsibilities, conditions or other provisions required by state law during the duration of the contract, regardless of whether such duties, responsibilities, conditions or other provisions were required by state law at the time the contract was entered into.

(4) The initial contract for operations shall terminate on the earlier of: (a) four (4) years from the date it commences; or (b) the last day of the use of the warehouse that is in service on July 1, 2022. The contract may be renewed for four (4) years, with another option to renew at the end of that four-year term. The department shall issue requests for proposals before entering any subsequent contract. Requests for proposals shall be required whenever a contract is not renewed, but no less frequently than every twelve (12) years.

(5) The contract shall provide that all employees needed for operations shall be employees of the operator.

(6) A contract for warehouse and distribution operations shall not be entered into unless the operator has demonstrated:

(a) The qualifications, experience and management personnel necessary to carry out the terms of the contract; and

(b) The ability to comply with applicable federal and state laws.

(7) A contract for operations shall not be entered into unless the following requirements are met:

(a) In addition to fire and casualty insurance, the operator provides at least Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) of liability insurance. The liability insurance shall be issued by an insurance company with a rating of at least an A- according to AM Best standards. In determining the adequacy of such insurance, the Department of Finance and Administration shall determine whether:

(i) The insurance is adequate to protect the state from any and all actions by a third party against the operator or the state as a result of the contract;

(ii) The insurance is adequate to protect the state against any and all claims arising as a result of any occurrence during the term of the contract;

(iii) The insurance is adequate to assure the operator's ability to fulfill its contract with the state in all respects, and to assure that the operator is not limited in this ability because of financial liability which results from judgments; and

(iv) The insurance is adequate to satisfy such other requirements specified by the independent risk management/actuarial firm.

(b) The sovereign immunity of the state shall not apply to the operator. Neither the operator nor the operator's insurer may plead the defense of sovereign immunity in any action arising out of the performance of the contract.

(c) The operator shall post a performance bond to assure the operator's faithful performance of the specifications and conditions of the contract. The bond is required throughout the term of the contract. The terms and conditions must be approved by the department and the Department of Finance and Administration, and such approval is a condition precedent to the contract taking effect.

(d) The operator shall defend any suit or claim brought against the state arising out of any act or omission in operations, and shall hold the state harmless from such claim or suit. The operator shall be solely responsible for the payment of any legal or other costs relative to any such claim or suit. The operator shall reimburse the state for any costs that it may incur as a result of such claim or suit immediately upon being submitted a statement therefor by the Attorney General.

Any suit brought or claim made arising out of any act or omission in operations shall be made or brought against the operator and not the state.

The Attorney General retains all rights and emoluments of his or her office which include direction and control over any litigation or claim involving the state.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7, CHAPTER 483, LAWS OF 2022, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF STATE REVENUE BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE ABC WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION FUND TO ASSIST IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LAND ACQUISITION FOR, AND THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW WAREHOUSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 27-71-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE BAILMENT FEE CHARGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ON CASES OF STORED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT SERVICE ON SUCH BONDS; TO AMEND SECTION 67-1-203, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION SHALL SELECT A SUITABLE SITE, WITHIN 50 MILES OF THE NEW STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WAREHOUSE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF

REVENUE'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION, AND THAT A CONTRACT FOR WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE ENTERED INTO NOT LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2024; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION 67-1-205, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, FOR THE PURPOSE OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Robert L. Johnson III (Not Signed), Henry Zuber III

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Dean Kirby

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulm, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--112.

Nays--Arnold, Eubanks, Newman, Sanford. Total--4.

Absent or those not voting--Boyd, R, Byrd, Evans, Haney, Rosebud. Total-5.

Present--Crudup. Total--1.

Necessary for passage--69

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

S. B. No. 2468: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2468: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the amounts listed below from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to each of the following named funds:

FUND	FUND NUMBER	AMOUNT

2024 Local Improvements Projects Fund created in Section 4 of this act		\$ 227,375,000.00
2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund	6611330000	\$ 110,000,000.00
2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund	6611300000	\$ 45,000,000.00
2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund	6611320000	\$ 26,100,000.00
2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund	6611310000	\$ 23,900,000.00
Mississippi State University Veterinary School Fund created in Section 9 of this act		\$ 18,000,000.00
Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund	6614170000	\$ 40,000,000.00
2023 Lafayette County Infrastructure Improvements Fund	6611380000	\$ 160,000,000.00
2023 Desoto County Infrastructure Improvements Fund	6611370000	\$ 90,000,000.00
2022 Emergency Road and Bridge Fund	6619440000	\$ 30,000,000.00
Strategic Multi-Modal Investments Fund	6695500000	\$ 10,000,000.00
2022 Infrastructure Match Fund	6619430000	\$ 40,000,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 820,375,000.00

SECTION 2. On the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Twenty-two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000.00) from the State BP Settlement Fund (Fund No. 6800100000) to the 2024 Local Improvements Projects Fund created in Section 4, of this act.

SECTION 3. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of One Hundred Ten Million Dollars (\$110,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the Employers' Accumulation Account of the Public Employees' Retirement System created in Section 25-11-123(c), Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 4. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "2024 Local Improvements Projects Fund." The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, as provided in Section 10 of this act. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. Any state agency that receives funds from the 2024 Local Improvement Fund may escalate its budget upon receiving 2024 Local Improvement Funds and expend such funds in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

SECTION 5. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 IHL Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 37-101-83, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority to spend those monies granted by an appropriation bill passed

separately during the 2024 Regular Session, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

ENTITY	PROJECT	AMOUNT ALLOCATED PER PROJECT	AMOUNT ALLOCATED PER ENTITY
Alcorn State University	Repair, renovation, and expansion of and upgrades and improvements to the David L. Whitney Complex and Wellness Center.....	\$ 8,311,736.00	\$ 8,311,736.00
Delta State University	Repair and replacement of roofs for various campus academic and administrative buildings.....	\$ 4,020,808.00	\$ 4,020,808.00
Jackson State University	Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to campus buildings and facilities, including, but not limited to, McAllister-Whiteside Hall and development of alternative water resources and infrastructure for critical campus facilities.....	\$ 16,020,794.00	\$ 23,020,794.00
	Repair, renovation, and purchase of a new residence hall.....	\$ 7,000,000.00	
Mississippi State University	Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of buildings and related facilities to house the College of Architecture, Art and Design.....	\$ 13,284,608.00	\$ 13,284,608.00
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine	Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Bost Extension Center and Dorman Hall.....	\$ 10,231,362.00	\$ 10,231,362.00
Mississippi Valley State University.....	Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new residence hall and related facilities.....	\$ 8,856,405.00	\$ 8,856,405.00
University of Mississippi			\$ 16,561,477.00

Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new mechanical and power plant building and related facilities to serve the northwest quadrant of the campus and repair, renovation, furnishing, equipping and expansion of and additions to the Data Center Building and related facilities.....	\$ 16,561,477.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center		\$ 7,085,124.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings, facilities, and infrastructure.....	\$ 7,085,124.00	
University of Southern Mississippi		\$ 18,627,686.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of the Science Research Facility with a central mechanical plant and related infrastructure and facilities on the Hattiesburg Campus.....	\$ 18,627,686.00	
TOTAL	\$ 110,000,000.00	

(2) (a) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon issued warrants by the Department of Finance and Administration. The warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the State Fiscal Officer, or his or her designee.

(4) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in subsection (1) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

SECTION 6. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 Community and Junior Colleges Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 37-29-321, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority to spend those monies granted by an appropriation bill passed separately during the 2024 Regular Session, to pay the costs of acquisition of real property, construction of new facilities, equipping and furnishing facilities, including furniture and technology equipment and infrastructure, and addition to or renovation of existing facilities for community and junior college campuses as recommended by the Mississippi Community College Board. The amount to be expended at each community and junior college is as follows:

Coahoma	\$ 2,156,591.00
Copiah-Lincoln	\$ 2,492,500.00
East Central	\$ 2,289,361.00
East Mississippi	\$ 2,625,690.00
Hinds	\$ 4,457,940.00
Holmes	\$ 3,403,594.00
Itawamba	\$ 3,233,987.00
Jones	\$ 3,047,330.00
Meridian	\$ 2,424,181.00
Mississippi Delta	\$ 2,208,329.00
Mississippi Gulf Coast	\$ 4,339,698.00
Northeast Mississippi	\$ 2,649,581.00
Northwest Mississippi	\$ 3,940,592.00
Pearl River	\$ 3,523,557.00
Southwest Mississippi	\$ 2,207,069.00
TOTAL	\$ 45,000,000.00

(2) Amounts transferred into the special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in the special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act into the special fund, then the community college or junior college for which any such monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon issued warrants by the Department of Finance and Administration. The warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the State Fiscal Officer, or his or her designee.

SECTION 7. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 State Agencies Capital Improvements Fund created in Section 29-17-6, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority to spend those monies granted by an appropriation bill passed separately during the 2024 Regular Session, to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

STATE AGENCIES TOTAL	\$ 26,100,000.00
Department of Mental Health	\$ 6,000,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation, improvements, furnishing and equipping of buildings, grounds, and infrastructure under the care and control of the department statewide.....	\$ 6,000,000.00
Department of Corrections	\$ 7,000,000.00
Planning, repair and	

renovation of and code and ADA upgrades and improvements to facilities, grounds and infrastructure under the care and control of the department statewide.....	\$ 7,000,000.00
Department of Public Safety	\$ 2,250,000.00
Planning, construction, furnishing and equipping of new range training facility at the MLEOTA campus.....	\$ 2,250,000.00
Department of Agriculture and Commerce	\$ 3,750,000.00
Paving, infrastructure, and improvement to include sewer and water improvements of Mississippi Street and remainder, planning, and construction, furnishing, and equipping of campus security improvements.....	\$ 3,750,000.00
State Fire Academy	\$ 200,000.00
Planning, repair, and renovation of, additions to, and furnishing and equipping of Administration Building.....	\$ 200,000.00
Mississippi Department of Health	\$ 4,000,000.00
Planning, repair, and renovation to building envelope at Thompson Lab and planning, repair, and renovation, furnishing and equipping of the North Wing of the Underwood Building.....	\$ 4,000,000.00
Mississippi Veterans Affairs	\$ 2,500,000.00
Planning, repair, renovation, replacements and improvements to HVAC systems, at the Veterans Home in Jackson, Mississippi.....	\$ 2,500,000.00
Mississippi Schools for the Deaf and the Blind	\$ 200,000.00
Preplanning of repair and renovation of Dorm C.....	\$ 200,000.00
Mississippi School of the Arts	\$ 200,000.00
Preplanning of repair and renovation of Cooper Hall.....	\$ 200,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 26,100,000.00

(2) (a) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in subsection (1) of this section. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date funds are transferred under Section 1 of this act into the special fund, then the agency for which any unused monies are allocated under subsection (1) of this section shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the Department of Finance and Administration.

(b) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in subsection (1) of this section. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the monies in the special fund used for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon issued warrants by the Department of Finance and Administration. The warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the State Fiscal Officer, or his or her designee.

(4) Any amounts allocated to an agency that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such agency that are described in subsection (1) of this section may be used for general repairs and renovations at the agency.

SECTION 8. (1) Monies transferred pursuant to Section 1 of this act into the 2022 Department of Finance and Administration Statewide Repair and Renovation Fund created in Section 27-104-111, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority to spend those monies granted by an appropriation bill passed separately during the 2024 Regular Session, to pay the costs of site and infrastructure improvements, general repairs and renovations, weatherization, roofing, environmental mitigation, mechanical, electrical and structural repairs required for state-owned facilities, universities and community and junior colleges, repairs, renovations and improvements necessary for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or other codes, purchase and installation of necessary furniture and equipment, and continuation and completion of previously authorized projects.

(2) Amounts transferred into such special fund pursuant to Section 1 of this act shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this section. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon issued warrants by the Department of Finance and Administration. The warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the State Fiscal Officer, or his or her designee.

SECTION 9. There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be designated as the "Mississippi State University Veterinary School Fund." The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration to assist Mississippi State University with paying costs associated with the design, construction, renovation, repairs, and equipping of the Wise Center. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

SECTION 10. Monies transferred pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of this act into the 2024 Local Improvements Projects Fund shall be disbursed by the Department of Finance and Administration, pursuant to the authority to spend those monies granted by an appropriation bill passed separately during the 2024 Regular Session, as follows:

- (a) To assist the City of Columbus, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of the Terry Brown Amphitheatre \$ 1,000,000.00
- (b) To assist Chickasaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to the Houston Courthouse \$ 500,000.00
- (c) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving and improvements to city streets \$ 250,000.00
- (d) To assist the City of Columbus, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 190,808.00
- (e) To assist Bolivar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the improvements and expansion of the Terrene Landing River Boat Dock. \$ 500,000.00
- (f) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Phase II of the Lincoln Road Extension \$ 1,500,000.00
- (g) To assist Lowndes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition or purchasing of software or hardware and costs associated with technology services for the Lowndes County Sheriff's Office \$ 1,300,000.00
- (h) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi in paying costs associated with various infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (i) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with matching funds for the Interstate-59 North Frontage Road Project. \$ 550,000.00
- (j) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road erosion on repairs on State Highway 15 \$ 50,000.00
- (k) To assist the Jackson Redevelopment Authority in paying costs associated with renovations and upgrades to Union Station \$ 1,000,000.00
- (l) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 1,000,000.00
- (m) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a patrol car for the Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Department \$ 50,000.00
- (n) To assist the Neshoba County General Hospital in paying costs associated with the allied health facility in conjunction with East Central Community College \$ 1,000,000.00
- (o) To assist Panola County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Panola County Airport \$ 500,000.00
- (p) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to VFW Post 5573 \$ 50,000.00
- (q) To assist the Belden Volunteer Fire Department in Lee County, Mississippi, with paying various costs \$ 50,000.00
- (r) To assist the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department Lee County, Mississippi, with paying various costs \$ 50,000.00
- (s) To assist Webster County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation and expansion of the Mathiston Volunteer Fire Department \$ 25,000.00
- (t) To assist the South Lee Volunteer Fire Department Lee County, Mississippi, with paying various costs \$ 50,000.00
- (u) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to and restoration of the Lee County Courthouse \$ 750,000.00
- (v) To assist the Town of Mathiston, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a police car for the Mathiston Police Department \$ 50,000.00
- (w) To assist VFW Post 6285 in Kiln, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with general improvements \$ 30,000.00

- (x) To assist VFW Post 3253 in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with general improvements \$ 30,000.00
- (y) To assist the Port of Pascagoula in paying costs associated with the North Rail Connector Project \$ 3,000,000.00
- (z) To assist VFW Post 4808 in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with general improvements \$ 30,000.00
- (aa) To assist American Legion Post 139 in Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with general improvements \$ 30,000.00
- (ab) To assist the Pascagoula Redevelopment Authority with costs associated with the downtown revitalization project
\$ 1,000,000.00
- (ac) To assist American Legion Post 77 in Waveland, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with general improvements \$ 30,000.00
- (ad) To assist the City of Moss Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Moss Point Riverfront District Revitalization Project \$ 250,000.00
- (ae) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements to the downtown historic district \$ 10,000,000.00
- (af) To assist the Town of Sunflower, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with citywide street improvements
\$ 500,000.00
- (ag) To assist the City of Moorhead, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of four (4) vehicles units for the city's police department \$ 100,000.00
- (ah) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, and equipment for the West Union Volunteer Fire Department, Pinedale Volunteer Fire Department, and the Ingomar Volunteer Fire Department
\$ 150,000.00
- (ai) To assist the City of Moorhead, Mississippi, in paying various for the city's fire department
\$ 50,000.00
- (aj) To assist the Indianola Chamber Main Steet in paying costs associated with purchasing a wayfinding system
\$ 50,000.00
- (ak) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, and equipment for the Independence Volunteer Fire Department, Green Leaf Volunteer Fire Department, Looxahoma Volunteer Fire Department and the Poagville Volunteer Fire Department \$ 200,000.00
- (al) To assist the City of Booneville, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with repairing Wyninegar Road from 9th Street to U.S. Highway 45 \$
1,000,000.00
- (am) To assist Washington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Greenville Mid-Delta Airport \$ 1,500,000.00
- (an) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, and equipment for the Waterford Volunteer Fire Department, Mt. Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, Potts Camp Volunteer Fire Department and the Barton Volunteer Fire Department \$ 200,000.00
- (ao) To assist the City of Waynesboro, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and infrastructure needs on city owned properties \$
2,250,000.00
- (ap) To assist Wayne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks
\$ 250,000.00
- (aq) To assist Jackson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with completion of a multipurpose arena
\$ 1,000,000.00
- (ar) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with completion of the Barton-Basin multipurpose building facility \$ 300,000.00
- (as) To assist the Jackson County Office of Emergency Services with the purchase of twenty (20) sets of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for the East Jackson County Fire Department and West Jackson County Fire Department

\$ 100,000.00

(at) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to county roads and bridges

\$ 500,000.00

(au) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of Merrill Bridge approaches

\$ 560,000.00

(av) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing and installing five (5) fire hydrants across the county

\$ 150,000.00

(aw) To assist the City of Pass Christian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the downtown redevelopment project

\$ 750,000.00

(ax) To assist the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to Lucedale City Park

\$ 700,000.00

(ay) To assist the Jackson County Utility Authority in paying costs associated with the Potocaw Road water extension project

\$ 800,000.00

(az) To assist the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements.

\$ 500,000.00

(ba) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the development of a railroad and trucking transload project for the George County Industrial Park

\$ 2,000,000.00

(bb) To assist the Jackson Redevelopment Authority in paying costs associated with the redevelopment of Union Station in Jackson, Mississippi

\$ 1,000,000.00

(bc) To assist the City of Waveland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the widening of the Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Road

\$ 1,000,000.00

(bd) To assist Itawamba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new Itawamba County Courthouse

\$ 3,500,000.00

(be) To assist the Three Rivers Planning and Development District in paying costs associated with backup and security systems for multiple county and/or municipal governments

\$ 3,000,000.00

(bf) To assist Sharkey County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, and upgrades of the Sharkey County Courthouse

\$ 750,000.00

(bg) To assist Neshoba County General Hospital in paying costs associated with construction to develop property for East Central Community College to develop a Nursing School program

\$ 1,000,000.00

(bh) To assist Lowndes County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with improvements including upgrades and renovations to the Lowndes County Adult Detention Center

\$ 750,000.00

(bi) To assist the City of Rolling Fork, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, renovation and repairs to city property, including, but not limited to, the police station, city hall, and the fire station

\$ 750,000.00

(bj) To the Town of Mantachie, Mississippi, to assist the Mantachie Volunteer Fire Department in paying costs associated with maintaining an existing building, constructing a new building and purchasing equipment

\$ 300,000.00

(bk) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing body cameras and additional vehicles for the Hinds County Sheriff's Department

\$ 500,000.00

(bl) To assist the City of Meridian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Alleyway improvement project

\$ 200,000.00

(bm) To the Town of Marks, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks for volunteer fire departments

\$ 500,000.00

(bn) To assist the Tunica County Utility District in paying costs associated with water and sewer infrastructure upgrades and improvements

\$ 500,000.00

- (bo) To assist Mississippi State University in paying costs associated with the Interprofessional Simulation Lab at the Riley Campus \$ 750,000.00
- (bp) To assist Tunica County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with its natural gas system extension
\$ 150,000.00
- (bq) To assist the Meridian Regional Airport in paying costs associated with the construction, repairs, upgrades, improvements to the airport terminal \$ 500,000.00
- (br) To assist the Pat Harrison Waterway District in paying costs associated repairs and infrastructure improvement at the Archusa Creek Lake Dam \$ 2,000,000.00
- (bs) To assist the Town of Coldwater, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with sewer and water infrastructure improvements at the Coldwater Industrial Park \$ 1,900,000.00
- (bt) To assist the City of Petal, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and development of additions and improvements for transporting wastewater to the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi sewer lagoon \$ 500,000.00
- (bu) To assist the City of Petal, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to Chappell Hill Road \$ 500,000.00
- (bv) To assist the County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks for the volunteer fire departments in the county \$ 500,000.00
- (bw) To assist City of Meridian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Waste Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project \$ 500,000.00
- (bx) To assist the Village of Pittsboro, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the improvement, repair, and upgrade of the town's water system, including, but not limited to, the purchase of equipment \$ 50,000.00
- (by) To assist the City of Meridian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing fire equipment for the Meridian Fire Department \$ 400,000.00
- (bz) To assist Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with bridge repair for two bridges, SA38-587 and SA38-255 on Centerhill Martin Road \$ 1,000,000.00
- (ca) To assist the Town of Bruce, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Bruce Fire Department \$ 75,000.00
- (cb) To assist the Town of Burnsville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of an Agricultural Center \$ 950,000.00
- (cc) To assist Calhoun County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for the Sabougla Fire Department \$ 50,000.00
- (cd) To assist the Town of Iuka, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck
\$ 250,000.00
- (ce) To assist the Town of Osyka, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements
\$ 200,000.00
- (cf) To assist Holmes County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs to roads in Supervisors District 2
\$ 500,000.00
- (cg) To assist Chickasaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs, renovations, and upgrades to the Rhodes Chapel Fire Department \$ 60,000.00
- (ch) To assist Wilkinson County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the replacement of a bridge on Pinckneyville Road \$ 1,000,000.00
- (ci) To assist the City of Fulton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 492,915.00
- (cj) To assist Pike County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the Richards Community Park \$ 50,000.00
- (ck) To assist the City of Hollandale, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements
\$ 250,000.00

- (cl) To assist the Town of Mantachie, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 100,000.00
- (cm) To assist the Short Coleman Water Association in paying costs associated with updates, improvements, and repairs to its surface water treatment system \$ 600,000.00
- (cn) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the resurfacing of County Road 115 (Old Highway 15) \$ 500,000.00
- (co) To assist Tishomingo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a multiuse justice court complex and improvements to the existing circuit court facility \$ 1,500,000.00
- (cp) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Tallahatchie River documentary \$ 250,000.00
- (cq) To assist the City of Cleveland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the North Industrial Site Flood Mitigation Project at the Cleveland Municipal Airport \$ 600,000.00
- (cr) To assist the Port of Greenville in paying costs associated with erosion control and levee improvements \$ 300,000.00
- (cs) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with replacing a bridge on County Road 113 (Murrah Road) \$ 500,000.00
- (ct) To assist the City of Greenville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (cu) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repair and renovation of the Chancery Clerk Building and the Union County Supervisors Office \$ 250,000.00
- (cv) To assist the City of Ellisville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 497,833.00
- (cw) To assist Jones County, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with the planning, design and construction of a new volunteer fire department \$ 200,000.00
- (cx) To assist Jones College in paying costs associated with the construction, repairs and renovations of a building for the Erin and Ben Napier School of Design & Building Arts \$ 2,000,000.00
- (cy) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, acting through its Department of Planning and Development, in paying costs associated with removal of blighted property on U.S. Highway 80 and south of U.S. Highway 80 \$ 250,000.00
- (cz) To assist the Town of Mize, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 250,000.00
- (da) To assist the City of Georgetown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of City Hall \$ 200,000.00
- (db) To assist the City of Florence, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00
- (dc) To assist the Town of Wesson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and upgrades to the roads that serve both Wesson Attendance Center and Copiah-Lincoln Community College \$ 750,000.00
- (dd) To assist the Town of Puckett, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements \$ 250,000.00
- (de) To assist Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with replacing various bridges in the county \$ 2,500,000.00

- (df) To assist the City of Richland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the State Highway 49 pedestrian crossover \$ 500,000.00
- (dg) To assist the City of Oxford, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street repair and paving
\$ 2,000,000.00
- (dh) To assist the Capitol Complex Improvement District, as overseen by the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Advisory Committee, in paying costs associated with lighting, landscaping, and signage within the Fondren Business District \$ 250,000.00
- (di) To assist the Tomaston Medical Park in paying costs associated with the construction of two (2) state-of-the-art medical facilities in Woolmarket, Mississippi
\$ 1,000,000.00
- (dj) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the widening of Cole Road \$ 1,000,000.00
- (dk) To assist the Mississippi Centers for Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities with paying general costs
\$ 200,000.00
- (dl) To assist the Magnolia Regional Health Center in paying costs associated with the residency program \$ 300,000.00
- (dm) To the Village of Kossuth, Mississippi, in paying costs with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 100,000.00
- (dn) To assist the Yellow Creek State Inland Port in paying costs associated with construction, repairs and renovations for the Yellow Creek Port Office and/or Conference Center
\$1,000,000.00
- (do) To assist the Port of Pascagoula in paying costs associated with the North Rail Connector Project
\$ 1,500,000.00
- (dp) To assist the City of Horn Lake, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 727,500.00
- (dq) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements at the Vicksburg Port
\$ 1,000,000.00
- (dr) To assist the City of Jackson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations, repairs, upgrades, and improvements to Thalia Mara Hall \$ 1,000,000.00
- (ds) To the Town of Utica, Mississippi, to assist the Reedtown Water Association in paying costs associated with the completion of pipe installation and replacement
\$ 300,000.00
- (dt) To assist the Capitol Complex Improvement District, as overseen by the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Advisory Committee, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on Druid Hill Drive
\$ 395,136.00
- (du) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving, resurfacing, repair, and improvement of Northside Drive from U.S. Interstate I-55 east
\$ 600,000.00
- (dv) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on property adjacent to Colony Park Boulevard \$ 2,000,000.00
- (dw) To assist the City of Raymond, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair of two (2) water tanks located on the Raymond Town Square and the campus of Hinds Community College \$ 400,000.00
- (dx) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements within Supervisor District 1 \$ 1,500,000.00

- (dy) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with community solar powered surveillance systems in five (5) neighborhoods: Woodlea HOA, Lakeover HOA, Pine Ridge HOA, Woodhaven HOA and Norwood HOA \$ 50,000.00
- (dz) To assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repaving project on Hanging Moss Road and Beasley Road \$ 400,000.00
- (ea) To assist the City of West Point, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with milling and paving of city streets
\$ 250,000.00
- (eb) To assist the City of Guntown, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck
\$ 350,000.00
- (ec) To assist Clay County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and maintenance to the Clay County Courthouse \$ 500,000.00
- (ed) To assist the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new fire department and command center \$ 1,250,000.00
- (ee) To assist Panola County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, including, but not limited to additional hangars, at the Panola County Airport
\$ 1,000,000.00
- (ef) To assist the City of Slatillo, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of a new fire department \$ 500,000.00
- (eg) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of equipment for officers, including, but not limited to guns, tasers, armor, optics, vehicles and portable radios, for the city police department \$ 100,000.00
- (eh) To assist the City of Hernando, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 204,095.00
- (ei) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a burn building for the city's fire department \$ 100,000.00
- (ej) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations and facility improvements at the Newton County Sheriff's Department \$ 150,000.00
- (ek) To assist the City of Picayune, Mississippi, with matching funds for Interstate 59 North Frontage Road, known as South Mississippi Gateway Utilities Project \$ 200,000.00
- (el) To assist the City of Newton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of police vehicles and equipment \$ 200,000.00
- (em) To assist the Town of Terry, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping a police station and purchasing playground equipment for a park \$ 400,000.00
- (en) To assist the City of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with completing additional classroom, dining space, playground equipment, furnishing and equipping for the Millsaps Heritage Center \$ 400,000.00
- (eo) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and bridge maintenance
\$ 1,000,000.00
- (ep) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of vehicles for the county Sheriff's Office \$ 250,000.00
- (eq) To assist the City of Morton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the paving of East Fourth and South Mill \$ 400,000.00
- (er) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the resurfacing of Quinn Street
\$ 500,000.00
- (es) To assist the Scott County School District in paying costs associated with the design, construction, repairs, and renovations of the STEAM Academy or facility improvements
\$ 1,000,000.00
- (et) To assist the City of Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the resurfacing of streets in the city \$ 400,000.00

- (eu) To assist the Kiln Utility & Fire District in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 120,000.00
- (ev) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing streets and roads in Supervisors District 3 \$ 200,000.00
- (ew) To assist the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Diamondhead Commercial District Transformation Project \$ 1,000,000.00
- (ex) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing streets and roads in Supervisors District 1 \$ 200,000.00
- (ey) To assist the Pearlinton Water and Sewer District in paying costs associated with the rehabilitation, improvement and interconnection of the Oak Harbor well to the Pearlinton water and sewer system \$ 500,000.00
- (ez) To assist Choctaw County, Mississippi, with providing funds to be divided equally between the Volunteer Fire Departments within the county \$ 200,000.00
- (fa) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a traffic signal on El Dorado Road \$ 400,000.00
- (fb) To assist the Town of French Camp, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements and maintenance to sidewalks \$ 50,000.00
- (fc) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Pearl-Richland Intermodal widening project \$ 500,000.00
- (fd) To assist the American Legion Post 82 in Ackerman, Mississippi, with paying costs associated with general improvements \$ 25,000.00
- (fe) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with planning and construction of the I-20 Connector Loop Project \$ 1,500,000.00
- (ff) To assist the VFW Post 3806 in Eupora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with general improvements \$ 25,000.00
- (fg) To assist the City of Pearl, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the lighting project on State Highway 80 from Pirates Cove to Pearson Road \$ 1,500,000.00
- (fh) To assist the Tomnolen Fire Department with paying various costs \$ 25,000.00
- (fi) To assist Forrest County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with equipment for volunteer fire departments \$ 250,000.00
- (fj) To assist the Town of Mathiston, Mississippi, in paying various costs for the town's fire department \$ 25,000.00
- (fk) To assist Perry County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the county courthouse \$ 750,000.00
- (fl) To assist Grenada County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Nat Trout Road \$ 1,600,000.00
- (fm) To assist the City of Marks, Mississippi, in paying costs with infrastructure improvements \$ 150,000.00
- (fn) To assist the City of Water Valley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance, upgrades and repairs to the city's electric department \$ 1,500,000.00
- (fo) To assist Quitman County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repairs and renovations of the Quitman County Courthouse \$ 500,000.00
- (fp) To assist the City of Grenada, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction of a new fire station at U.S. Highway 51 and Govan Street \$ 600,000.00
- (fq) To assist the Friends of the Vicksburg National Military Park and Campaign in paying costs associated with the Vicksburg Military Park Interpretive Center \$ 1,000,000.00
- (fr) To assist East Mississippi Veterans Memorial Park with paying various costs \$ 200,000.00

(fs) To assist Yazoo County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with equipping of the Dover Fire Station

\$ 250,000.00

(ft) To assist the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the improvements to a retaining wall

\$ 350,000.00

(fu) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of wetlands mitigation credits and other developments at the South Port

\$ 8,200,000.00

(fv) To assist Lauderdale County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of two (2) UTV plus firelight equipment and two (2) trailers to pull UTV's for the Lauderdale County volunteer fire departments to be stored at Daleville Volunteer Fire Department and Causeyville Volunteer Fire Department

\$ 100,000.00

(fw) To assist the Town of Flora, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 400,000.00

(fx) To assist the City of Sardis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with water and sewer infrastructure improvements

\$ 250,000.00

(fy) To assist Warren County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the ADA access to the Warren County Courthouse

\$ 400,000.00

(fz) To assist Humphreys County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairing the county's pump station and adding an additional pump

\$ 150,000.00

(ga) To assist Issaquena County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 500,000.00

(gb) To assist Marshall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to the water and sewer infrastructure in and along Quality Drive in north Marshall County

\$ 300,000.00

(gc) To assist the City of Louisville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of the renovation and revitalization of the Strand Theatre

\$ 500,000.00

(gd) To assist the Town of Byhalia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making infrastructure improvements

\$ 500,000.00

(ge) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of the Shuqualak Lumber Road

\$ 500,000.00

(gf) To assist the Kiln Utility and Fire District in paying costs associated with improvements to the existing water system, including, but not limited to, fire protection and sanitary sewer collection

\$ 500,000.00

(gg) To assist Kemper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the gas and water pipelines from De Kalb to Scooba

\$ 1,000,000.00

(gh) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with reconstruction of Mississippi Highway 4, Main Street and Scott Street intersections to be combined with matching funds

\$ 3,000,000.00

(gi) To assist the City of Senatobia, Mississippi, to pay off debt of the city related to the purchases of fire trucks currently allocated to debt service going forward and will be used to pay ongoing operational needs of the Senatobia Fire Department including adding at least one (1) additional full-time firefighter to each shift. Any funds remaining after the payment of debt shall be used to assist the Senatobia Fire Department to purchase needed equipment

\$ 1,250,000.00

(gj) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying with infrastructure and related expenses associated with the redevelopment of the former Chromcraft Industrial Site

\$ 1,500,000.00

(gk) To assist the City of Brandon, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road and street improvements to include construction, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation and other associated improvements, such as storm water drainage, sidewalks, and multiuse path development and construction necessary to improve vehicle and pedestrian

safety \$ 3,000,000.00

- (gl) To assist Tate County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new fire station and first responder training facility and for purchase of fire fighting and emergency response equipment \$ 3,500,000.00
- (gm) To assist the Tate County Genealogical and Historical Society to assist in paying costs to digitize and store historical county records, documents and artifacts and other operational costs \$ 50,000.00
- (gn) To assist Chickasaw County, Mississippi, with a match for federal funds for updates and improvements to the County Courthouse in Houston, Mississippi \$ 500,000.00
- (go) To assist Montgomery County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with construction and paving on Robinson Thompson Road \$ 1,200,000.00
- (gp) To Chickasaw County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with rebuilding and repairs to the fire station for the Rhodes Chapel Volunteer Fire Department in Houston, Mississippi \$ 50,000.00
- (gq) To the City of Houston, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with the expansion of record keeping capacity at the Chickasaw County Heritage Museum \$ 50,000.00
- (gr) To assist the Town of Sumrall, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with land acquisition and expansion of sportsplex \$ 500,000.00
- (gs) To assist the Pat Harrison Waterway District in paying costs associated with an RV project at Flint Creek Water Park in Stone County, Mississippi \$ 400,000.00
- (gt) To assist Lincoln County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to the County Courthouse \$ 500,000.00
- (gu) To assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping a multipurpose building \$ 500,000.00
- (gv) To assist the West Jackson County Utility District in paying costs associated with the construction of a new water tank \$ 500,000.00
- (gw) To assist the Town of Hickory Flat, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with constructing, furnishing and equipping a community building and purchasing playground equipment \$ 300,000.00
- (gx) To assist the Town of Snow Lake, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements and road maintenance \$ 750,000.00
- (gy) To Benton County, Mississippi, to assist in paying costs associated with general improvements to Benton County Veterans Park \$ 500,000.00
- (gz) To assist the Jackson County School District in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations, and improvements at Vancleave High School \$ 250,000.00
- (ha) To assist Union County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with purchasing equipment \$ 500,000.00
- (hb) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on South Parkway \$ 400,000.00
- (hc) To assist the City of Corinth, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with rehabilitation of a one span bridge on South Tate \$ 100,000.00
- (hd) To assist the City of D'Iberville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the city's working waterfront project \$ 1,000,000.00
- (he) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to and equipping the Lamar County Facility \$ 700,000.00
- (hf) To assist Lamar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with Lincoln Road Phase 2 \$ 500,000.00
- (hg) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements in the Avenues area of Hattiesburg, including but not limited to roads, bridges, sewer, drainage, sidewalks, stormwater, detention, land acquisition, utility relocation and lighting \$ 3,500,000.00
- (hh) To assist the Mississippi Development Authority in paying costs associated with creating a program to make grants available for organizing economic and community development activities around military installations and other state and federal installations that host military missions

\$ 325,000.00

(hi) To assist the Hancock County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Department in paying costs associated with the purchase of a vehicle for the City of Diamondhead Police Department

\$ 50,000.00

(hj) To assist the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Commission in paying costs associated with capital improvements, including roof repairs and repair, resurfacing, and paving the parking lot \$ 1,500,000.00

(hk) To assist Harrison County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing the walking track, adding adequate lighting, safety equipment and other recreational equipment at Lizana Elementary Ballpark \$ 250,000.00

(hl) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements on East Wilkerson Ferry Road \$ 900,000.00

(hm) To assist the City of Diamondhead, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with equipment, training and building maintenance for the city's fire department \$ 20,000.00

(hn) To assist Wayne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with planning and construction of a multipurpose center \$ 900,000.00

(ho) To assist the Harrison County Fire Service in paying costs associated with equipping, training and building maintenance for the West Wortham Road Station \$ 20,000.00

(hp) To assist George County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Crenshaw Road stormwater drainage and safety project \$ 750,000.00

(hq) To assist the Harrison County Fire Service in paying costs associated with equipping, training and building maintenance for the Lizana Volunteer Station \$ 20,000.00

(hr) To assist Wayne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of law enforcement vehicles \$ 250,000.00

(hs) To assist the Harrison County Fire Service in paying costs associated with equipping, training and building maintenance for the Kiln/Fenton Station \$ 20,000.00

(ht) To assist Greene County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of the Emergency Management Office \$ 600,000.00

(hu) To assist the Caledonia Natural Gas District in paying costs associated with the purchase of vehicles and equipment \$ 150,000.00

(hv) To assist the Walter Anderson Museum of Art in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations to the community center \$ 250,000.00

(hw) To assist the City of Gluckstadt, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Gluckstadt Road, including but not limited to, improvements to intersections, addition to a westbound through lane from Interstate 55, traffic signals and street lights and other improvements \$ 750,000.00

(hx) To assist the City of Madison, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the renovation of the Historic Arts Center \$ 750,000.00

(hy) To assist the City of Ridgeland, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the planning and construction of Commerce Park Connector Road \$ 2,000,000.00

(hz) To assist the Town of Shuqualak, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with rebuilding Conner Road from flooding washout \$ 50,000.00

(ia) To assist the Town of Brooksville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street improvements including roadbed and repavement \$ 200,000.00

(ib) To assist the Mississippi Development Authority in paying costs associated with defraying any expenses described in Section 57-1-471, which is the provision that establishes the Mississippi Air Service Development Program Fund \$ 2,500,000.00

(ic) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to the Noxubee Civic Center

\$ 250,000.00

(id) To assist the Gulfport Redevelopment Commission with a mixed-use downtown development project, including general infrastructure to leverage public and private investment

\$ 3,500,000.00

(ie) To assist Noxubee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repaving and maintenance of Deerbrook Road

\$ 250,000.00

(if) To assist Copiah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 600,000.00

(ig) To assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance to assist five counties with facility and park equipment, parking and road repairs, building repairs, site development, river and lake access, erosion control and repairs, utility repairs, seating improvements and other facility related upgrades

\$ 1,000,000.00

(ih) To assist the City of Port Gibson, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a matching grant for the historical city hall

\$ 100,000.00

(ii) To assist the Sunnyhill Water Association in paying costs associated with a new water supply well with supporting infrastructure on Gateway Boulevard inside the Pike County Industrial Park

\$ 500,000.00

(ij) To assist Claiborne County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a historical matching grant for the

Library \$ 125,000.00

(ik) To assist Marion County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to county roads

\$ 800,000.00

(il) To assist the City of Amory, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairs and improvements to city streets.

\$ 2,000,000.00

(im) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to infrastructure on Church Street

\$ 500,000.00

(in) To assist the Windows of Amory, a nonprofit corporation, in paying costs associated with repairs and renovations due to storm damage

\$ 200,000.00

(io) To assist the City of Columbia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a soccer and tennis complex

\$ 500,000.00

(ip) To assist Amory STRONG, Inc., a Mississippi nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of real property and constructing or rehabilitating structures for the purpose of resale

\$ 500,000.00

(iq) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing County Road 286 in Carroll County Beat 1

\$ 250,000.00

(ir) To assist the Town of Gloster, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the repair, renovation and construction of the Georgia Pacific Road

\$ 1,500,000.00

(is) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing County Road 430 in Carroll County Beat 3

\$ 500,000.00

(it) To assist the City of Magnolia, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street drainage improvements

\$ 340,000.00

(iu) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing County Road 49, County Road 217 and County Road 148 in Carroll County Beat 4

\$ 500,000.00

(iv) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing County Road 26, County Road 27 and County Road 264 in Carroll County Beat 5

\$ 500,000.00

(iw) To assist the City of Carthage, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure

\$ 997,713.00

(ix) To assist Carroll County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing County Road 126 and County Road 123 in Carroll County Beat 2

\$ 500,000.00

(iy) To assist the Town of Carrollton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with repairing concrete on the sidewalks in the town

\$ 100,000.00

(iz) To assist Neshoba County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of fire trucks and firefighting equipment \$ 500,000.00

(ja) To assist the City of Greenwood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the reconstruction of sidewalks for ADA compliance and lighting along Walthall Street

\$ 1,500,000.00

(jb) To assist the City of Winona, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with resurfacing Front Street

\$ 250,000.00

(jc) To assist the City of Sardis, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 150,000.00

(jd) To assist Pearl River County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Bill Watson ball park \$ 500,000.00

(je) To assist Pearl River County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the McNeill Walking Trail \$ 200,000.00

(jf) To assist the University of Mississippi in paying costs associated with the Faulkner Writing Project

\$ 750,000.00

(jg) To assist the City of Poplarville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Cottage District Project

\$ 500,000.00

(jh) To assist the North Lumberton Utility Association in paying costs associated with replacing the water well located in Lamar County on Little Black Creek Road \$ 750,000.00

(ji) To assist Lafayette County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with crisis intervention beds for the Regional Mental Health Center \$ 500,000.00

(jj) To assist Walthall County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction of a new solid waste transfer station \$ 1,000,000.00

(jk) To assist the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District in paying costs associated with the construction of a new main office building \$ 2,000,000.00

(jl) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Mississippi Songwriters Performing Arts Center and Operational and Educational Programming of the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance \$ 1,500,000.00

(jm) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with improvements to Elton Road in Jackson between Interstate 55 and Terry Road

\$ 600,000.00

(jn) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with ADA compliance and additional recreational facilities for adults and youth such as outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, playground equipment and a splash pad, for Hickory Hills \$ 1,500,000.00

(jo) To assist the City of Gautier, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of and improvements to water meters \$ 1,500,000.00

(jp) To assist the Singing River Healthcare Academy in paying costs associated with general improvements

\$ 1,500,000.00

(jq) To assist the Town of Terry, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 150,000.00

(jr) To assist Starkville Main Street Association in paying costs associated with the completion of downtown Main Street Project \$ 2,450,000.00

(js) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the completion of the county's 365 Project to equip 911 and county patrol cars with the latest computer and communication technology \$ 500,000.00

(jt) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the restoration of Morgantown Road Bridge

\$ 500,000.00

(ju) To assist the Capitol Complex Improvement District, as overseen by the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Advisory Committee, in paying costs associated with major thoroughfares to Jackson State University

\$ 1,500,000.00

(jv) To assist Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Maben Post Office parking lot, culvert and erosion control \$ 50,000.00

(jw) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with building an addition and related fixtures for the Sheriff's facility \$ 150,000.00

(jx) To assist the City of Union, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving various streets

\$ 250,000.00

(jy) To assist the City of Byram, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the intersection between Siwell Road and Terry Road \$ 500,000.00

(jz) To assist Newton County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a heavy duty fire pumper and rescue vehicle \$ 350,000.00

(ka) To assist the Town of Decatur, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with paving various streets

\$ 250,000.00

(kb) To assist Olive Branch, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, renovations, repairs, and upgrades to the Olive Branch Airport \$ 1,000,000.00

(kc) To assist Bolivar County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with expanding the Terrene Landing River Park to include a second docking ramp \$ 500,000.00

(kd) To assist the Town of Mount Olive, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 300,000.00

(ke) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with the funding of highway capacity dollars for the Interstate 55 project within DeSoto County \$ 4,000,000.00

(kf) To assist Covington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Gandsi Road

\$ 75,000.00

(kg) To assist the City of Collins, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with parks and recreation improvements

\$ 150,000.00

(kh) To assist the Canton Municipal Utilities in paying costs associated with the rehabilitation of the Nissan Pump Station \$ 750,000.00

(ki) To assist Covington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with fire protection \$ 150,000.00

(kj) To assist the Town of Tchula, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 400,000.00

(kk) To assist Covington County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with upgrades and improvements to the courtroom of the Covington County Courthouse, specifically including audio and video capabilities \$ 50,000.00

(kl) To assist the City of Laurel, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the replacement of West Drive bridge

\$ 800,000.00

(km) To assist the Town of Braxton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with a water well pump and column replacement \$ 370,000.00

(kn) To assist the City of Ellisville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 500,000.00

(ko) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road maintenance projects

\$ 5,000,000.00

(kp) To assist Rankin County, Mississippi, with the final payment for the East Metro Corridor \$ 1,500,000.00

- (kq) To assist the Town of Calhoun City, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with road resurfacing and road maintenance \$ 150,000.00
- (kr) To assist the City of Mendenhall, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, repairs, and upgrades to its water and sewer infrastructure \$ 500,000.00
- (ks) To assist the Town of Pittsboro, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovation and expansion of City Hall \$ 200,000.00
- (kt) To assist the City of Ripley, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck and equipment \$ 700,000.00
- (ku) To assist the City of Ripley Parks and Recreation in paying costs associated with various improvements \$ 300,000.00
- (kv) To assist the Town of New Hebron, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with street repairs and infrastructure improvements \$ 50,000.00
- (kw) To assist the VFW Post 6696 located in Walnut, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with various improvements \$ 35,000.00
- (kx) To assist the Town of Falkner, Mississippi, with matching funds for upgrades to the town's water system \$ 100,000.00
- (ky) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, to assist with paying various costs for the Dry Creek Volunteer Fire Department \$ 50,000.00
- (kz) To assist the Town of New Hebron, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the purchase of a fire truck \$ 480,000.00
- (la) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the county fairground \$ 250,000.00
- (lb) To assist Tippah County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to the Walnut Industrial Park \$ 250,000.00
- (lc) To assist Tippah County Hospital in paying costs associated with parking lot infrastructure and repair \$ 250,000.00
- (ld) To assist the City of Brookhaven, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the construction, resurfacing and improvement of Brookway Boulevard, including any related infrastructure \$ 750,000.00
- (le) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying costs associated with pre-construction activities in association with improvements to the Interchange of US Highway 98 and I-59, the extension of US Highway 98 westward toward US Highway 11, and the widening of US Highway 11 and other nearby access roads in Forrest and Lamar Counties, Mississippi \$ 1,125,000.00
- (lf) To assist the Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure repair and upgrades to the town's water, sewer and fire protection system and purchase of a garbage truck \$ 250,000.00
- (lg) To assist Smith County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with leveling, chip sealing and striping of county roads \$ 250,000.00
- (lh) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Beat 5 on CR 8, CR 113, and Short Pine Ave \$ 450,000.00
- (li) To assist the City of Baldwyn, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with overlay for multiple streets \$ 1,500,000.00
- (lj) To assist Pontotoc County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with renovations to the front and exterior of the County Courthouse \$ 350,000.00
- (lk) To assist the City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements to Tipton Street

\$ 300,000.00

(II) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Beat 4 on CR 5282 \$ 75,000.00

(Im) To assist the Town of Braxton, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with general street paving and infrastructure improvements \$ 500,000.00

(In) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Beat 3 on CR 5282 \$ 145,000.00

(Io) To assist the Town of West, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure and street improvements, capital expenses on city property and the purchase of equipment

\$ 300,000.00

(Ip) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Beat 2 on

CR 3511 \$ 500,000.00

(Iq) To assist the City of Kosciusko, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 2,500,000.00

(Ir) To assist Jasper County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements in Beat 1 on CR 219, CR 5282, and CR 52816 \$ 500,000.00

(Is) To assist Lee County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the acquisition and purchase of tornado shelters for installation of such shelters at fire departments and volunteer fire departments upon public property throughout the county \$ 304,000.00

(It) To assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the Starkville Main Street

Project \$ 550,000.00

(Iu) To assist Attala County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements

\$ 2,500,000.00

(Iv) To assist Leake County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with maintenance of Pine Grove Road and other county roads \$ 2,500,000.00

(Iw) To assist the City of Carthage, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with infrastructure improvements and road maintenance \$ 1,500,000.00

(Ix) To assist the City of Flowood, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with planning, engineering and construction of Fannie Cook Parkway \$ 3,500,000.00

(Iy) To assist the Mississippi Department of Transportation with federal fund match for Highway 25 Project PL 118-42 \$ 1,000,000.00

(Iz) To assist the Capitol Complex Improvement District, as overseen by the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Advisory Committee, in paying costs associated with repair, mill and paving of Simwood Place Street \$ 400,000.00

(ma) To assist the Capitol Complex Improvement District, as overseen by the Capitol Complex Improvement District Project Advisory Committee, in paying costs associated with connecting the Museum Trail and Belhaven through downtown Jackson, Mississippi, to Jackson State University \$ 250,000.00

(mb) To assist the City of Meridian, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with general street paving and infrastructure \$ 500,000.00

(mc) To assist the City of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with improvements, construction and/or repair to a public facility and/or sidewalks, lighting, tree canopy restoration, G.I.S. mapping and/or the north and west gateway improvements \$ 3,000,000.00

SECTION 11. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Six Million Nine Hundred and Seventy-two Thousand Dollars (\$6,972,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the Mississippi Main Street Revitalization Grant Program Fund as created in Section 57-78-5, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 12. Upon the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to the Gulf Coast Passenger Rail Restoration Match Fund as created in House Bill No. 1983, 2024 Regular Session.

SECTION 13. (1) Delta State University may enter into a public-private partnership with a third-party developer for planning, designing, renovating, constructing, furnishing, and equipping Ward Hall Dormitory and Cleveland Hall, using funds specifically appropriated for that purpose.

(2) Delta State University may enter into a partnership with the Cleveland School District to create a model rural education school to serve Pre-K through sixth-grade students from Bolivar County and a model program which shall also serve as a model for the education of teachers and administrators. To accomplish that purpose, Delta State University and the Cleveland School District are each authorized, in their discretion:

(a) To enter into an agreement for the purpose of designing, constructing, maintaining and operating a model rural education school to serve Pre-K through sixth-grade students from Bolivar County; and

(b) To transfer funds to the other and expend such funds on mutually agreeable terms and conditions for the construction, maintenance and operation of such school.

SECTION 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE 2024 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND, THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND, THE MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY VETERINARY SCHOOL FUND; THE MISSISSIPPI SITE DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUND, THE 2023 LAFAYETTE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2023 DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2023 EMERGENCY ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND; STRATEGIC MULTI-MODAL INVESTMENTS FUND, AND THE 2022 INFRASTRUCTURE MATCH FUND; TO DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE STATE BP SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE 2024 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND; TO DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE EMPLOYERS' ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM CREATED IN SECTION 25-11-123(C); TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, THE 2022 COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND, AND THE 2022 STATE AGENCIES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION STATEWIDE REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND TO PAY THE COSTS OF CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, GENERAL REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS; TO CREATE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY VETERINARY SCHOOL SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO DIRECT THE STATE FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS; TO DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND THE MISSISSIPPI MAIN STREET REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM FUND AND THE GULF COAST PASSENGER RAIL RESTORATION MATCH FUND TO AUTHORIZE DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH A THIRD-PARTY DEVELOPER FOR PLANNING, DESIGNING, RENOVATING, CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING WARD HALL DORMITORY AND CLEVELAND HALL; TO AUTHORIZE DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY TO ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CREATE A MODEL RURAL EDUCATION SCHOOL TO SERVE PRE-K THROUGH

SIXTH-GRADE STUDENTS FROM BOLIVAR COUNTY AND TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO ACCOMPLISH THAT PURPOSE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.
CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Briggs Hopson, John A. Polk, Josh Harkins
CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Read, Angela Cockerham, John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--62

On request of Rep. Lamar, unanimous consent of the House was granted to make the following correction in **S. B. No. 2468**:

TO: Clerk of the House of Representatives
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Filed 2024 Conference Report - Unanimous Consent Request

DATE: May 3, 2024

It is requested that unanimous consent be granted to make the following clerical corrections:

SB 2468: Appropriations

AMEND on lines 349 through 351 by deleting "the Veterans Home in Jackson, Mississippi" and inserting "veteran homes statewide" in lieu thereof.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 474 by deleting "Oktibbeha" and inserting "Webster" in lieu thereof.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 475 through 476 by deleting "road erosion on repairs on State Highway 15" and inserting "the purchase of a patrol car for Webster County Sheriff's Department" in lieu thereof.

FURTHER, AMEND on line 504 after "Department" by inserting "in".

FURTHER, AMEND on lines 1550 by deleting "repair, mill" and inserting "repairing, milling" in lieu thereof.

John Read, Chairman
Chairman

Briggs

Hopson,

House Appropriations A
Committee

Senate Appropriations
Committee

Rep. Lamar called up the conference report # 2 on the following bill and moved that it be adopted:

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MR. SPEAKER AND MR. PRESIDENT:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the Senate recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the House and Senate adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-16. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2028.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the ACE Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-16. Any investment

earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission shall sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the ACE Fund created in Section 57-1-16. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 2. Section 57-61-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-25. (1) The seller is authorized to borrow, on the credit of the state upon receipt of a resolution from the Mississippi Development Authority requesting the same, monies not exceeding the aggregate sum of * * * Four Hundred Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$402,500,000.00), not including monies borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes or replacement notes, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The rate of interest on any such bonds or notes which are not subject to taxation shall not exceed the rates set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, for general obligation bonds.

(2) As evidence of indebtedness authorized in this chapter, general or limited obligation bonds of the state shall be issued, from time to time, to provide monies necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter for such total amounts, in such form,

in such denominations payable in such currencies (either domestic or foreign, or both) and subject to such terms and conditions of issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of payment of interest as the seller directs, except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from date thereof and extending not more than thirty (30) years from date thereof.

(3) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter shall be signed by the chairman of the seller, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the seller shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the seller.

(4) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this chapter may be general or limited obligations of the state, and the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi as to general obligation bonds, or the revenues derived from projects assisted as to limited obligation bonds, are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes.

(5) Such bonds and notes and the income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or registered as to both principal and interest, as the seller may determine. If interest coupons are attached, they shall contain the facsimile signature of the chairman and secretary of the seller.

(7) The seller is authorized to provide, by resolution, for the issuance of refunding bonds for the purpose of refunding any debt issued under the provisions of this chapter and then outstanding, either by voluntary exchange with the holders of the outstanding debt or to provide funds to redeem and the costs of issuance and retirement of the debt, at maturity or at any call date. The issuance of the refunding bonds, the maturities and other details thereof, the rights of the holders thereof and the duties of the issuing officials in respect to the same shall be governed by the provisions of this section, insofar as they may be applicable.

(8) As to bonds issued hereunder and designated as taxable bonds by the seller, any immunity of the state to taxation by the United States government of interest on bonds or notes issued by the state is hereby waived.

(9) The proceeds of bonds issued under this chapter after April 9, 2002, and any monies provided by the Legislature may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority for the administration of the various grant, loan and financial incentive programs administered by the authority. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained by the Mississippi Development Authority. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs shall not exceed three percent (3%) of the proceeds of bonds issued or the monies provided by the Legislature. Reimbursements under this subsection shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

SECTION 3. Section 57-61-36, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-61-36. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Fourteen Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$14,500,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants to municipalities through a Development Infrastructure Grant Fund to complete infrastructure related to new or expanded industry.

(2) [Repealed]

(3) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize the monies transferred from the Housing Development Revolving Loan Fund and not more than * * * One Hundred Nine Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$109,100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making grants or loans to municipalities through an equipment and public facilities grant and loan fund to aid in infrastructure-related improvements as determined by the Mississippi Development Authority, the purchase of equipment and in the purchase, construction or repair and renovation of public facilities. Any bonds previously issued for the Development Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program which have not been loaned or applied for are eligible to be administered as grants or loans. In making grants and loans under this

section, the Mississippi Development Authority shall attempt to provide for an equitable distribution of such grants and loans among each of the congressional districts of this state in order to promote economic development across the entire state.

The requirements of Section 57-61-9 shall not apply to any grant made under this subsection. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish criteria and guidelines to govern grants made pursuant to this subsection.

(4) [Repealed]

(5) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority may establish a Capital Access Program and may contract with any financial institution to participate in the program upon such terms and conditions as the authority shall consider necessary and proper. The Mississippi Development Authority may establish loss reserve accounts at financial institutions that participate in the program and require payments by the financial institution and the borrower to such loss reserve accounts. All monies in such loss reserve accounts is the property of the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) Under the Capital Access Program a participating financial institution may make a loan to any borrower the Mississippi Development Authority determines to be qualified under rules and regulations adopted by the authority and be protected against losses from such loans as provided in the program. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development Authority, a participating financial institution may submit claims for the reimbursement for losses incurred as a result of default on loans by qualified borrowers.

(c) Under the Capital Access Program a participating financial institution may make a loan that is secured by the assignment of the proceeds of a contract between the borrower and a public entity if the Mississippi Development Authority determines the loan to be qualified under the rules and regulations adopted by the authority. Under such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Mississippi Development Authority, a participating financial institution may submit an application to the authority requesting that a loan secured pursuant to this paragraph be funded under the Capital Access Program.

(d) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority may utilize not more than One Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,550,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of making payments to loan loss reserve accounts established at financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access Program established by the Mississippi Development Authority; however, any portion of the bond proceeds authorized to be utilized by this paragraph that are not utilized for making payments to loss reserve accounts may be utilized by the Mississippi Development Authority to advance funds to financial institutions that participate in the Capital Access Program pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection.

(6) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting Warren County, Mississippi, in the continuation and completion of the study for the proposed Kings Point Levee.

(7) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of developing a long-range plan for coordinating the resources of the state institutions of higher learning, the community and junior colleges, the Mississippi Development Authority and other state agencies in order to promote economic development in the state.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall use not more than One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of providing assistance to municipalities that have received Community Development Block Grant funds for repair, renovation and other improvements to buildings for use as community centers. Assistance provided to a municipality under this subsection shall be used by the municipality to match such Community Development Block Grant funds. The maximum amount of assistance that

may be provided to a municipality under this subsection shall not exceed Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) in the aggregate.

(9) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting in paying the costs of constructing a new spillway and related bridge and dam structures at Lake Mary in Wilkinson County, Mississippi, including construction of a temporary dam and diversion canal, removing existing structures, removing and stockpiling riprap, spillway construction, dam embankment construction, road access, constructing bridges and related structures, design and construction engineering and field testing.

(10) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the Mississippi Development Authority shall utilize not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) out of the proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued in this chapter for the purpose of assisting the City of Holly Springs, Mississippi, in providing water and sewer and other infrastructure services in the Marshall, Benton and Tippah Counties area.

SECTION 4. Section 57-75-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

[Through June 30, 2025, this section shall read as follows:]

57-75-15. (1) Upon notification to the authority by the enterprise that the state has been finally selected as the site for the project, the State Bond Commission shall have the power and is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of a declaration from the authority as hereinafter provided, to borrow money and issue general obligation bonds of the state in one or more series for the purposes herein set out. Upon such notification, the authority may thereafter, from time to time, declare the necessity for the issuance of general obligation bonds as authorized by this section and forward such declaration to the State Bond Commission, provided that before such notification, the authority may enter into agreements with the United States government, private companies and others that will commit the authority to direct the State Bond Commission to issue bonds for eligible undertakings set out in subsection (4) of this section, conditioned on the siting of the project in the state.

(2) Upon receipt of any such declaration from the authority, the State Bond Commission shall verify that the state has been selected as the site of the project and shall act as the issuing agent for the series of bonds directed to be issued in such declaration pursuant to authority granted in this section.

(3) (a) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(i) shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount in the sum of Sixty-seven Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$67,350,000.00).

(b) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) shall not exceed *** Eighty-two Million Dollars (\$82,000,000.00). The authority, with the express direction of the State Bond Commission, is authorized to expend any remaining proceeds of bonds issued under the authority of this act prior to January 1, 1998, for the purpose of financing projects as then defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) or for any other projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii), as it may be amended from time to time. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph (b) until the State Bond Commission by resolution adopts a finding that the issuance of such bonds will improve, expand or otherwise enhance the military installation, its support areas or military operations, or will provide employment opportunities to replace those lost by closure or reductions in operations at the military installation or will support critical studies or investigations authorized by Section 57-75-5(f)(ii).

(c) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iii) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after December 31, 1996.

(d) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) shall not exceed Three Hundred Fifty-one Million Dollars (\$351,000,000.00). An additional amount of bonds in an amount not to exceed Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000.00) may be issued under

the authority of this section for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the construction of surface water transmission lines for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) or for any facility related to the project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2005.

(e) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v) and for facilities related to such projects shall not exceed Thirty-eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$38,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(f) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(vii) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2006.

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) shall not exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(h) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ix) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2007.

(i) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(x) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(j) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) shall not exceed Thirty-three Million Dollars (\$33,000,000.00). The amount of bonds that may be issued under this paragraph for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) may be reduced by the amount of any federal or local funds made available for such projects. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in or near the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the aggregate; however, this irrevocable commitment requirement may be waived by the authority upon a finding that due to the unforeseen circumstances created by Hurricane Katrina, the local governments are unable to comply with such commitment. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(k) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiii) shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(l) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv) shall not exceed Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(m) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xv) shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(n) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvi) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2011.

(o) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvii) shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2010.

(p) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) shall not exceed Ninety-six Million Dollars (\$96,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2011.

(q) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xix) shall not exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2012.

(r) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx) shall not exceed Twenty-three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(s) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) shall not exceed Two Hundred Ninety-three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$293,900,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(t) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for Tier One suppliers shall not exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(u) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) shall not exceed Forty-eight Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$48,400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(v) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiii) shall not exceed Eighty-eight Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$88,250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2009.

(w) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiv) shall not exceed Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(x) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxv) shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2017.

(y) * * * [Deleted]

(z) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvii) shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(aa) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) shall not exceed * * * Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2026.

(bb) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) shall not exceed Two Hundred Sixty-three Million Dollars (\$263,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2034.

(cc) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxx) shall not exceed * * * Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2025.

(dd) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxi) shall not exceed Two Hundred Forty-six Million Seven Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$246,798,550.00); however, the total amount of bonds that may be issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxi) shall be reduced by the amount of any other funds authorized by the Legislature during the 2022 First Extraordinary Session specifically for such projects. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2040.

(ee) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxii) shall not exceed Four Hundred Eighty-two Million Dollars (\$482,000,000.00); however, the total amount of bonds that may be issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxii) shall be reduced by the amount of any other funds authorized by the Legislature specifically for such project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2040.

(ff) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxiii) shall not exceed Two Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$260,000,000.00); however, the total amount of bonds that may be issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxiii) shall be reduced by the amount of any other funds authorized by the Legislature specifically for such project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2040.

(4) (a) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be applied for the following purposes:

(i) Defraying all or any designated portion of the costs incurred with respect to acquisition, planning, design, construction, installation, rehabilitation, improvement, relocation and with respect to state-owned property, operation and maintenance of the project and any facility related to the project located within the project area, including costs of design and engineering, all costs incurred to provide land, easements and rights-of-way, relocation costs with respect to the project and with respect to any facility related to the project located within the project area, and costs associated with mitigation of environmental impacts and environmental impact studies;

(ii) Defraying the cost of providing for the recruitment, screening, selection, training or retraining of employees, candidates for employment or replacement employees of the project and any related activity;

(iii) Reimbursing the Mississippi Development Authority for expenses it incurred in regard to projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) prior to November 6, 2000. The Mississippi Development Authority shall submit an itemized list of expenses it incurred in regard to such projects to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(iv) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(v) Paying any warranty made by the authority regarding site work for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(vi) Defraying the cost of marketing and promotion of a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii). The authority shall submit an itemized list of costs incurred for marketing and promotion of such project to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(vii) Providing for the payment of interest on the bonds;

(viii) Providing debt service reserves;

(ix) Paying underwriters' discount, original issue discount, accountants' fees, engineers' fees, attorneys' fees, rating agency fees and other fees and expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds;

(x) For purposes authorized in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection (4);

(xi) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v), or, in connection with a facility related to such a project, for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xii) Providing grant funds or loans to a public agency or an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii);

(xiii) Providing grant funds or loans to an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv);

(xiv) Providing grants, loans and payments to or for the benefit of an enterprise owning or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii);

(xv) Purchasing equipment for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) subject to such terms and conditions as the authority considers necessary and appropriate;

(xvi) Providing grant funds to an enterprise developing or owning a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx);

(xvii) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(kk), (ll), (mm), (uu), (vv) or, in connection with a facility related to such a project, for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xviii) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(pp) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xix) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(qq);

(xx) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(rr);

(xxi) Providing grants, loans and payments as authorized in Section 57-75-11(ss);

(xxii) Providing grants and loans as authorized in Section 57-75-11(tt);

(xxiii) Providing grants as authorized in Section 57-75-11(wv) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate; and

(xxiv) Providing loans, grants and other funds as authorized in *** Section 57-75-11(xx), *** (yy), *** (zz) and *** (aaa) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate.

Such bonds shall be issued, from time to time, and in such principal amounts as shall be designated by the authority, not to exceed in aggregate principal amounts the amount authorized in subsection (3) of this section. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be invested, subject to federal limitations, pending their use, in such securities as may be specified in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the trust indenture securing them, and the earning on such investment applied as provided in such resolution or trust indenture.

(b) (i) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(ii) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(c) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to the project for which funding is provided for the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to the project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of

Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(5) The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be payable in the manner hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall bear date or dates; be in such denomination or denominations; bear interest at such rate or rates; be payable at such place or places within or without the state; mature absolutely at such time or times; be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium; bear such registration privileges; and be substantially in such form; all as shall be determined by resolution of the State Bond Commission except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from the date thereof and extending not more than twenty-five (25) years from the date thereof. The bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the State Bond Commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the State Bond Commission shall be imprinted on or affixed thereto, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the State Bond Commission. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials herein designated to sign the bonds, who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until the delivery of the same to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear.

(6) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be and are hereby declared to have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code and in exercising the powers granted by this chapter, the State Bond Commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The State Bond Commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The State Bond Commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. The bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101 as shall be fixed by the State Bond Commission. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any bonds shall be published at least one time, the first of which shall be made not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the State Bond Commission.

The State Bond Commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that the bonds, at the option of the state, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) State bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be the general obligations of the state and backed by the full faith and credit of the state. The Legislature shall appropriate annually an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due. All bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the foregoing provisions of this section.

(9) The State Treasurer is authorized to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants payable out of any funds appropriated by the Legislature under this section for such purpose, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of and interest on all bonds

issued under the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(10) The bonds may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this chapter. Any resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the State Bond Commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the State Bond Commission by a majority of its members.

(11) In anticipation of the issuance of bonds hereunder, the State Bond Commission is authorized to negotiate and enter into any purchase, loan, credit or other agreement with any bank, trust company or other lending institution or to issue and sell interim notes for the purpose of making any payments authorized under this section. All borrowings made under this provision shall be evidenced by notes of the state which shall be issued from time to time, for such amounts not exceeding the amount of bonds authorized herein, in such form and in such denomination and subject to such terms and conditions of sale and issuance, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate or rates of interest not to exceed the maximum rate authorized herein for bonds, and time of payment of interest as the State Bond Commission shall agree to in such agreement. Such notes shall constitute general obligations of the state and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the state. Such notes may also be issued for the purpose of refunding previously issued notes. No note shall mature more than three (3) years following the date of its issuance. The State Bond Commission is authorized to provide for the compensation of any purchaser of the notes by payment of a fixed fee or commission and for all other costs and expenses of issuance and service, including paying agent costs. Such costs and expenses may be paid from the proceeds of the notes.

(12) The bonds and interim notes authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided now or hereafter by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The necessary papers for such validation proceedings shall be transmitted to the State Bond Attorney, and the required notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) Any bonds or interim notes issued under the provisions of this chapter, a transaction relating to the sale or securing of such bonds or interim notes, their transfer and the income therefrom shall at all times be free from taxation by the state or any local unit or political subdivision or other instrumentality of the state, excepting inheritance and gift taxes.

(14) All bonds issued under this chapter shall be legal investments for trustees, other fiduciaries, savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi; and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of the state and all municipalities and other political subdivisions thereof for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(15) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall represent the State Bond Commission in issuing, selling and validating bonds herein provided for, and the Bond Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to expend from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds authorized hereunder all necessary administrative, legal and other expenses incidental and related to the issuance of bonds authorized under this chapter.

(16) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Fund wherein shall be deposited the proceeds of the bonds issued under this chapter and all monies received by the authority to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Expenditures authorized herein shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants drawn from the fund, and the Department of Finance and Administration shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the director of the authority.

(17) (a) There is hereby created the Mississippi Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund from which the principal of and interest on such bonds shall be paid by appropriation. All monies paid into the sinking fund not appropriated to pay accruing bonds and interest shall be invested by the State Treasurer in such securities as are provided by law for the investment of the sinking funds of the state.

(b) In the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes are purchased, they shall be cancelled and returned to the loan and transfer agent as cancelled and paid bonds and notes and thereafter all payments of interest thereon shall cease and the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as promptly as possible after cancellation but not later than two (2) years after cancellation. A certificate evidencing the destruction of the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons shall be provided by the loan and transfer agent to the seller.

(c) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to the Department of Finance and Administration and Legislative Budget Office by September 1 of each year the amount of money necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on outstanding obligations for the following fiscal year and the times and amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the Governor to include in every executive budget submitted to the Legislature full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes under the provisions of this chapter and the status of the sinking fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes.

(d) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(hh) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund unless the State Bond Commission, at the request of the authority, shall determine that such loan repayments are needed to provide additional loans as authorized under Section 57-75-11(hh). For purposes of providing additional loans, there is hereby created the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Revolving Loan Fund and loan repayments shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be maintained for such period as determined by the State Bond Commission for the sole purpose of making additional loans as authorized by Section 57-75-11(hh). Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned on amounts in such fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(e) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(ii) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund.

(f) Any monies repaid to the state from loans, grants and other funds authorized in Section 57-75-11(jj), *** (vv), *** (xx), *** (zz) and *** (aaa) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund. However:

(i) Monies paid to the state from a county in which a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxii) is located and which is paid pursuant to any agreement under Section 57-75-37(6)(c)(iii) shall, after being received from the county and properly accounted for, be deposited into the State General Fund; and

(ii) Monies paid to the state from a county and/or municipality in which a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxiii) is located and which is paid pursuant to any agreement under Section 57-75-37(7)(c)(iii) shall, after being received from the county and/or municipality and properly accounted for, be deposited into the State General Fund.

(18) (a) Upon receipt of a declaration by the authority that it has determined that the state is a potential site for a project, the State Bond Commission is authorized and directed to authorize the State Treasurer to borrow money from any special fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be utilized by the authority for the purposes provided for in this subsection.

(b) The proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection may be utilized by the authority for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs incurred by the authority with respect to acquisition options and planning, design and environmental impact studies with respect to a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix). The authority may escalate its budget and expend the

proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

(c) The authority shall request an appropriation or additional authority to issue general obligation bonds to repay the borrowed funds and establish a date for the repayment of the funds so borrowed.

(d) Borrowings made under the provisions of this subsection shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) at any one time.

[From and after July 1, 2025, this section shall read as follows:]

57-75-15. (1) Upon notification to the authority by the enterprise that the state has been finally selected as the site for the project, the State Bond Commission shall have the power and is hereby authorized and directed, upon receipt of a declaration from the authority as hereinafter provided, to borrow money and issue general obligation bonds of the state in one or more series for the purposes herein set out. Upon such notification, the authority may thereafter, from time to time, declare the necessity for the issuance of general obligation bonds as authorized by this section and forward such declaration to the State Bond Commission, provided that before such notification, the authority may enter into agreements with the United States government, private companies and others that will commit the authority to direct the State Bond Commission to issue bonds for eligible undertakings set out in subsection (4) of this section, conditioned on the siting of the project in the state.

(2) Upon receipt of any such declaration from the authority, the State Bond Commission shall verify that the state has been selected as the site of the project and shall act as the issuing agent for the series of bonds directed to be issued in such declaration pursuant to authority granted in this section.

(3) (a) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(i) shall not exceed an aggregate principal amount in the sum of Sixty-seven Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$67,350,000.00).

(b) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) shall not exceed * * * Eighty-two Million Dollars (\$82,000,000.00). The authority, with the express direction of the State Bond Commission, is authorized to expend any remaining proceeds of bonds issued under the authority of this act prior to January 1, 1998, for the purpose of financing projects as then defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii) or for any other projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii), as it may be amended from time to time. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph (b) until the State Bond Commission by resolution adopts a finding that the issuance of such bonds will improve, expand or otherwise enhance the military installation, its support areas or military operations, or will provide employment opportunities to replace those lost by closure or reductions in operations at the military installation or will support critical studies or investigations authorized by Section 57-75-5(f)(ii).

(c) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iii) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after December 31, 1996.

(d) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) shall not exceed Three Hundred Fifty-one Million Dollars (\$351,000,000.00). An additional amount of bonds in an amount not to exceed Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$12,500,000.00) may be issued under the authority of this section for the purpose of defraying costs associated with the construction of surface water transmission lines for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) or for any facility related to the project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2005.

(e) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v) and for facilities related to such projects shall not exceed Thirty-eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$38,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(f) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(vii) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2006.

(g) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) shall not exceed Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(h) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ix) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2007.

(i) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(x) shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 1, 2005.

(j) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) shall not exceed Thirty-three Million Dollars (\$33,000,000.00). The amount of bonds that may be issued under this paragraph for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xii) may be reduced by the amount of any federal or local funds made available for such projects. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in or near the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the aggregate; however, this irrevocable commitment requirement may be waived by the authority upon a finding that due to the unforeseen circumstances created by Hurricane Katrina, the local governments are unable to comply with such commitment. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2008.

(k) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiii) shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(l) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv) shall not exceed Twenty-four Million Dollars (\$24,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph until local governments in the county in which the project is located have irrevocably committed funds to the project in an amount of not less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(m) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xv) shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2009.

(n) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvi) shall not exceed Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2011.

(o) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xvii) shall not exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2010.

(p) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii) shall not exceed Ninety-six Million Dollars (\$96,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2016.

(q) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xix) shall not exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after June 30, 2012.

(r) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx) shall not exceed Twenty-three Million Dollars (\$23,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(s) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) shall not exceed Two Hundred Ninety-three Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$293,900,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(t) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for Tier One suppliers shall not exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(u) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii) shall not exceed Forty-eight Million Four Hundred

Thousand Dollars (\$48,400,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(v) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiii) shall not exceed Eighty-eight Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$88,250,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2009.

(w) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxiv) shall not exceed Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2020.

(x) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxv) shall not exceed Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2017.

(y) *** [Deleted]

(z) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxvii) shall not exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after April 25, 2013.

(aa) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxviii) shall not exceed *** Seventy Million Dollars (\$70,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2026.

(bb) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix) shall not exceed Two Hundred Sixty-three Million Dollars (\$263,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2034.

(cc) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxx) shall not exceed *** Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2025.

(dd) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxi) shall not exceed Two Hundred Forty-six Million Seven Hundred Ninety-eight Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$246,798,550.00); however, the total amount of bonds that may be issued under the authority of this section for projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxi) shall be reduced by the amount of any other funds authorized by the Legislature during the 2022 First Extraordinary Session specifically for such projects. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2040.

(ee) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxii) shall not exceed Four Hundred Eight-two Million Dollars (\$482,000,000.00); however, the total amount of bonds that may be issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxii) shall be reduced by the amount of any other funds authorized by the Legislature specifically for such project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2040.

(ff) Bonds issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxiii) shall not exceed Two Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$260,000,000.00); however, the total amount of bonds that may be issued under the authority of this section for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxiii) shall be reduced by the amount of any other funds authorized by the Legislature specifically for such project. No bonds shall be issued under this paragraph after July 1, 2040.

(4) (a) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be applied for the following purposes:

(i) Defraying all or any designated portion of the costs incurred with respect to acquisition, planning, design, construction, installation, rehabilitation, improvement, relocation and with respect to state-owned property, operation and maintenance of the project and any facility related to the project located within the project area, including costs of design and engineering, all costs incurred to provide land, easements and rights-of-way, relocation costs with respect to the project and with respect to any facility related to the project located within the project area, and costs associated with mitigation of environmental impacts and environmental impact studies;

(ii) Defraying the cost of providing for the recruitment, screening, selection, training or retraining of employees, candidates for employment or replacement employees of the project and any related activity;

(iii) Reimbursing the Mississippi Development Authority for expenses it incurred in regard to projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) prior to November 6, 2000. The Mississippi Development Authority shall submit an itemized list of expenses it incurred in regard to such projects to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(iv) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(v) Paying any warranty made by the authority regarding site work for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1;

(vi) Defraying the cost of marketing and promotion of a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv)1, Section 57-75-5(f)(xxi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxii). The authority shall submit an itemized list of costs incurred for marketing and promotion of such project to the Chairmen of the Finance and Appropriations Committees of the Senate and the Chairmen of the Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives;

(vii) Providing for the payment of interest on the bonds;

(viii) Providing debt service reserves;

(ix) Paying underwriters' discount, original issue discount, accountants' fees, engineers' fees, attorneys' fees, rating agency fees and other fees and expenses in connection with the issuance of the bonds;

(x) For purposes authorized in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subsection (4);

(xi) Providing grants to enterprises operating projects defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(v), or, in connection with a facility related to such a project, for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xii) Providing grant funds or loans to a public agency or an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(ii);

(xiii) Providing grant funds or loans to an enterprise owning, leasing or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xiv);

(xiv) Providing grants, loans and payments to or for the benefit of an enterprise owning or operating a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xviii);

(xv) Purchasing equipment for a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(viii) subject to such terms and conditions as the authority considers necessary and appropriate;

(xvi) Providing grant funds to an enterprise developing or owning a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xx);

(xvii) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(kk), (ll), (mm), (uu), (vv) or, in connection with a facility related to such a project, for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xviii) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(pp) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate;

(xix) Providing grants and loans for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(qq);

(xx) Providing grants for projects as authorized in Section 57-75-11(rr);

(xxi) Providing grants, loans and payments as authorized in Section 57-75-11(ss);

(xxii) Providing loans as authorized in Section 57-75-11(tt);

(xxiii) Providing grants as authorized in Section 57-75-11(ww) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate; and

(xxiv) Providing loans, grants and other funds as authorized in *** Section 57-75-11(xx), *** (yy), *** (zz) and *** (aaa) for any purposes deemed by the authority in its sole discretion to be necessary and appropriate.

Such bonds shall be issued, from time to time, and in such principal amounts as shall be designated by the authority, not to exceed in aggregate principal amounts the amount authorized in subsection (3) of this section. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds issued under this section may be invested, subject to federal limitations, pending their use, in such securities as may be specified in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or the trust indenture securing them, and the earning on such investment applied as provided in such resolution or trust indenture.

(b) (i) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall not exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(i) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(ii) The proceeds of bonds issued after June 21, 2002, under this section for projects described in Section 57-75-5(f)(iv) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to a project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the aggregate. Reimbursements under this paragraph (b)(ii) shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(c) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Mississippi Development Authority in providing assistance related to the project for which funding is provided for the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Mississippi Development Authority shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the proceeds of bonds issued under this section for a project described in Section 57-75-5(f) may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Audit in providing services related to the project for which funding is provided from the use of proceeds of such bonds. The Department of Audit shall maintain an accounting of actual costs incurred for each project for which reimbursements are sought. The Department of Audit may escalate its budget and expend such funds in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for each project. Reimbursements under this paragraph shall satisfy any applicable federal tax law requirements.

(5) The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be payable in the manner hereinafter set forth. The bonds shall bear date or dates; be in such denomination or denominations; bear interest at such rate or rates; be payable at such place or places within or without the state; mature absolutely at such time or times; be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium; bear such registration privileges; and be substantially in such form; all as shall be determined by resolution of the State Bond Commission except that such bonds shall

mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from the date thereof and extending not more than twenty-five (25) years from the date thereof. The bonds shall be signed by the Chairman of the State Bond Commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the State Bond Commission shall be imprinted on or affixed thereto, attested by the manual or facsimile signature of the Secretary of the State Bond Commission. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials herein designated to sign the bonds, who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until the delivery of the same to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear.

(6) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be and are hereby declared to have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code and in exercising the powers granted by this chapter, the State Bond Commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The State Bond Commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds, prescribe the form of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids, issue and sell the bonds on sealed bids at public sale, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The State Bond Commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi, but no such sale shall be made at a price less than par plus accrued interest to date of delivery of the bonds to the purchaser. The bonds shall bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101 as shall be fixed by the State Bond Commission. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually; provided that the first interest payment may be for any period of not more than one (1) year.

Notice of the sale of any bonds shall be published at least one time, the first of which shall be made not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the State Bond Commission.

The State Bond Commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that the bonds, at the option of the state, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) State bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be the general obligations of the state and backed by the full faith and credit of the state. The Legislature shall appropriate annually an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due. All bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the foregoing provisions of this section.

(9) The State Treasurer is authorized to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants payable out of any funds appropriated by the Legislature under this section for such purpose, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of and interest on all bonds issued under the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(10) The bonds may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this chapter. Any resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the State Bond Commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the State Bond Commission by a majority of its members.

(11) In anticipation of the issuance of bonds hereunder, the State Bond Commission is authorized to negotiate and enter into any purchase, loan, credit or other agreement with any bank, trust company or other lending institution or to issue and sell interim notes for the purpose of making any payments authorized under this section. All borrowings made under this provision shall be evidenced by notes of the state which shall be issued from time to time, for such amounts not exceeding the amount of bonds authorized herein, in such form and in such denomination and subject to such terms and conditions of sale and issuance, prepayment or redemption and maturity, rate or rates of interest not to exceed the maximum rate authorized herein for bonds, and time of payment of interest as the State Bond Commission shall agree to in such agreement. Such notes shall constitute general obligations of the state and shall be backed by the full faith and credit of the state. Such notes may also be issued for the purpose of refunding previously issued notes. No note shall mature more than three (3) years following the date of its issuance. The State Bond Commission is authorized to provide for the compensation of any purchaser of the notes by payment of a fixed fee or commission and for all other costs and expenses of issuance and service, including paying agent costs. Such costs and expenses may be paid from the proceeds of the notes.

(12) The bonds and interim notes authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided now or hereafter by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The necessary papers for such validation proceedings shall be transmitted to the State Bond Attorney, and the required notice shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(13) Any bonds or interim notes issued under the provisions of this chapter, a transaction relating to the sale or securing of such bonds or interim notes, their transfer and the income therefrom shall at all times be free from taxation by the state or any local unit or political subdivision or other instrumentality of the state, excepting inheritance and gift taxes.

(14) All bonds issued under this chapter shall be legal investments for trustees, other fiduciaries, savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi; and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of the state and all municipalities and other political subdivisions thereof for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(15) The Attorney General of the State of Mississippi shall represent the State Bond Commission in issuing, selling and validating bonds herein provided for, and the Bond Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to expend from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds authorized hereunder all necessary administrative, legal and other expenses incidental and related to the issuance of bonds authorized under this chapter.

(16) There is hereby created a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Fund wherein shall be deposited the proceeds of the bonds issued under this chapter and all monies received by the authority to carry out the purposes of this chapter. Expenditures authorized herein shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants drawn from the fund, and the Department of Finance and Administration shall issue warrants upon requisitions signed by the director of the authority.

(17) (a) There is hereby created the Mississippi Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund from which the principal of and interest on such bonds shall be paid by appropriation. All monies paid into the sinking fund not appropriated to pay accruing bonds and interest shall be invested by the State Treasurer in such securities as are provided by law for the investment of the sinking funds of the state.

(b) In the event that all or any part of the bonds and notes are purchased, they shall be cancelled and returned to the loan and transfer agent as cancelled and paid bonds and notes and thereafter all payments of interest thereon shall cease and the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, together with any other cancelled bonds, notes and coupons, shall be destroyed as promptly as possible after

cancellation but not later than two (2) years after cancellation. A certificate evidencing the destruction of the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons shall be provided by the loan and transfer agent to the seller.

(c) The State Treasurer shall determine and report to the Department of Finance and Administration and Legislative Budget Office by September 1 of each year the amount of money necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on outstanding obligations for the following fiscal year and the times and amounts of the payments. It shall be the duty of the Governor to include in every executive budget submitted to the Legislature full information relating to the issuance of bonds and notes under the provisions of this chapter and the status of the sinking fund for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes.

(d) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(hh) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund unless the State Bond Commission, at the request of the authority, shall determine that such loan repayments are needed to provide additional loans as authorized under Section 57-75-11(hh). For purposes of providing additional loans, there is hereby created the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Revolving Loan Fund and loan repayments shall be deposited into the fund. The fund shall be maintained for such period as determined by the State Bond Commission for the sole purpose of making additional loans as authorized by Section 57-75-11(hh). Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund and any interest earned on amounts in such fund shall be deposited to the credit of the fund.

(e) Any monies repaid to the state from loans authorized in Section 57-75-11(ii) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund.

(f) Any monies repaid to the state from loans, grants and other funds authorized in Section 57-75-11(jj), *** (vv), *** (xx), *** (zz) and *** (aaa) shall be deposited into the Mississippi Major Economic Impact Authority Sinking Fund. However:

(i) Monies paid to the state from a county in which a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxii) is located and which is paid pursuant to any agreement under Section 57-75-37(6)(c)(iii) shall, after being received from the county and properly accounted for, be deposited into the State General Fund; and

(ii) Monies paid to the state from a county and/or municipality in which a project as defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xxxiii) is located and which is paid pursuant to any agreement under Section 57-75-37(7)(c)(iii) shall, after being received from the county and/or municipality and properly accounted for, be deposited into the State General Fund.

(18) (a) Upon receipt of a declaration by the authority that it has determined that the state is a potential site for a project, the State Bond Commission is authorized and directed to authorize the State Treasurer to borrow money from any special fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be utilized by the authority for the purposes provided for in this subsection.

(b) The proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection may be utilized by the authority for the purpose of defraying all or a portion of the costs incurred by the authority with respect to acquisition options and planning, design and environmental impact studies with respect to a project defined in Section 57-75-5(f)(xi) or Section 57-75-5(f)(xxix). The authority may escalate its budget and expend the proceeds of the money borrowed under this subsection in accordance with rules and regulations of the Department of Finance and Administration in a manner consistent with the escalation of federal funds.

(c) The authority shall request an appropriation or additional authority to issue general obligation bonds to repay the borrowed funds and establish a date for the repayment of the funds so borrowed.

(d) Borrowings made under the provisions of this subsection shall not exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) at any one time.

SECTION 5. Section 57-71-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

57-71-25. (1) The seller is authorized to borrow, on the credit of the state, upon receipt of a resolution from the company requesting the same, money not exceeding the aggregate sum of * * * Ninety Million Dollars (\$90,000,000.00), outstanding at any one time, not including money borrowed to refund outstanding bonds, notes or replacement notes, as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. The rate of interest on any such bonds or notes which are not subject to taxation shall not exceed the rates set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972, for general obligation bonds.

(2) As evidence of indebtedness authorized in this act, general or limited obligation bonds of the state shall be issued from time to time to provide monies necessary to carry out the purposes of this act for such total amount, in such form, in such denominations, payable in such currencies (either domestic or foreign or both), and subject to such terms and conditions of issue, redemption and maturity, rate of interest and time of payment of interest as the seller directs, except that such bonds shall mature or otherwise be retired in annual installments beginning not more than five (5) years from date thereof and extending not more than twenty (20) years from date thereof.

(3) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this act shall be signed by the chairman of the seller, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the seller shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the seller.

(4) All bonds and notes issued under authority of this act may be general or limited obligations of the state, and the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi as to general obligation bonds, or the revenue derived from projects assisted as to limited obligation bonds, are hereby pledged for the payment of the principal of and the interest on such bonds and notes.

(5) Such bonds and notes and the income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(6) The bonds may be issued as coupon bonds or registered as to both principal and interest as the seller may determine. If interest coupons are attached, they shall contain the facsimile signature of the chairman and the secretary of the seller.

(7) As to bonds issued hereunder and designated as taxable bonds by the seller, any immunity of the state to taxation by the United States government of interest on bonds or notes issued by the state is hereby waived.

SECTION 6. Section 65-4-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

65-4-25. The Mississippi Development Authority, acting through its executive director, is authorized, at one time or from time to time, to declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of negotiable general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the Economic Development Highway Fund established in Section 65-4-15, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, the executive director shall deliver a certified copy of his resolution or resolutions to the State Bond Commission. Upon receipt of the resolution, the State Bond Commission, in its discretion, shall act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for the sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The principal amount of bonds issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, shall not exceed * * * Three Hundred Ninety-six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$396,500,000.00) in the aggregate. However, an additional amount of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, Mississippi Code of 1972, in an amount not to exceed Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00), and the proceeds of any such additional bonds issued shall be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(vi), Mississippi Code of 1972. An additional amount of bonds may be issued under Sections 65-4-25 through 65-4-45, in an amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), the proceeds

of which shall be used to provide funding for a high economic benefit project as defined in Section 65-4-5(1)(c)(v).

SECTION 7. Section 25, Chapter 533, Laws of 2010, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 30, Laws of 2010 Second Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 301, Laws of 2011, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 480, Laws of 2011, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 1, Laws of 2011 First Extraordinary Session, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 421, Laws of 2019, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, is amended as follows:

Section 25. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the program authorized in Section 57-1-221. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed * * * Five Hundred Fourteen Million Dollars (\$514,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 57-1-221. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the

contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Industry Incentive Financing Revolving Fund created in Section 57-1-221. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 8. Section 1, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, is amended as follows:

Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2020 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED
Alcorn State University	\$ 3,650,000.00
Campus safety and security project, including open space development, sprinkler systems for dormitories, security camera installation, card access systems, street lighting, and emergency kiosks.....	\$ 3,650,000.00

Alcorn State University/Division of
Agriculture \$ 2,635,000.00
Phase II of repair, renovation,
furnishing, equipping and
expansion of and additions
to the Child Development
Learning Center.....\$ 2,635,000.00
Delta State University \$ 3,000,000.00
Repair, renovation,
and upgrading of
campus buildings
and facilities.....\$ 3,000,000.00
Jackson State University \$ 5,260,000.00
Phase III of repair,
renovation, and
upgrading of campus
buildings, facilities,
and infrastructure.....\$ 5,260,000.00
Mississippi State University \$ 10,000,000.00
Phase III of construction,
furnishing and equipping of
a new building and related
facilities to house the
Kinesiology Department.....\$ 10,000,000.00
Mississippi State University/Division of
Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine \$ 7,935,000.00
Phase II of repair and
renovation, replacement and/or
demolition of Ballew
Hall and related
facilities.....\$ 7,535,000.00
Pre-planning for repair and
renovation of Dorman Hall
and related facilities.....\$ 400,000.00
Mississippi University for Women \$ 13,000,000.00
Phase II of construction,
furnishing and equipping of
a new building and related
facilities to house the
Culinary Arts Program.....\$ 13,000,000.00
Mississippi Valley State University \$ 13,435,000.00
Phase II of Student Union
improvements and planning,
repair, renovation, life
safety and ADA code upgrades,
furnishing and equipping
and expansion of and
additions to campus
buildings, facilities, and
infrastructure.....\$ 13,435,000.00
University of Mississippi \$ 13,530,000.00
Phase II of repair, renovation,
furnishing, equipping and
expansion of and additions
to the Data Center Building
and related facilities.....\$ 13,530,000.00
University of Mississippi Medical Center \$ 5,680,000.00
Replacement of HVAC
systems, boilers and

related equipment,
infrastructure and controls....\$ 5,680,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi \$ 6,500,000.00
Phase II of repair and
renovation of the
Kinesiology Building
and related facilities.....\$ 6,000,000.00
Pre-planning for repair
and renovation of
Hickman Hall and
related facilities; and design,
construction, furnishing and
equipping of the Science Research
Facility with a central mechanical
plant and related infrastructure
and facilities on the Hattiesburg
Campus.....\$ 500,000.00
University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf
Coast Campuses \$ 700,000.00
Pre-planning for design
of Executive Education
and Conference Center
and related facilities
on the Gulf Park
campus.....\$ 200,000.00
Planning, repair,
renovation, life safety,
and ADA code upgrades,
furnishing and equipping
of campus buildings
and facilities
at the Gulf Coast
Research Laboratory,
Halstead Campus.....\$ 500,000.00
IHL Education and Research Center \$ 1,400,000.00
Planning, repair,
renovation, life safety and
ADA code upgrades of buildings,
facilities and infrastructure,
including the Paul B. Johnson Tower,
Edsel E. Thrash Universities
Center and the Mississippi
Public Broadcasting
Building.....\$ 1,400,000.00
TOTAL \$ 86,725,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and

Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Eighty-six Million Seven Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$86,725,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient

for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all

duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 9. Section 1, Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 328, Laws of 2022, as amended by Section 32, Chapter 549, Laws of 2023, is amended as follows:

Section 1. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 IHL Capital Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning on those projects related to the universities under its management and control to pay the costs of capital improvements, renovation and/or repair of existing facilities, furnishings and/or equipping facilities for public facilities as hereinafter described:

NAME	AMOUNT PROJECT ALLOCATED
Alcorn State University	\$ 5,675,000.00
Phase I of repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to campus dormitories.....	\$ 5,675,000.00
Delta State University	\$ 10,800,000.00
Renovation and expansion	

of and upgrades, improvements and additions to the Robert E. Smith School of Nursing Building and related facilities.....	\$ 7,800,000.00	
Repair, renovation and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 3,000,000.00	
Jackson State University		\$ 6,500,000.00
Phase III of repair, renovation and upgrading of campus buildings, facilities, and infrastructure.....	\$ 6,000,000.00	
Preplanning for construction, furnishing and equipping of a new dining facility and related facilities.....	\$ 500,000.00	
Mississippi State University		\$ 15,000,000.00
Repair, renovation, construction, acquisition of property, furnishing and equipping of related facilities to house the College of Architecture, Art and Design.....	\$ 15,000,000.00	
Mississippi State University/Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine		\$ 8,000,000.00
Repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to Dorman Hall and related facilities.....	\$ 8,000,000.00	
Mississippi University for Women		\$ 2,750,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 2,750,000.00	
Mississippi Valley State University.....		\$ 500,000.00
Preplanning for repair, renovation, furnishing and equipping of the Charles Lackey Recreation Center.....	\$ 500,000.00	
University of Mississippi		\$ 12,000,000.00
Construction, furnishing and equipping of a new mechanical and power plant building and related facilities.....	\$ 12,000,000.00	
University of Mississippi Medical Center.....		\$ 8,000,000.00
Repair, renovation, and upgrading of campus buildings and facilities.....	\$ 8,000,000.00	
University of Southern Mississippi		\$ 10,750,000.00

* * * Design, construction,
furnishing and equipping of
the Science Research Facility
with a central mechanical plant
and related infrastructure and
facilities on the Hattiesburg
Campus.....\$ 10,000,000.00

Preplanning and
construction, furnishing
and equipping of a new
science research facility...\$ 750,000.00

University of Southern Mississippi/Gulf
Coast Campuses.....\$ 5,800,000.00

Renovation and expansion
of and upgrades,
improvements and additions
to, Hardy Hall to house the
Executive Education Center
and related facilities
on the Gulf Park
Campus.....\$ 4,800,000.00

Repair, renovation
life safety, and
ADA code upgrades,
furnishing and equipping
of campus buildings
and facilities
at the Gulf Coast
Research Laboratory,
Halstead Campus.....\$ 1,000,000.00

IHL Education and Research Center\$ 600,000.00

Planning, repair, renovation,
life safety and ADA code
upgrades of buildings,
facilities and infrastructure,
including the Paul B. Johnson
Tower, Edsel E. Thrash
Universities Center and
the Mississippi Public
Broadcasting Building.....\$ 600,000.00

TOTAL \$ 86,375,000.00

(b) (i) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. If any monies in such special fund are not used within four (4) years after the date the proceeds of the bonds authorized under this section are deposited into the special fund, then the institution of higher learning for which any unused monies are allocated under paragraph (a) of this subsection shall provide an accounting of such unused monies to the commission. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(ii) Monies in the special fund may be used to reimburse reasonable actual and necessary costs incurred by the Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, in administering or providing assistance directly related to a project described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. An accounting of actual costs incurred for which reimbursement is sought shall be maintained for each project by the

Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management. Reimbursement of reasonable actual and necessary costs for a project shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the proceeds of bonds issued for such project. Monies authorized for a particular project may not be used to reimburse administrative costs for unrelated projects.

(c) The Department of Finance and Administration, acting through the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, is expressly authorized and empowered to receive and expend any local or other source funds in connection with the expenditure of funds provided for in this subsection. The expenditure of monies deposited into the special fund shall be under the direction of the Department of Finance and Administration, and such funds shall be paid by the State Treasurer upon warrants issued by such department, which warrants shall be issued upon requisitions signed by the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration, or his designee.

(d) Any amounts allocated to an institution of higher learning that are in excess of that needed to complete the projects at such institution of higher learning that are described in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for general repairs and renovations at the institution of higher learning.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Eighty-six Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$86,375,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the

contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special funds created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 10. Section 10, Chapter 567, Laws of 2013, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 437, Laws of 2020, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 372, Laws of 2022, is amended as follows:

Section 10. (1) As used in this act:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of the stated initial value of the bond, plus the interest accrued on the bond from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(c) "County" means Hinds County, Mississippi.

(d) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(2) (a) (i) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund." The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a special fund, separate and apart from the State General Fund. Unexpended amounts remaining in the special fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the special fund shall be deposited to the credit of the special fund. Monies in the special fund may not be used or expended for any purpose except as provided in this subsection.

(ii) Money deposited into the special fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Mississippi Development Authority, to provide loans to the county to be utilized by the county:

1. To assist in the construction of a hotel in the county with at least two hundred (200) guest rooms, an associated parking garage and related improvements; and

2. To assist in the development and construction of infrastructure improvements, including a structured parking facility, and other improvements associated with an entertainment development project.

(b) The county may apply to the Mississippi Development Authority for a loan under this section. The proceeds of the loan shall be utilized by the county for the purposes provided for in paragraph (a)(ii) of this subsection.

(c) (i) The Mississippi Development Authority may require county participation or funding from other sources.

(ii) The rate of interest on loans made under this section shall be at the true interest cost on the most recent issue of twenty-year state general obligation bonds occurring prior to the date such loan is made.

(d) If the county receives a loan under this section, the county shall pledge for repayment of the loan any part of the homestead exemption annual tax loss reimbursement to which it may be entitled under Section 27-33-77, and any revenue generated for the county by a project funded by a loan made pursuant to this act. The loan agreement shall provide for (i) monthly payments, (ii) semiannual payments, or (iii) other periodic payments, as set forth in the loan agreement. The loan agreement shall provide for the repayment of all funds received within not more than twenty (20) years from the date of issuance.

(e) Loan payments of the county shall be deposited into the bond sinking fund created in subsection (4) of this section.

(f) If the loan payments of the county appear to be in arrears, the State Auditor, upon request of the Mississippi Development Authority, shall audit the receipts and expenditures of the county, and if he finds that the county is in arrears in such payments, he shall immediately notify the Executive Director of the Department of Finance and Administration who shall withhold all future payments to the county of homestead exemption reimbursements under Section 27-33-77 until such time as the county is again current in its loan payments as certified by the Mississippi Development Authority.

(g) Evidences of indebtedness which are issued pursuant to this act shall not be deemed indebtedness of the county within the meaning specified in Section 19-9-5.

(3) In administering the provisions of this act, the Mississippi Development Authority shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To supervise the use of all funds made available under this act;

(b) To review and certify that the funds that are made available under this act are utilized as authorized under this act;

(c) To requisition money in the Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund and distribute it in accordance with the provisions of this act;

(d) To maintain an accurate record of all funds made available to the county under this act; and

(e) To adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary or desirable for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this act.

(4) (a) For the purposes of providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on bonds issued under this section, there is created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known as the "Hinds County Development Project Loan Fund Bond Sinking Fund." The bond sinking fund shall consist of monies deposited into the fund by the county for repayment of loans issued under this act, and such other amounts as may be paid into the bond sinking fund by appropriation or other authorization by the Legislature. Unexpended amounts remaining in the bond sinking fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the bond sinking fund shall be deposited into the bond sinking fund.

(b) At any time when the funds required to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds issued under this act are more than the amounts available in the bond sinking fund, the Legislature shall appropriate the balance of the amount necessary to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds issued under this act from the State General Fund.

(c) The total amount of all payments deposited into the bond sinking fund until the maturity date of the bonds authorized under this act shall be in an amount sufficient to retire the bonds.

(5) (a) The Mississippi Development Authority, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Mississippi Development Authority declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the bonds authorized by this section, the Mississippi Development Authority shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of the resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of

the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this act shall not exceed * * * Forty-seven Million Dollars (\$47,000,000.00); however, not more than Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of such bonds may be issued during any fiscal year. In addition, such reduction of the amount of bonds authorized to be issued under this section shall not apply to the Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00) of additional bonds authorized to be issued under this section as amended by Section 1, Chapter 372, Laws of 2022.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of the bonds.

(6) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. The bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as determined by resolution of the commission.

(7) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to the bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of those officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of the signing but who may have ceased to be those officers before the sale and delivery of the bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date that the bonds may bear, the signatures of those officers upon the bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing the bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date the bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything in this act to the contrary, the bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(8) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(9) The commission shall act as the issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in the issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds. The commission may sell the bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on the bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If the bonds are to be sold on sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale of any such bonds shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(10) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof, the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. The principal of and the interest on the bonds shall be payable primarily from the bond sinking fund created in subsection (4) of this section in the manner provided in that subsection. If the funds available in the bond sinking fund and any funds appropriated by the Legislature for those purposes are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on the bonds as they become due, then the amount of the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All those bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this section.

(11) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of the bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Mississippi Development Authority under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(12) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things that are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(13) The bonds authorized under this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by those statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(14) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining to those bonds may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under the resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest on the bonds.

(15) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and the bonds shall be legal securities that may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(16) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income from the bonds shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(17) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(18) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the department is authorized and directed to issue those warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of those bonds in ample time to discharge the bonds, or the interest on the bonds, on the due dates thereof.

(19) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers granted in this section, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 11. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2024 Hinds County Courthouse and Siwell Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, as follows:

1. Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) shall be disbursed to assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with roof repairs and other repair and renovation of and upgrades and improvements to the Hinds County Courthouse located in the City of Jackson, Mississippi; and

2. One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be disbursed to assist Hinds County, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with making improvements to a portion of Siwell Road extending from Oak Leaf Drive to Raymond Road in Hinds County, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2028.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall

mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any

resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 12. Section 23, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended as follows:

Section 23. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bonds means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this section, the Department of Finance and Administration shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be

sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00). No bonds authorized under this section shall be issued after July 1, * * * 2025.

(b) The proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created pursuant to Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972. Any investment earnings on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(3) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this section. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(4) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(5) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(6) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(7) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this section.

(8) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the Mississippi Community Heritage Preservation Grant Fund created in Section 39-5-145, and the proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed for the purposes provided in Section 39-5-145, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(9) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(10) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(11) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(12) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(13) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(14) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes therein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(15) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(16) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers therein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 13. Section 80, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, is amended as follows:

Section 80. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the

rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 Oxford Intersection Capacity and Safety Improvements Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the Mississippi Department of Transportation in paying the costs associated with * * * extending and connecting Commonwealth Boulevard and Pegues Road in Oxford, Mississippi.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) (i) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2024.

(ii) No bonds may be issued under this section until the Department of Finance and Administration is provided proof that funds from private, local, federal and/or other state sources have been irrevocably dedicated in an amount of not less than Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) to assist in paying the costs of the projects described in subsection (2)(a) of this section.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest

coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds.

The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 14. (1) As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings as defined in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(a) "MDA" means the Mississippi Development Authority.

(b) "Eligible applicant" means any Mississippi-based small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturer of which a majority of ownership is by residents of the State of Mississippi and which will provide a capital investment from private sources of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purposes for which a grant is requested.

(2) (a) The MDA shall establish a program to provide grants to assist eligible applicants in paying costs associated with research and development to expand small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturing capabilities in Mississippi.

(b) An entity desiring assistance under the grant program established under this section must submit an application to the department. The application must contain:

(i) A description of the purposes for which a grant is requested and proof that funds from private sources have been irrevocably dedicated in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for such purposes;

(ii) The amount of grant funds requested; and

(iii) Any other information requested by the MDA.

(c) The MDA shall review such application and determine whether the applicant is eligible to participate in the grant program. If the MDA approves the applicant for participation in the grant program, it shall issue a certificate of participation to the applicant designating the applicant as an eligible applicant under the program.

(3) There is created in the State Treasury a special fund, to be designated as the "Small Unmanned Aircraft System Manufacturer Grant Fund", which shall consist of funds made available by the Legislature in any manner. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a

fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed, upon appropriation by the Legislature, in the discretion of the MDA, to provide grants for the purposes described in this section.

(4) The MDA shall have all powers necessary to implement and administer the program established under this section, and the MDA shall promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Mississippi Administrative Procedures Law, necessary for the implementation of this section.

SECTION 15. Section 124, Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, is amended as follows:

Section 124. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated as the "2021 City of Starkville Road Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the City of Starkville, Mississippi, in paying costs associated with the extension of Stark Road and Hospital Road in the City of Starkville and in paying costs associated with repairs, upgrades and improvements to the city's Ernest E. Jones Wastewater Treatment Plant and related infrastructure and facilities.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, 2025.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such

date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 16. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2024 Gulf Coast Passenger Rail Restoration Match Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to pay the State of Mississippi's share of matching funds for any Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and

Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant for the payment of costs associated with improvements to track, siding, switches, interlocking, yards, grade crossings and other capital improvements and related administrative and contingency costs necessary to restore passenger rail service along the Mississippi Gulf Coast in Mississippi in Hancock, Harrison and Jackson Counties.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Thirteen Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,900,000.00); however, the total amount of bonds that may be issued under this section shall be reduced by the amount of any other funds authorized by the Legislature specifically for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds shall have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the

Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one (1) time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Chapter 13, Title 31, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by

all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants, and the Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section; and the State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 17. Section 15, Chapter 492, Laws of 2020, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 480, Laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

Section 15. (1) As used in this section, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Accreted value" of any bond means, as of any date of computation, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the stated initial value of such bond, plus (ii) the interest accrued thereon from the issue date to the date of computation at the rate, compounded semiannually, that is necessary to produce the approximate yield to maturity shown for bonds of the same maturity.

(b) "State" means the State of Mississippi.

(c) "Commission" means the State Bond Commission.

(2) (a) (i) A special fund, to be designated the "2020 Chickasaw Heritage Center Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund.

(ii) Monies deposited into the fund shall be disbursed, in the discretion of the Department of Finance and Administration, to assist the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation in paying the costs associated with the construction, furnishing and equipping of the Chickasaw Heritage Center in Tupelo, Mississippi. It is the intention of the Legislature that all bond funds dedicated for this project up to Sixteen Million Dollars (\$16,000,000.00) be matched by the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation. In addition, all funds authorized and disbursed by the state will be spent equally with funds matched by the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation.

(b) Amounts deposited into such special fund shall be disbursed to pay the costs of the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Promptly after the commission has certified, by resolution duly adopted, that the projects described in paragraph (a) of this subsection have been completed, abandoned, or cannot be completed in a timely fashion, any amounts remaining in such special fund shall be applied to pay debt service on the bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing the issuance of such bonds and as directed by the commission.

(3) (a) The commission, at one time, or from time to time, may declare by resolution the necessity for issuance of general obligation bonds of the State of Mississippi to provide funds for all costs incurred or to be incurred for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the Department of Finance and Administration, declaring the necessity for the issuance of any part or all of the general obligation bonds authorized by this subsection, the department shall deliver a certified copy of its resolution or resolutions to the commission. Upon receipt of such resolution, the commission, in its discretion, may act

as the issuing agent, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The total amount of bonds issued under this section shall not exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00). No bonds shall be issued under this section after July 1, * * * 2028.

(b) Any investment earnings on amounts deposited into the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section shall be used to pay debt service on bonds issued under this section, in accordance with the proceedings authorizing issuance of such bonds.

(c) No bonds may be issued under this section until the Chickasaw Inkana Foundation has broken ground in construction of the Chickasaw Heritage Center.

(4) The principal of and interest on the bonds authorized under this section shall be payable in the manner provided in this subsection. Such bonds shall bear such date or dates, be in such denomination or denominations, bear interest at such rate or rates (not to exceed the limits set forth in Section 75-17-101, Mississippi Code of 1972), be payable at such place or places within or without the State of Mississippi, shall mature absolutely at such time or times not to exceed twenty-five (25) years from date of issue, be redeemable before maturity at such time or times and upon such terms, with or without premium, shall bear such registration privileges, and shall be substantially in such form, all as shall be determined by resolution of the commission.

(5) The bonds authorized by this section shall be signed by the chairman of the commission, or by his facsimile signature, and the official seal of the commission shall be affixed thereto, attested by the secretary of the commission. The interest coupons, if any, to be attached to such bonds may be executed by the facsimile signatures of such officers. Whenever any such bonds have been signed by the officials designated to sign the bonds who were in office at the time of such signing, but who may have ceased to be such officers before the sale and delivery of such bonds, or who may not have been in office on the date such bonds may bear, the signatures of such officers upon such bonds and coupons shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes and have the same effect as if the person so officially signing such bonds had remained in office until their delivery to the purchaser, or had been in office on the date such bonds may bear. However, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, such bonds may be issued as provided in the Registered Bond Act of the State of Mississippi.

(6) All bonds and interest coupons issued under the provisions of this section have all the qualities and incidents of negotiable instruments under the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, and in exercising the powers granted by this section, the commission shall not be required to and need not comply with the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

(7) The commission shall act as issuing agent for the bonds authorized under this section, prescribe the form of the bonds, determine the appropriate method for sale of the bonds, advertise for and accept bids or negotiate the sale of the bonds, issue and sell the bonds so authorized to be sold, pay all fees and costs incurred in such issuance and sale, and do any and all other things necessary and advisable in connection with the issuance and sale of such bonds. The commission is authorized and empowered to pay the costs that are incident to the sale, issuance and delivery of the bonds authorized under this section from the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds. The commission may sell such bonds on sealed bids at public sale or may negotiate the sale of the bonds for such price as it may determine to be for the best interest of the State of Mississippi. All interest accruing on such bonds so issued shall be payable semiannually or annually.

If such bonds are sold by sealed bids at public sale, notice of the sale shall be published at least one time, not less than ten (10) days before the date of sale, and shall be so published in one or more newspapers published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, selected by the commission.

The commission, when issuing any bonds under the authority of this section, may provide that bonds, at the option of the State of Mississippi, may be called in for

payment and redemption at the call price named therein and accrued interest on such date or dates named therein.

(8) The bonds issued under the provisions of this section are general obligations of the State of Mississippi, and for the payment thereof the full faith and credit of the State of Mississippi is irrevocably pledged. If the funds appropriated by the Legislature are insufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on such bonds as they become due, then the deficiency shall be paid by the State Treasurer from any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. All such bonds shall contain recitals on their faces substantially covering the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Upon the issuance and sale of bonds under the provisions of this section, the commission shall transfer the proceeds of any such sale or sales to the special fund created in subsection (2) of this section. The proceeds of such bonds shall be disbursed solely upon the order of the Department of Finance and Administration under such restrictions, if any, as may be contained in the resolution providing for the issuance of the bonds.

(10) The bonds authorized under this section may be issued without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions and things which are specified or required by this section. Any resolution providing for the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the commission, and any such resolution may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a majority of its members.

(11) The bonds authorized under the authority of this section may be validated in the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, in the manner and with the force and effect provided by Title 31, Chapter 13, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the validation of county, municipal, school district and other bonds. The notice to taxpayers required by such statutes shall be published in a newspaper published or having a general circulation in the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

(12) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this section or of any of the interest coupons pertaining thereto may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights granted under this section, or under such resolution, and may enforce and compel performance of all duties required by this section to be performed, in order to provide for the payment of bonds and interest thereon.

(13) All bonds issued under the provisions of this section shall be legal investments for trustees and other fiduciaries, and for savings banks, trust companies and insurance companies organized under the laws of the State of Mississippi, and such bonds shall be legal securities which may be deposited with and shall be received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities and political subdivisions for the purpose of securing the deposit of public funds.

(14) Bonds issued under the provisions of this section and income therefrom shall be exempt from all taxation in the State of Mississippi.

(15) The proceeds of the bonds issued under this section shall be used solely for the purposes herein provided, including the costs incident to the issuance and sale of such bonds.

(16) The State Treasurer is authorized, without further process of law, to certify to the Department of Finance and Administration the necessity for warrants. The Department of Finance and Administration is authorized and directed to issue such warrants, in such amounts as may be necessary to pay when due the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, or the accreted value of, all bonds issued under this section. The State Treasurer shall forward the necessary amount to the designated place or places of payment of such bonds in ample time to discharge such bonds, or the interest thereon, on the due dates thereof.

(17) This section shall be deemed to be full and complete authority for the exercise of the powers herein granted, but this section shall not be deemed to repeal or to be in derogation of any existing law of this state.

SECTION 18. On the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from the 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund

(Fund No. 6611360000) created in Section 28 of Chapter 549, Laws of 2023, to the Small Unmanned Aircraft System Manufacturer Grant Fund created in Section 14 of this act.

SECTION 19. The State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) from the State General Fund (Fund No. 2999000000) to the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund (Fund No. 3316200000) as created in Section 49-39-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

SECTION 20. A special fund, to be designated as the "Secretary of State Land Improvement Fund," is created within the State Treasury. The fund shall be maintained by the State Treasurer as a separate and special fund, separate and apart from the General Fund of the state. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed by the Secretary of State, as the state land commissioner, as a grant for use for the purposes described in Section 27-104-371(2)(vvvvvvvvvv). The fund shall consist of any monies designated for deposit therein from any source. Unexpended amounts remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not lapse into the State General Fund, and any interest earned or investment earnings on amounts in the fund shall be deposited into such fund. Monies in the fund shall be disbursed, upon appropriation by the Legislature, in the discretion of the Secretary of State, to provide grants for the purposes described in this section.

SECTION 21. On the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the State Fiscal Officer, shall transfer the sum of Thirteen Million Dollars (\$13,000,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6447F00000) to the Secretary of State Land Improvement Fund created in Section 20 of this act.

SECTION 22. (1) The Legislature finds:

(a) That certain property was conveyed by the State Mineral Lease Commission to the City of Jackson, Mississippi, by a deed executed May 4, 1944, and filed in the land records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District, and later amended and corrected by a 1947 deed recorded in the land records of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District;

(b) The conveyance of property was made subject to, among other things, the condition that the property shall only be used by the City of Jackson for park purposes and purposes incident thereto, and when same shall cease to be used for such purposes, said property shall revert to and become property of the State of Mississippi; and

(c) That of the property conveyed to the City of Jackson, the subject property as defined in subsection (2) of this section is not being used by the city in compliance with such condition, and therefore, the property must revert to and become property of the State of Mississippi.

(2) The Attorney General shall take all actions necessary to enforce the terms of instrument conveying the property and to have the subject property revert to and become the property of the State of Mississippi.

(3) For the purposes of this section, the term "subject property" means a parcel of land located in the South 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, said property being the property of the City of Jackson as conveyed from the State of Mississippi in 1944 and being more particularly identified as a portion of Hinds County Tax Parcel 444-2.

SECTION 23. On the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the state fiscal officer, shall transfer the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to 2024 Local Improvements Fund created in Senate Bill No. 2468, 2024 Regular Session, and such monies shall be used to assist Marine Corps League Detachment 1073 in paying costs associated with renovation at the existing facility at 660 Weathersby Road.

SECTION 24. On the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer, in conjunction with the state fiscal officer, shall transfer the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Capital Expense Fund (Fund No. 6499C00000) to 2024 Local Improvements Fund created in Senate Bill No. 2468, 2024 Regular Session, and such monies shall be used to assist in paying costs associated with the Mississippi Reading Clinic.

SECTION 25. Section 19 of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and the remainder of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2024.

Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000,000 FOR THE ACE FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE BY \$5,000,000 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-61-36, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF BOND PROCEEDS THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MAY UTILIZE UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT TO MAKE GRANTS OR LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES THROUGH AN EQUIPMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITIES GRANT AND LOAN FUND TO AID IN INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, AND THE PURCHASE, CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 57-75-15, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE BY \$5,000,000 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI MAJOR ECONOMIC IMPACT ACT FOR PROJECTS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE FACILITIES THAT ARE AT RISK FOR CLOSURE PURSUANT TO THE DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACT OF 1990 OR OTHER APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW; TO REDUCE BY \$60,000,000 AND \$5,000,000 THE AMOUNTS OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR PROJECTS DEFINED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS (XXVIII) AND (XXX), RESPECTIVELY, OF SECTION 57-75-5(F); TO REMOVE THE AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR PROJECTS DEFINED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (XXVI) OF SECTION 57-75-5(F); TO AMEND SECTION 57-75-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REDUCE BY \$50,000,000 THE AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE MISSISSIPPI SMALL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 65-4-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE BY \$5,000,000 THE AMOUNT OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 25, CHAPTER 533, LAWS OF 2010, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 14, CHAPTER 480, LAWS OF 2021, TO INCREASE BY \$10,000,000 THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS THAT MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE MISSISSIPPI INDUSTRY INCENTIVE FINANCING REVOLVING FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 4, CHAPTER 480, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI MAY BE USED; TO AMEND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 480, LAWS OF 2021, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 1, CHAPTER 328, LAWS OF 2022, AND BY SECTION 32, CHAPTER 549, LAWS OF 2023, FOR THE SAME PURPOSE; TO AMEND SECTION 10, CHAPTER 567, LAWS OF 2013, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 1, CHAPTER 372, LAWS OF 2022, TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FOR THE HINDS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOAN FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR AND RENOVATION OF AND UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HINDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF JACKSON; TO AMEND SECTION 23, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY HERITAGE PRESERVATION GRANT FUND, TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE BONDS MAY BE ISSUED; TO AMEND SECTION 80, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020,

TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO ASSIST THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY AND SAFETY OF THE INTERSECTION OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 7 AND UNIVERSITY AVENUE IN OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI, MAY BE USED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS MAY BE USED TO ASSIST THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN PAYING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXTENDING AND CONNECTING COMMONWEALTH BOULEVARD AND PEGUES ROAD; TO PROVIDE THAT THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO ASSIST CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS OF SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO EXPAND SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES IN MISSISSIPPI; TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR ENTITIES WHO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO CREATE THE "SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM MANUFACTURER GRANT FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE DISBURSED, UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE GRANTS AUTHORIZED IN THIS ACT; TO TRANSFER \$500,000 FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND TO THE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM MANUFACTURER GRANT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 124, CHAPTER 480, LAWS OF 2021, TO REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE PROCEEDS OF BONDS AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED TO ASSIST THE CITY OF STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI, WITH CERTAIN ROAD PROJECTS MAY BE USED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS MAY BE USED TO ASSIST THE CITY OF STARKVILLE IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPAIRS, UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S ERNEST E. JONES WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE GULF COAST PASSENGER RAIL RESTORATION MATCH FUND WHICH IS CREATED IN THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO PAY THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI'S SHARE OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR ANY CONSOLIDATED RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS (CRISI) GRANT FOR THE PAYMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO TRACK, SIDING, SWITCHES, INTERLOCKING, YARDS, GRADE CROSSINGS AND OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE AND CONTINGENCY COSTS NECESSARY TO RESTORE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST IN MISSISSIPPI IN HANCOCK, HARRISON AND JACKSON COUNTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO ASSIST PERSONS AND OTHER ENTITIES IN PAYING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE LAND; TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR PERSONS AND OTHER ENTITIES WHO DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO CREATE THE "SECRETARY OF STATE LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND" AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY AND TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE SPECIAL FUND SHALL BE EXPENDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, UPON APPROPRIATION BY THE LEGISLATURE, TO PROVIDE GRANTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS ACT; TO TRANSFER \$13,000,000 FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 15, CHAPTER 492, LAWS OF 2020, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 5, CHAPTER 480, LAWS OF 2021, TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF TIME IN WHICH STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE 2020 CHICKASAW HERITAGE CENTER FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND TO THE SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT

SYSTEM MANUFACTURER GRANT FUND; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE MISSISSIPPI OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP TRUST FUND; TO CREATE THE "SECRETARY OF STATE LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND," AS A SPECIAL FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MONIES IN THE FUND MAY BE USED; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE LAND IMPROVEMENT FUND; TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF USE OF A LAND CONVEYANCE RELATING TO CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND TO ENFORCE THE TERMS OF THE INSTRUMENT OF CONVEYANCE UPON A DETERMINATION OF A VIOLATION OF THE ORIGINAL SPECIFIED PURPOSES; TO DIRECT THE STATE TREASURER TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN AMOUNT FROM THE CAPITAL EXPENSE FUND TO THE 2024 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

CONFEREES FOR THE HOUSE: John Thomas "Trey" Lamar, III, Jody Steverson (Not Signed), Donnie Bell

CONFEREES FOR THE SENATE: Josh Harkins, Chris Johnson, Dean Kirby

On motion of Rep. Lamar the foregoing Conference Report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Arnold, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hulum, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean, McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber. Total--122.

Nays--None.

Absent or those not voting--None.

Necessary for passage--74

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2298: State Bond Attorney; revise minimum and maximum fee paid to.

S. B. No. 2695: Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto.

S. B. No. 2799: Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. C. R. No. 549: Legislature; suspend deadlines for Senate Bill No. 2753, 2024 Regular Session.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 2180: CCID inferior Court and DPS; revision provisions related to.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional.

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission.

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District.

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff.

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority.

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology and Barbering, Board of.

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of.

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of.

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of.

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff.

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses.

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board.

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of.

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State.

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District.

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission.

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy.

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board.

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation: Real Estate Commission.

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2764: Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership.

S. B. No. 2801: Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of various organizations.

S. B. No. 3009: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

S. B. No. 3010: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service.

S. B. No. 3019: Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission.

S. B. No. 3020: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of.

S. B. No. 3028: Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission.

S. B. No. 3029: Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional.

S. B. No. 3030: Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public.

S. B. No. 3038: Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of.

S. B. No. 3040: Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 3057: Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3007: Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs.

S. B. No. 3008: Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs.

S. B. No. 3014: Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center.

S. B. No. 3018: Appropriation; Ethics Commission.

S. B. No. 3034: Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of.

S. B. No. 3037: Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows.

S. B. No. 3044: Appropriation; Military Department.

S. B. No. 3052: Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli.

S. B. No. 3055: Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of.

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission.

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board.

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District.

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of.

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of.

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of.

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of.

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of.

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for.

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission.

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General.

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System.

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of.

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3042: Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of.

S. B. No. 3053: Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of.

S. B. No. 3035: Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of.

S. B. No. 3036: Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of.

S. B. No. 3050: Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission.

S. B. No. 3021: Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of.

S. B. No. 3049: Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board.

S. B. No. 3051: Appropriation; Treasurer's Office.

S. B. No. 3058: Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies.

S. B. No. 3031: Appropriation; Contractors, Board of.

S. B. No. 3024: Appropriation; Architecture, Board of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 3043: Appropriation; Personnel Board.

S. B. No. 3011: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Representative Burch moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Troy Michael Buchanan, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John Douglass Phillips, which motion prevailed.

At 4:16 PM, on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned until 9:00 AM, Saturday, May 4, 2024, with the Journal left open.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

NINETY-SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

(ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH CALENDAR DAY)

The House met pursuant to adjournment, Speaker White in the chair. Prayer by the Mayor of Vicksburg, George Flagg.

Rep. Ford, K led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Present--Aguirre, Anderson, B, Anderson, J, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Barton, Bell, C, Bell, D, Bennett, Blackmon, Blackwell, Bounds, Boyd, A, Boyd, R, Brown, Burch, Burnett, Butler-Washington, Byrd, Calvert, Carpenter, Clark, Cockerham, Crawford, Creekmore, Crudup, Currie, Denton, Deweese, Estrada, Eubanks, Eure, Evans, Faulkner, Felsher, Fondren, Ford, J, Ford, K, Foster, Gibbs, J, Gibbs, K, Grady, Guice, Hale, Hall, Haney, Harness, Harris, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway, G, Holloway, K, Hood, Horan, Horne, Hurst, Jackson, K, Jackson, L, James-Jones, Johnson, Karriem, Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Luther-Waldo, Mangold, Mansell, Massengill, Mattox, McCarty, McCray, McGee, McKnight, McLean,

McMillan, Mickens, Mims, Morgan, Mr. Speaker, Nelson, Newman, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Paden, Pigott, Porter, Powell, Read, Remak, Roberson, Rosebud, Rushing, Sanders, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Smith, Stepp, Steverson, Summers, Taylor, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Varner, Wallace, Watson, Yancey, Yates, Young, Zuber.
Total--119.

Absent or those not voting--Arnold, Hulum, Turner. Total-3.

Leaves of absence were granted to Representatives Arnold, Hulum and Turner.

A quorum was present.

On motion of Rep. Powell, the reading of the journal of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved by unanimous consent.

On motion of Rep. Haney and by unanimous consent, the reading of the introductions of the previous day was dispensed with, and the same stood approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has PASSED AND TRANSMITS herewith the following:

H. B. No. 4053: Suffrage; restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County.

H. B. No. 4099: Suffrage; restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County.

H. B. No. 4124: Suffrage; restore to Tony Qualls of Humphreys County.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced by members whose names immediately precede the same and, under a suspension of the Rules, were read twice, as required by the Constitution, and referred to the committees, the names of which immediately follow the same:

NO INTRODUCTIONS FOR SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

Rep. Shanks called up the following entitled resolutions reported by the Rules Committee:

H. R. No. 156: West Union Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A Cross Country State Championship.

H. R. No. 157: Myrtle High School Girls Cross Country Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 158: Ingomar Attendance Center Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 2023-2024 Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 159: Ingomar Attendance Center Girls Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championship.

H. R. No. 160: Ingomar High School Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship.

H. R. No. 161: East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 162: Germantown High School Robotics Team; commend for winning Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship.

The foregoing resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Rep. Shanks unanimous consent was granted of immediate release of:

H. R. No. 156: West Union Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A Cross Country State Championship.

H. R. No. 157: Myrtle High School Girls Cross Country Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 158: Ingomar Attendance Center Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 2023-2024 Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 159: Ingomar Attendance Center Girls Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championship.

H. R. No. 160: Ingomar High School Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship.

H. R. No. 161: East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 162: Germantown High School Robotics Team; commend for winning Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish.

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate.

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services.

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for.

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA).

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as.

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death.

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of.

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of.

H. B. No. 4057: Suffrage; restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

Rep. Charles Young, Jr., made closing remarks to the House.

Representatives Aguirre, Boyd R and Turner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Markel Whittington, which motion prevailed.

Representative McLean moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Julia Stuart Marshall Phillips, Kenneth Aldridge, and Rita Marie Douglass, which motion prevailed.

Representative Mims moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Carwell "Dubbs" Traylor, which motion prevailed.

Representatives Varner and Yancey moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of John B. Sandifer, which motion prevailed.

Representative Varner moved that adjournment of the House be in memory of Shirley Bowen, which motion prevailed.

At 9:15 AM on motion of Rep. Shanks the House adjourned Sine Die, with the Journal left open, until the last bill has been received from Governor Tate Reeves.

ANDREW KETCHINGS, Clerk

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

(DID NOT CONVENE)

The House did not convene on Monday, May 6, 2024, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

H. B. No. 1705: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

H. B. No. 1854: Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities.

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

Adopted: 05/03/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE on the following:

S. B. No. 2468: Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers.

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

S. B. No. 3070: Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities.

Adopted: 05/03/24

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person.

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds.

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds.

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members.

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

H. B. No. 1705: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds in the treasury.

H. B. No. 1707: 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of.

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of.

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of.

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of.

H. B. No. 1830: Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24.

H. B. No. 1854: Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities.

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 4053: Suffrage; restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County.

H. B. No. 4056: Suffrage; restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County.

H. B. No. 4080: Suffrage; restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4083: Suffrage; restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4085: Suffrage; restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County.

H. B. No. 4089: Suffrage; restore to Walter Lewis of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4095: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County.

H. B. No. 4098: Suffrage; restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County.

H. B. No. 4099: Suffrage; restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County.

H. B. No. 4100: Suffrage; restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County.

H. B. No. 4101: Suffrage; restore to Tony Lavell Smith of Noxubee County.

H. B. No. 4103: Suffrage; restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. B. No. 4104: Suffrage; restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County.

H. B. No. 4111: Suffrage; restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County.

H. B. No. 4118: Suffrage; restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County.

H. B. No. 4124: Suffrage; restore to Tony Qualls of Humphreys County.

H. B. No. 4129: City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2022: Juvenile offenders and district attorneys; revise provisions related to.

S. B. No. 2130: Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from cancelling or denying coverage solely due to roof's age.

S. B. No. 3017: Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of.

S. B. No. 3041: Appropriation; Gaming Commission.

S. B. No. 3045: Appropriation; Veterans Affairs Board.

S. B. No. 3046: Appropriation; Audit, Department of.

S. B. No. 3047: Appropriation; Revenue, Department of.

S. B. No. 3048: Appropriation; Secretary of State.

S. B. No. 3083: Suffrage; restore to Larry Sills.

S. B. No. 3222: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Robert Maxwell.

S. B. No. 3223: Suffrage; restore suffrage to Dewitt Cooperwood.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 147: Eris T. Sims; commend upon being the NAACP Chief of Staff and for numerous accomplishments with the NAACP.

H. R. No. 153: Rockford (Rocky) Vaughn; commend for designing the new Mississippi State Flag.

H. R. No. 154: Lafayette High School Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship.

H. R. No. 155: Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon the passing of.

H. R. No. 156: West Union Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A Cross Country State Championship.

H. R. No. 157: Myrtle High School Girls Cross Country Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship.

H. R. No. 158: Ingomar Attendance Center Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 2023-2024 Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 159: Ingomar Attendance Center Girls Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championship.

H. R. No. 160: Ingomar High School Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

H. R. No. 161: East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship.

H. R. No. 162: Germantown High School Robotics Team; commend for winning Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2873: Medical records retention requirements; provide for.

S. B. No. 3025: Appropriation; Funeral Services Board.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2144: Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement.

S. B. No. 2285: Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale.

S. B. No. 2405: Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits under certain conditions.

S. B. No. 2648: Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments.

S. B. No. 2792: Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force.

S. B. No. 2803: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area."

S. B. No. 3022: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of.

S. B. No. 3026: Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional.

S. B. No. 3039: Appropriation; Corrections, Department of.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2468: Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds.

S. B. No. 2487: The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to.

S. B. No. 2753: SAFER Act; enact.

S. B. No. 3012: Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of.

S. B. No. 3013: Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid.

S. B. No. 3015: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses.

S. B. No. 3162: Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measures and now presents them for your signature:

S. B. No. 2848: ARPA programs; revise related programs, provide procedure of unobligated funds, and transfer certain funds.

S. B. No. 3006: Appropriation; IHL - General support.

S. B. No. 3016: Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges.

S. B. No. 3054: Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of.

S. B. No. 3056: Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

(DID NOT CONVENE)

The House did not convene on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 295: Arrest warrants; authorize electronic applications, signatures and records for. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:58 AM

H. B. No. 297: Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; revise bidding procedure. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 3:40 PM

H. B. No. 315: Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:45 AM

H. B. No. 438: Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:03 AM

H. B. No. 691: Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:09 AM

H. B. No. 764: State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:00 AM

H. B. No. 770: MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:46 AM

H. B. No. 776: Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise certain provisions regarding authority of municipalities and counties under. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:10 AM

H. B. No. 1088: Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:12 AM

H. B. No. 1123: MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:47 AM

H. B. No. 1137: Opioid antagonists; authorize community organizations and others to receive and administer. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:02 AM

H. B. No. 1161: Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:04 AM

H. B. No. 1315: MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); require audit of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:15 AM

H. B. No. 1408: Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:06 AM

H. B. No. 1567: Workforce development; revise various provisions related to. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:16 AM

H. B. No. 1640: Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:07 AM

H. B. No. 1720: City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:47 AM

H. B. No. 1764: Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:19 AM

H. B. No. 1777: Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:27 AM

H. B. No. 1780: Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:28 AM

H. B. No. 1781: Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:29 AM

H. B. No. 1782: Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:30 AM

H. B. No. 1784: Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:31 AM

H. B. No. 1785: Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:32 AM

H. B. No. 1786: Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:33 AM

H. B. No. 1789: Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:34 AM

H. B. No. 1790: Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:35 AM

H. B. No. 1792: Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:36 AM

H. B. No. 1795: Appropriation; Cosmetology and Barbering, Board of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:37 AM

H. B. No. 1801: Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:38 AM

H. B. No. 1802: Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:39 AM

H. B. No. 1803: Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:40 AM

H. B. No. 1804: Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:41 AM

H. B. No. 1805: Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:42 AM

H. B. No. 1806: Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:43 AM

H. B. No. 1807: Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:44 AM

H. B. No. 1808: Appropriation; Real Estate Commission. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:46 AM

H. B. No. 1810: Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:48 AM

H. B. No. 1811: Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:49 AM

H. B. No. 1821: Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 11:50 AM

H. B. No. 1949: Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:57 AM

H. B. No. 1951: Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:58 AM

H. B. No. 1952: Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 9:59 AM

H. B. No. 4130: "Mississippi Student Funding Formula"; create to provide funding mechanism for public schools. Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 10:25 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Wednesday, May 8, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bill was purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

H. B. No. 1487: Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

(DID NOT CONVENE)

The House did not convene on Friday, May 10, 2024, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, May 10, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 1814: Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Thursday, May 9, 2024, 3:45 PM

H. B. No. 1815: Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Thursday, May 9, 2024, 3:47 PM

H. B. No. 1819: Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Thursday, May 9, 2024, 3:49 PM

H. B. No. 1820: Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Thursday, May 9, 2024, 3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Friday, May 10, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 765: MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on. Friday, May 10, 2024, 8:00 AM

H. B. No. 1003: Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for. Friday, May 10, 2024, 8:05 AM

H. B. No. 1589: Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping. Friday, May 10, 2024, 8:06 AM

H. B. No. 1681: Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway." Friday, May 10, 2024, 8:08 AM

H. B. No. 1776: Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:30 AM

H. B. No. 1778: Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:30 AM

H. B. No. 1787: Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:33 AM

H. B. No. 1788: Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:36 AM

H. B. No. 1794: Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:40 AM

H. B. No. 1797: Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:43 AM

H. B. No. 1798: Appropriation; Fire Academy. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:45 AM

H. B. No. 1799: Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:48 AM

H. B. No. 1809: Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:51 AM

H. B. No. 1812: Appropriation; Attorney General. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:52 AM

H. B. No. 1817: Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Friday, May 10, 2024, 10:16 AM

H. B. No. 1818: Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:54 AM

H. B. No. 1822: Appropriation; Arts Commission. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:55 AM

H. B. No. 1824: Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:56 AM

H. B. No. 1825: Appropriation; Library Commission. Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:57 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

(DID NOT CONVENE)

The House did not convene on Monday, May 13, 2024, however the following messages were received:

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, May 13, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that the following House Bills were purposely left unsigned, and will become a part of the laws of Mississippi, without the approval signature of the Governor:

H. B. No. 292: DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted.

H. B. No. 1406: Absentee voting; revise various provisions of.

H. B. No. 1647: Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit.

H. B. No. 4056: Suffrage; restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County.

H. B. No. 4057: Suffrage; restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County.

H. B. No. 4080: Suffrage; restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4083: Suffrage; restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4085: Suffrage; restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County.

H. B. No. 4089: Suffrage; restore to Walter Lewis of Hinds County.

H. B. No. 4095: Suffrage; restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County.

H. B. No. 4098: Suffrage; restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County.

H. B. No. 4101: Suffrage; restore to Tony Lavell Smith of Noxubee County.

H. B. No. 4103: Suffrage; restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County.

H. B. No. 4111: Suffrage; restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County.

H. B. No. 4118: Suffrage; restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County.

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
Monday, May 13, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 346: "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:00 AM

H. B. No. 1004: Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:04 AM

H. B. No. 1163: Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:07 AM

H. B. No. 1208: Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:11 AM

H. B. No. 1229: Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealer on educational scholarship accounts (ESA). Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:20 AM

H. B. No. 1323: Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:25 AM

H. B. No. 1354: Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:30 AM

H. B. No. 1357: Department of Agriculture; revise authority to spend certain funds. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:38 AM

H. B. No. 1417: Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:45 AM

H. B. No. 1450: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:47 AM

H. B. No. 1542: Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:48 AM

H. B. No. 1624: Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:50 AM

H. B. No. 1705: Budget; provide for various transfers of funds, and create various special funds in the treasury. Monday, May 13, 2024, 10:07 AM

H. B. No. 1783: Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Monday, May 13, 2024, 1:30 PM

H. B. No. 1791: Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Monday, May 13, 2024, 1:32 PM

H. B. No. 1796: Appropriation; Health, Department of. Monday, May 13, 2024, 1:40 PM

H. B. No. 1800: Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Monday, May 13, 2024, 1:40 PM

H. B. No. 1823: Appropriation; Education, Department of. Monday, May 13, 2024, 1:45 PM

H. B. No. 1826: Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Monday, May 13, 2024, 1:50 PM

H. B. No. 1854: Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities. Monday, May 13, 2024, 11:54 AM

H. B. No. 1983: Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes. Monday, May 13, 2024, 10:00 AM

H. B. No. 4100: Suffrage; restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County. Monday, May 13, 2024, 9:51 AM

H. B. No. 4129: City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation. Monday, May 13, 2024, 12:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

May 13, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1830

I am returning House Bill 1830: "AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF GENERAL FUNDS AND SPECIAL FUNDS TO DEFRAY THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor

by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution.” Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

I am vetoing Section 1 (Lines 7-15) providing a \$14,025,000 appropriation to the Secretary of State for grants from the Secretary of State Land Improvement Fund.

Article IV, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution states: “The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law.” The removal of this separate, distinct and complete appropriation does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 1830. See Reeves, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,
TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR
4:45 p.m.

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR
May 13, 2024

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has vetoed the following House Bills on May 13, 2024:

H.B. 4053: Suffrage; restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County. (signed 9:37 a.m.)

H.B. 4099: Suffrage; restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County. (signed 9:39 a.m.)

H.B. 4104: Suffrage; restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County. (signed 9:40 a.m.)

H.B. 4124: Suffrage; restore to Tony Qualls of Humphreys County. (signed 9:41 a.m.)

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Zirulnik, Legislative Aide

May 13, 2024

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR'S PARTIAL VETO MESSAGE FOR HOUSE BILL 1707

I am returning House Bill 1707: “AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 28 OF CHAPTER 549, LAWS OF 2023, TO CLARIFY AND CORRECT NAMES AND PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROJECTS FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 549, LAWS OF 2023, TO REVISE THE PURPOSE OF A CERTAIN PROJECT FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2022 IHL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 27-104-373, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT CONTRACTS OR PURCHASES FOR PROJECTS FUNDED WITH MONIES DISBURSED FROM THE 2023 LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS FUND THAT INVOLVE EXPENDITURES ABOVE CERTAIN AMOUNTS MUST BE MADE AFTER OBTAINING COMPETITIVE WRITTEN BIDS; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-185, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 DESOTO COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND SHALL

BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-187, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 LAFAYETTE COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-189, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES IN THE 2023 GULFPORT COMMERCE CORRIDOR FUND SHALL BE USED BY THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION; TO AMEND SECTION 31-7-13, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, AS AMENDED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 297 AND SENATE BILL NO. 2486, 2024 REGULAR SESSION, TO MAKE SEVERAL TECHNICAL CHANGES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT PROJECTS UNDER THE PUBLIC PURCHASING LAW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES" partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution as an "exercise of the authority endowed the office of the Governor by the people of Mississippi in our Constitution." Governor Reeves v. Representative Gunn and Representative White, 307 So.3d 436, 439-442 (Miss. 2020).

On April 21, 2023, I returned House Bill 603, 2023 Regular Session, an appropriations bill, partly approved and partly not approved pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution of 1890. Specifically, I exercised my line-item veto authority to disapprove six of the more than four hundred separate, distinct and complete appropriations contained in Section 28 of that bill. The House did not attempt to override these line-item vetoes or otherwise call into question the legality of the use of my authority pursuant to Article 4, Section 73 to veto parts of that appropriation bill.

The short title for House Bill 1707 states that Section 1 is adopted "to clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded with monies disbursed from the 2023 Local Improvements Project Fund," the very same appropriations that were contained in Section 28 of House Bill 603, 2023 Regular Session. Despite the fact that six of those appropriations were previously vetoed, all six are contained in Section 1 of House Bill 1707. While I believe this clarifying and correcting of names for certain projects does not reauthorize those appropriations that no longer exist, to avoid any legal ambiguity, I am again vetoing the following appropriations:

- Section 1(m) (Lines 75-77) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to pay costs associated with renovations and upgrades for the Jackson Planetarium.
- Section 1(bz) (Lines 302-305) providing a \$500,000 appropriation to the City of Greenville, Mississippi to pay costs associated with repairs and renovations to Frisby Park, Greenville Municipal, Maude Bryan Park and Rounds Park.
- Section 1(gv) (Lines 764-768) providing a \$500,000 appropriation to the Mississippi Development Authority for the purpose of providing funding to WISPR Systems in Batesville, Mississippi, for research and development to expand its current small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) manufacturing capabilities in Mississippi.
- Section 1(hv) (Lines 860-863) providing a \$300,000 appropriation to the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration to pay costs associated with the program established under Section 3 of House Bill No. 419, 2023 Regular Session.
- Section 1(jl) (Lines 994-996) providing a \$600,000 appropriation to Greene County to assist in paying costs associated with the rehabilitation and repair of the Greene County Rural Events Center.
- Section 1(kp) (Lines 1085-1087) providing a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the City of Jackson, Mississippi to assist in paying costs associated with repairs, renovations and upgrades to the Jackson Planetarium.

Article 4, Section 73 of the Mississippi Constitution states: "The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill, and approve parts of the same, and the portions

approved shall be law.” The removal of these separate, distinct and complete appropriations does not affect any other appropriations in House Bill 1707. See Reeves, 307 So.3d at 442.

Respectfully submitted,
TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR
10:22 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

(DID NOT CONVENE)

The House did not convene on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, however the following messages were received:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS

Mr. Speaker: The Committee on Enrolled Bills has found correctly enrolled the following entitled measure and now presents it for your signature:

S. B. No. 3228: Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes.

STEPHEN A. HORNE, Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has CONCURRED IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT to the following:

S. B. No. 3228: Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes.

Amanda White, Secretary of the Senate

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Speaker announced the following committee assignments:

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Rep. Donnie Bell
Rep. Cedric Burnett
Rep. Becky Currie
Rep. Casey Eure
Rep. Kevin Felsner
Rep. Kevin Ford
Rep. Stacey Wilkes

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CERTIFICATE OF NEED

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Rep. Hank Zube, Co-Chair
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Rep. Jonathan Lancaster
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HISTORY OF HOUSE ACTIONS ON ALL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

PART I**History of Actions on All Legislative
Matters Considered by the House**

Titles of all House bills in this part of the index are condensed and appear in numerical order, showing the authors and the committees to which they were referred. House bills with more than two authors will reflect only the first recorded author. Senate bill numbers begin at 2001, so as to prevent duplication of House bill numbers.

Titles of all Senate bills which reached the House are condensed and appear in numerical order in this part of the index, showing the committees to which they were referred.

Following these titles are abbreviations indicating actions on the bills, followed by figures showing the pages in the Journal where such actions will be found. Explanations of these abbreviations are shown below. The chapter in the General Laws or in the Local and Private Laws, as the case may be, is shown for each bill which became law. The General Laws and the Local and Private Laws are published in separate volumes.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

AA	- Author added	MRCL	- Motion to recommit lost
AD	- Adopted without record vote	MRT	- Motion to reconsider tabled
AP	- Approved by Governor	MRWD	- Motion to reconsider withdrawn
BWLS	- Law without Governor's Signature	MTL	- Motion to table lost
CE	- Consent to correct error	MTLT	- Motion to lay on table
CR	- Committee Report	MTLTL	- Motion to lay on table lost
CRA	- Conference Report Adopted	PO	- Point of order
CRO	- Conference Report Offered	POWD	- Point of order withdrawn
CU	- Called up	PV	- Governor partially vetoed
EV	- Explanation of Vote	R	- Reconsidered
F	- Failed	RC	- Recommitted
HC	- House concurred in Senate amendment	RF	- Referred to committee
HCA	- House Committee or Conferees appointed	RRB	- Request return of bill by Senate
HRC	- House requested conference	RS	- Received from Senate
HRFC	- House recommitted for further conference	RTT	- Read the third time
I	- Introduced	SC	- Sen. concurred in House amend.
IR	- Immediate Release	SCA	- Senate conferees appointed
JI	- Journal Insertion	SCRA	- Senate conference report adopted
LTSC	- Laid on table subject to call	SR	- Speaker's ruling
MAC	- Motion to advance on calendar	SRC	- Senate refused to concur and requested conference
MHC	- Moved to heel of Calendar	SRFC	- Senate recommitted for further conference
ML	- Motion lost	T	- Tabled
MPIL	- Motion to postpone indefinitely	V	- Yea or Nay vote on a bill
MR	- Motion to reconsider entered	Veto	- Vetoed by Governor
MRL	- Motion to reconsider lost		

A. HOUSE BILLS**H. B. No.**

1 - (County Affairs) Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector; remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. Clark. 145.

2 - (County Affairs) Counties; authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. Clark. 145.

HISTORY OF HOUSE ACTIONS ON ALL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

- 3 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. Scott. I46.
- 4 - (Corrections) Parolees who participate in faith-based or faith-based sponsored activities; authorize reduction of time spent on probation. Scott. I46.
- 5 - (Corrections) Earned-discharge credits; authorize offenders on probation/parole to earn for participation in faith-based activities. Scott. I46.
- 6 - (Corrections) Joint state-county work programs; require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. Clark. I46.
- 7 - (Insurance) Health insurers; require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. Hines. I46.
- 8 - (Insurance) Health insurance policies; require coverage for certain obesity treatments. Clark. I46.
- 9 - (Insurance) Property insurance; authorize appraisal panel to determine value of property and amount of loss, including issues of causation. Ladner. I46.
- 10 - (Insurance) Workers' compensation; revise amount allowed for disability or death cases. Scott. I46.
- 11 - (Insurance) Health insurance; require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. Currie. I46.
- 12 - (Insurance) State Health Plan; provide coverage for prosthetic teeth and dental implants for children with oligodontia. Currie. I46.
- 13 - (Insurance) Health Insurance policies; require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. Currie. I46.
- 14 - (Workforce Development) Income tax; authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. Faulkner. I46.
- 15 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Skill Standards Board; create an advisory board on industry standards. Clark. I46.
- 16 - (Workforce Development) Fair Minimum Wage Act; create. Osborne. I46.
- 17 - (Public Health and Human Services) DPS; require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder. Bell (65th). I46.
- 18 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Human Services; create a board of directors for. Hines. I46.
- 19 - (Public Health and Human Services) Licensed professional counselors; revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain requirements. Hines. I46.
- 20 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care facilities; require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. Hines. I47.
- 21 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health; require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. Scott. I47.

HISTORY OF HOUSE ACTIONS ON ALL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

- 22 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Board of Human Services; create. Hines. I47.
- 23 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; authorize for nursing home in Jones County. Scott. I47.
- 24 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nursing education; unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. Scott. I47.
- 25 - (Public Health and Human Services) SNAP and TANF recipients; require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. Scott. I47.
- 26 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. Scott. I47.
- 27 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. Hines. I47.
- 28 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Department of Human Services employees; remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. Hines. I47.
- 29 - (Public Health and Human Services) Healthcare Coordinating Council; reconstitute and require to make report on specific health goals for the state. Scott. I47.
- 30 - (Public Health and Human Services) Children's Advocacy Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Scott. I47.
- 31 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; prohibit advertisement for. Newman. I47.
- 32 - (Public Health and Human Services) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide contraceptive supplies. Currie. I47.
- 33 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health; State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of gender and racial groups. Hines. I47.
- 34 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medical records; persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. Hines. I47.
- 35 - (Public Health and Human Services) Chronic diseases; direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs in certain counties. Hines. I48.
- 36 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. Clark. I48.
- 37 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; delete requirement for physician's referral before performing services. Currie. I48. CR266. CU367. V367.
- 38 - (Public Health and Human Services) Long-term care facilities; require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. Hines. I48.
- 39 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health and human services agencies; require to prepare video with nutrition and healthy eating information for benefit recipients. Scott. I48.

HISTORY OF HOUSE ACTIONS ON ALL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

- 40 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act; create. Hale. I48.
- 41 - (Public Health and Human Services) Podiatrist; authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements. Barton. I48. CR336. CU486. V486.
- 42 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program; increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. Steverson. I48. CR265. CU363. V364.
- 43 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Kinkade. I48. CR153. CU171. V171.
- 44 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. Roberson. I48. CR266. CU367. LTSC367. AP504. AP504. AP504.
- 45 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; require referral for services to remain valid for one year. Currie. I48.
- 46 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2024; create. Clark. I48.
- 47 - (Judiciary A) The Crown Act; create to include property sales. Scott. I48.
- 48 - (Judiciary A) Residential subdivisions; authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. Lamar. I48. CR300. CU491. V491.
- 49 - (Judiciary A) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Paden. I48.
- 50 - (Judiciary A) Child support for pregnant women; provide authority to allow court to order. Currie. I48.
- 51 - (Rules) State holiday; exclusively recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on the third Monday of January. Karriem. I48.
- 52 - (Judiciary B) Firearms and weapons; authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or motor vehicle. Burnett. I49.
- 53 - (Gaming) Lottery; clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. Burnett. I49.
- 54 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes. Burnett. I49.
- 55 - (Judiciary A) Retired judges; authorize to solemnize marriages. Burnett. I49.
- 56 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. Burnett. I49.
- 57 - (Constitution) Disenfranchising crimes; clarify those that qualify as. Karriem. I49.
- 58 - (Constitution) Expungement; authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. Karriem. I49.

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59 - (Constitution) Expungement; remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. Karriem. I49.

60 - (Judiciary A) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license for those suspended due to noncompliance with an order of support. Karriem. I49.

61 - (Municipalities) Body-worn cameras; require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs. Karriem. I49.

62 - (Constitution) Expungement; revise list of eligible crimes. Karriem. I49.

63 - (Transportation) Driver's license; revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. Karriem. I49.

64 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballots; revise those who are authorized to vote by. Karriem. I49.

65 - (Education) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Karriem. I49.

66 - (Education) High school curriculum; require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. Karriem. I49.

67 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$15.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Karriem. I49.

68 - (Rules) State holiday; observe Robert E. Lee's birthday on the same day as Confederate Memorial Day. Karriem. I49.

69 - (Judiciary B) Embezzlement; revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. Mickens. I50.

70 - (Education) Corporal punishment; prohibit in public and charter schools. Mickens. I50.

71 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Mickens. I50.

72 - (Business and Commerce) Fresh Start Act of 2019; revise to prohibit licensing authority from requiring the disclosure of certain information and allow individual to offer certain information. Mickens. I50.

73 - (Education) School attendance officers; transfer responsibility of employment from MDE to local school districts. Owen. I50. CR283. CU521. V522.

74 - (Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway". Mickens. I50. CR237. CU379. V379. RS712. SS761. AP921.

75 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway." Mickens. I50. CR237. CU380. V380. RS713. SS761. AP921.

76 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physical therapists; revise circumstances and criteria under which they may implement treatment without a referral. Currie. I50.

77 - (Business and Commerce) Mississippi Fair Housing Act; create. Scott. I50.

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78 - (Housing) Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program; create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. Clark. I50.

79 - (Housing) Housing repair grant program; authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income individuals for home repairs. Clark. I50.

80 - (Judiciary B) Presumption of death; create for missing persons who have undergone a catastrophic event causing imminent peril. Currie. I50. CR160. CU190. V190.

81 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with purchase of a fire truck for Ingram Volunteer Fire Department. Turner. I50.

82 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 6105 water line replacement project. Turner. I50.

83 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Brickyard Street. Turner. I50.

84 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Ripley Road. Turner. I51.

85 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin paving Cox Street. Turner. I51.

86 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Bluebell Street. Turner. I51.

87 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Thomas Street. Turner. I51.

88 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with purchase fire fighting and fire protection equipment. Turner. I51.

89 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving South Second Street. Turner. I51.

90 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 170 gas line extension project. Turner. I51.

91 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 167 gas line extension project. Turner. I51.

92 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving North Second Street. Turner. I51.

93 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Smithy Drive. Turner. I51.

94 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Turner. I51.

95 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Poplar Street. Turner. I51.

96 - (Judiciary B) State identification for homeless persons; authorize. Summers. I51.

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97 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Summers. I51.

98 - (Public Health and Human Services) Disabilities, persons with; modernize terminology used to refer to. Clark. I51.

99 - (Municipalities) "Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act"; create. Clark. I51.

100 - (Business and Commerce) Retailers; prohibit use of self-checkout terminals to scan consumer's driver's licenses to verify age. Hines. I51.

101 - (Business and Commerce) Patent confirmation process; fees and costs associated with shall not be more than amount for which the land was purchased. Scott. I51.

102 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. Hines. I52.

103 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. Clark. I52.

104 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. Roberson. I52.

105 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. Roberson. I52.

106 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize and establish the process for. Summers. I52.

107 - (Business and Commerce) Motor vehicle license tag; authorize dealers to issue temporary tags to purchasers. Summers. I52.

108 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal child income tax credit. Summers. I52.

109 - (Transportation) "Mason Wilbanks Emergency Personnel Observation Memorial Law"; designate provision requiring right-of-way observance for emergency vehicles as. Hale. I52.

110 - (Judiciary B) Custodial Interrogations Act; create and authorize electric recording of. Osborne. I52.

111 - (Education) School Boards; authorize to enter into long-term contract for sale of timber on 16th section lands. Wallace. I52.

112 - (Corrections) Parole Board hearings; provide that required notification be sent via certified mail to crime victim and immediate family members of homicide victim. Wallace. I52.

113 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan. Wallace. I52.

114 - (Corrections) State Parole Board; dissolve and reconstitute membership of. Wallace. I52.

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- 115 - (State Affairs) Juneteenth National Independence Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Scott. I52.
- 116 - (State Affairs) Mississippi Development Authority; require to conduct review of infrastructures in counties with high rates of poverty. Scott. I52.
- 117 - (State Affairs) Mississippi Work and Save Program; create. Steverson. I52.
- 118 - (Transportation) Driver's license; prescribe information to be included on and authorize discretionary inclusion of blood type. Thompson. I52.
- 119 - (Transportation) Mississippi Transit Corporation; establish and create study committee. Bell (65th). I53.
- 120 - (Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway." Thompson. I53. CR237. CU380. V380. RS852. HC883. HC883. SS950. AP1176.
- 121 - (Transportation) Motor vehicle lien; authorize mechanic to seek title from title loan company after nonpayment for services. Hines. I53.
- 122 - (Rules) State holidays; remove Confederate Memorial Day as a legal. Osborne. I53.
- 123 - (Rules) State holiday; if holiday falls on a Tuesday, then the day before such Tuesday shall also be a holiday. Paden. I53.
- 124 - (Rules) Tuskegee Airmen Day; designate the fourth Thursday in March. Hulum. I53. CR170. CU181. V181. AA182. RS438. SS495. AP583.
- 125 - (Rules) Juneteenth Freedom Day; designate June 19 as. Clark. I53.
- 126 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Child Care Advisory Council; require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. Hines. I53.
- 127 - (Universities and Colleges) State-supported postsecondary educational institutions; prohibit spending on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Currie. I53.
- 128 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. Hines. I53.
- 129 - (Universities and Colleges) Military education credits and certifications; require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of. Hines. I53.
- 130 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Publication for bid process for banks seeking to become depository for funds of local governments; clarify. Bell (21st). I53.
- 131 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Lobbying; prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. Zuber. I53.
- 132 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the State Auditor. Zuber. I53.
- 133 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Accountability and Transparency Act; revise to include certain counties and municipalities. Zuber. I53.

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134 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Charitable organizations; revise the registration renewal period of certain from every year to every 3 to 5 years. Thompson. I53.

135 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) "Ban-the-Box Act"; create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. Scott. I54.

136 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barbering; merge into one board. Currie. I54.

137 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Employment; prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. Osborne. I54.

138 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) 911 calls; require a public body to transcribe and release to the public if certain information redacted. Roberson. I54.

139 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Children's services and programs; require all state agencies to provide information relating to such in a list to the Legislature. Scott. I54.

140 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; establish procedure for automatic registration of voters. Faulkner. I54.

141 - (Apportionment and Elections) Blank space on ballots; remove and provide supplementary ballot if a candidate is removed from race after ballots are printed. Scott. I54.

142 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; require candidates for county, county district and municipal offices to file with Secretary of State. Zuber. I54.

143 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; shall be available on county and municipal websites. Zuber. I54.

144 - (Apportionment and Elections) Termination reports; require a candidate to be disqualified if he or she files while campaigning. Steverson. I54.

145 - (Apportionment and Elections) Same-day voter registration; authorize. Scott. I54.

146 - (Judiciary A) Litigation funding by third parties; require all parties liable for costs. Lamar. I54.

147 - (Judiciary A) Unauthorized aliens; penalize transport into state by any person and prohibit forgery of documents. Currie. I54.

148 - (Judiciary A) Weddings; authorize members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate to solemnize. Zuber. I54.

149 - (Judiciary A) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. Clark. I54.

150 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. Bell (65th). I54.

151 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new elementary school for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. Thompson. I55.

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152 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Dr. Timothy Burrow Multipurpose Building in Jonestown. Paden. I55.

153 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with restriping and overlay of a portion of Friars Point Road. Paden. I55.

154 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. Faulkner. I55.

155 - (Ways and Means) Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program; include municipal natural gas facilities. Faulkner. I55. CR269. CU305. V305. RS713. SS761. AP921.

156 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. Bell (65th). I55.

157 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Verona with site development related to the Old Town Crossing Project. Thompson. I55.

158 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Bell (65th). I55.

159 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a dormitory at Coahoma Community College. Paden. I55.

160 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe with repair and renovation of town park. Hines. I55.

161 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with repair and renovation of city parks and golf course. Hines. I55.

162 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. Thompson. I55.

163 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Martin Luther King Park. Paden. I55.

164 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar County and Washington County. Hines. I55.

165 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Sasse Park. Paden. I55.

166 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. Scott. I55.

167 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal election commissioners; revise appointments of. Scott. I56.

168 - (Apportionment and Elections) Appointed state officers; provide for the removal of for certain forms of willful neglect. Ladner. I56.

169 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; require those filed by all candidates to be available online. Ladner. I56.

170 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Scott. I56.

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171 - (Apportionment and Elections) Mississippi Voter Protection Act; create. Osborne. I56.

172 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize at the office of the registrar and additional early voting polling places. Osborne. I56.

173 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Alligator for the 2022 water and sewer improvement project. Paden. I56. I84.

174 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health plans; prohibit from imposing fees on health care providers for electronic fund transfers. Currie. I56.

175 - (Workforce Development) Mississippi Act WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) Scholarship Program; create. Currie. I56.

176 - (Education) Gender dysphoria; require school personnel to notify parents of student who request to be referred to as different gender or nonhuman. Blackwell. I56.

177 - (Public Health and Human Services) Dietician Licensure Compact; create. Currie. I56. CR265. CU364. V364.

178 - (Transportation) Texting while driving; change from civil to traffic violation and increase penalty. Newman. I56.

179 - (Constitution) Right to vote; restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. Mickens. I56.

180 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Interlocal agreements concerning the use of services or facilities of certain county officials; require approval by officials before enforcement of. Anderson (122nd). I56.

181 - (Military Affairs) Disabled veterans; establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. Osborne. I56.

182 - (Military Affairs) Municipal Veterans Treatment Court; authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. Osborne. I56.

183 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Verona for site development work for Old Town Crossing Project. Thompson. I56.

184 - (Gaming) Video lottery terminals; authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. Hines. I57.

185 - (Youth and Family Affairs) Child Care for Working Families Study Committee; establish. Hines. I57.

186 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Natural Resource Camp Pilot Program Act of 2024; establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. Thompson. I57.

187 - (Public Utilities) Electric Power Association Law; bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. Hines. I57.

188 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; expand to nine members. Ladner. I57.

189 - (Interstate Cooperation) Daylight saving time; observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. Currie. I57.

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190 - (Education) Mississippi History and United States Government; require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. Hines. I57.

191 - (Education) Compulsory-school-age child; revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. Hines. I57.

192 - (Education) Student residency requirements; require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. Clark. I57.

193 - (Education) Statewide testing program; require tests to be translated and print into primary spoken language of ELL students. Hines. I57.

194 - (Education) "Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act"; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies. Lamar. I57.

195 - (Apportionment and Elections) Resolution board; revise time allowed to count certain absentee ballots. Scott. I57.

196 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballots; authorize executive committees to process for primary elections. Scott. I57.

197 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Reverse auction; revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing authorities. Bell (21st). I57.

198 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with improvements to its water and sewer systems. Hines. I57.

199 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Alligator with water and sewer project. Paden. I57.

200 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for public school improvements. Clark. I57.

201 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software and sales of feminine hygiene products. Scott. I58.

202 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Duncan with extending the walking trail in the town. Paden. I58.

203 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. Clark. I58.

204 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. Clark. I58.

205 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. Clark. I58.

206 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt on retail sales of certain electronic devices. Scott. I58.

207 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for City Plaza Project in Jackson. Bell (65th). I58.

208 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. Hines. I58.

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209 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. Faulkner. I58.

210 - (Ways and Means) Legislative Public Project Grant Program; create. Hines. I58.

211 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; exempt tag for supporters of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. from minimum purchase requirement. Bell (65th). I58.

212 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. Clark. I58.

213 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. Thompson. I58.

214 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. Thompson. I58.

215 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. Thompson. I58.

216 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist the Old Union Water Association with system improvements. Thompson. I58.

217 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Plantersville with certain projects. Thompson. I58.

218 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to 5th squad. Currie. I59.

219 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. Faulkner. I59.

220 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of certain equipment and items to volunteer fire departments. Owen. I59.

221 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State University. Osborne. I59.

222 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. Thompson. I59.

223 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. Currie. I59.

224 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Anderson (122nd). I59.

225 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; revise regulations for. Clark. I59.

226 - (Judiciary B) Malicious prosecution; require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. Hines. I59.

227 - (Judiciary B) Sexual harassment; create a state cause of action. Clark. I59.

228 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault; authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines. Zuber. I59.

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229 - (Judiciary B) DUI; authorize judicial discretion to increase fines for violations of. Zuber. I59.

230 - (Judiciary B) Chancey court; clarify authority to handle allegations of child abuse. Zuber. I59.

231 - (Judiciary B) Immigrants; prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. Currie. I59.

232 - (Education) School districts; require certain policies and alternative curriculum for those with the three lowest accountability ratings. Scott. I59.

233 - (Education) PEER; change reporting requirement on charter schools from annually to biennially. Currie. I59.

234 - (Education) Elementary professional school counselors; allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. Scott. I59.

235 - (Education) Comprehensive sex education; require teaching of in Grades K-12. Scott. I60.

236 - (Ways and Means) Helping Heroes Act; create to provide support to first responders and public EMS personnel diagnosed with PTSD. Ford (54th). I60.

237 - (Education) First grade enrollment; allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. Scott. I60.

238 - (Education) Eleventh Grade students; require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early release privilege eligibility. Scott. I60.

239 - (Education) Compulsory school attendance; require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize community service for violations. Scott. I60.

240 - (Education) School board members; authorize excused absences from board meetings in the event of family emergencies. Hines. I60.

241 - (Education) Youth and Community Safety Act; create. Hines. I60.

242 - (Education) Trimester School Year Pilot Program; establish. Clark. I60.

243 - (Education) MAEP; define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Clark. I60.

244 - (Education) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Clark. I60.

245 - (Education) Early Commitment to College Program; establish in schools and districts assigned an "F" accountability rating. Scott. I60.

246 - (Education) Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Act; create. Scott. I60.

247 - (Education) Social workers; provide in schools having high incidences of crime and via video conferencing means. Scott. I60.

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248 - (Education) School curriculum; require students to receive additional instruction in healthy living. Scott. I60.

249 - (Education) Public school curriculum; require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. Paden. I60.

250 - (Education) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create for administration of pre-ACT assessments in public schools. Scott. I60.

251 - (Education) School districts; require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I60.

252 - (Education) Dating violence; require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. Hines. I61.

253 - (Education) "Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act"; enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. Hines. I61.

254 - (Education) Prekindergarten; require State Department of Education to create the "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. Scott. I61.

255 - (Insurance) Workers' Compensation Law; increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. Hines. I61.

256 - (Education) "Dream Makers Program"; create as an after-school program for students in Grades 7 and 8. Scott. I61.

257 - (Education) "Mississippi Save Our Children Act"; create. Scott. I61.

258 - (Education) Homework; require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. Scott. I61.

259 - (Education) Public special purpose schools; exempt from certain audit requirements. Currie. I61.

260 - (Education) College and Career Readiness Planning Program; create. Scott. I61.

261 - (Education) Vision 2030: An Education Blueprint for Two Thousand Thirty; create. Scott. I61.

262 - (Education) Mathematic and science instruction; enhance through new middle school programs. Scott. I61.

263 - (Education) Hope Program; establish and develop system to re-enroll high school dropouts in programs leading to a high school diploma. Scott. I61.

264 - (Education) School boards; prohibit from adopting policies requiring students to conceal identity of outside commercial food and beverages. Currie. I61.

265 - (Education) Summer Youth Training Employment Program; authorize school districts to establish. Scott. I61.

266 - (Education) Mississippi High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2024; create. Scott. I61.

267 - (Education) "Mississippi Senior Cadets Program"; require State Department of Education to establish. Scott. I61.

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268 - (Education) "Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program"; create under State Department of Education. Scott. I61.

269 - (Education) School curriculum; require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. Scott. I61.

270 - (Education) School attendance; require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. Scott. I62.

271 - (Gaming) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. Burnett. I62.

272 - (Business and Commerce) Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding payment and retainage. Bell (21st). I62.

273 - (Judiciary B) State identification; authorize permanent identification for permanent residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Anderson (122nd). I62.

274 - (Judiciary B) "Jennifer's Law"; enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas. Thompson. I62.

275 - (Judiciary B) Firearms licensed; require proof of mental health evaluation. Paden. I62.

276 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Scott. I62.

277 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; provide civil penalty for. Scott. I62.

278 - (Judiciary B) Misdemeanors; revise age of expungement for. Scott. I62.

279 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; revise age for misdemeanor crimes for. Scott. I62.

280 - (Judiciary B) Cyberstalking; revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. Hines. I62.

281 - (Judiciary B) Life jackets; increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. Clark. I62.

282 - (Judiciary B) Identity theft; establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. Clark. I62.

283 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Scott. I62.

284 - (Judiciary B) Delinquency of a minor; include causing a child to violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Law as. Scott. I62.

285 - (Judiciary B) Subsequent offense; revise how a first offense is calculated. Scott. I62.

286 - (Judiciary B) Sexual Battery; remove statute of limitations when DNA evidence is discovered. Owen. I62. CR160. CU190. V190. MR194. MRT326.

287 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act; create. Clark. I62.

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- 288 - (Judiciary B) The Ashley Henley Investigation Authority Act; create. Ladner. I62.
- 289 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove the statute of limitation for the crime of. Owen. I63.
- 290 - (Judiciary B) Racial Profiling Prevention Act; create. Osborne. I63.
- 291 - (Judiciary B) False allegations of hate crime; provide penalties for. Ladner. I63.
- 292 - (Judiciary B) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Roberson. I63. CR160. CU227. V227. RS712. HRC769. SCA853. SRFC1264. CRO1351. HRFC1351. CRO2018. CRA2026. SCRA2164. SS2165. BLWS2174.
- 293 - (Judiciary B) Amiya Braxton; revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. Thompson. I63.
- 294 - (Judiciary B) Indecent assault; create the crime of. Anderson (122nd). I63.
- 295 - (Judiciary B) Search warrant; authorize electronic application for and issuance of. Anderson (122nd). I63. CR131. CU162. V162. MR163. MRT172. RS852. HRC863. SCA923. CRO1192. CRA1193. SCRA1265. SS1915. AP2170.
- 296 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Commission on Wage Review; create. Hines. I63.
- 297 - (State Affairs) Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services; bring forward code sections related to. Zuber. I65. CR304. CU508. V508. RS830. HRC863. SCA924. SRFC1000. CRO1027. HRFC1027. SCRA1115. CRO1224. CRA1237. SS1843. AP2170.
- 298 - (Ways and Means) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. Crudup. I65. CR340. CU347. V347.
- 299 - (Forestry) Mississippi Forestry Commission; authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. Bounds. I65. CR226. CU241. V244. RS779. SS835. AP954.
- 300 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Department of Wildlife; authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees. Bounds. I65. CR154. CU193.
- 301 - (Judiciary B) Sheriffs and police officers; require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. Crudup. I66.
- 302 - (Universities and Colleges) "MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act"; bring forward. Bounds. I66. CR180. CU192. V192. IR192.
- 303 - (Banking and Financial Services) Central Bank Digital Currency; prohibit governmental entities from using. Blackwell. I66.
- 304 - (Military Affairs) Airport authorities; require transportation network companies to obtain pass from military facility to transport passengers to facility. Zuber. I66.
- 305 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales to/by any tribally chartered corporation or limited liability company of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Bounds. I66.

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306 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$8.50 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Brown. I66.

307 - (Insurance) Property and casualty insurance; require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured certain damages. Crudup. I66.

308 - (County Affairs) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; revise to remove eight rounds requirement. Ford (54th). I66. CR325. CU326. V326.

309 - (Judiciary A) Cemeteries on private property; provide right of access to for certain persons. Hulum. I66.

310 - (Transportation) Application for privilege license tag for vehicles; increase from seven to thirty working days. Ford (54th). I66. CR237. CU351. V351. RS712. HC781. HC781. SS844. AP954.

311 - (Business and Commerce) Board of Cosmetology; extend date of repealer and make technical changes to licensure law. Newman. I66.

312 - (Rules) Bobbie Gentry Day; declare June 3 as. Creekmore IV. I66.

313 - (Business and Commerce) Board of Cosmetology and Barbering; create to regulate cosmetology and barber professions. Newman. I66. CR188. CU239. V239. RS830. HC881. HC882. SS950. AP1176.

314 - (Judiciary A) Birth parents; release identifying information upon agreement by. Yancey. I66.

315 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Yancey. I66. CR265. CU365. V365. RS750. HRC784. SCA871. SCRA1115. CRO1223. CRA1223. SS1843. AP2170.

316 - (Education) Water safety; require public schools to provide parents and student information on importance of and availability of local courses. Yancey. I67.

317 - (Public Health and Human Services) EMS Memorial; Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Hobgood-Wilkes. I67. CR266. CU365. V365. RS713. SS761. AP921.

318 - (Judiciary B) "Fatherhood begins at Conception Act"; create. Roberson. I67.

319 - (Ways and Means) Distinguished motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Columbia Academy Cougars. Morgan. I67. CR269. CU306. V306.

320 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health benefit plans; prohibit from providing coverage or related services for clinician-administered drugs. Yancey. I67.

321 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for contributions made to certain hospitals. Yancey. I67.

322 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON law; remove certain health care facilities and services from. Yancey. I67.

323 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the CON law. Yancey. I67.

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324 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. Sanford. I67.

325 - (Judiciary A) Real property; right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. Sanford. I67. CR264. CU394. V394. RS779. SS835. AP954.

326 - (Universities and Colleges) "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act"; establish. Hobgood-Wilkes. I67.

327 - (Education) School board members; require all to be elected for term of four years at the statewide general election or presidential election. Owen. I67.

328 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. Powell. I75. CR303. CU322. V322. MR323. MRT326.

329 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday. Powell. I75. CR303. CU322. V322. MR323. MRT326.

330 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. Powell. I75.

331 - (County Affairs) Counties and municipalities; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Smith. I75. CR148. CU154. V154. MR154. MRT163. RS833. HRC884. SCA946.

332 - (Judiciary B) "Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund"; increase deposits into. Felsher. I75.

333 - (Judiciary B) Offenders in trusty status who have been convicted of felony child abuse; make ineligible to accumulate certain additional earned time. Felsher. I75.

334 - (Public Health and Human Services) Dental hygienists; authorize to work under the general supervision of a dentist in nursing homes. Felsher. I75. CR265.

335 - (Judiciary B) Arrest warrants; authorize electronic application, signatures and records for. Felsher. I75.

336 - (Judiciary A) Involuntary civil commitment; limit county's liability for cost of treatment of indigents. Felsher. I75.

337 - (Judiciary A) 988 Crisis Lifeline; require information regarding to be included on driver's licenses, permits and identification cards. Felsher. I75.

338 - (Public Health and Human Services) The Mississippi Fatherhood Initiative Fund; create. Felsher. I75.

339 - (Insurance) Health insurance; prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. Powell. I75.

340 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Local governments; prohibit from imposing penalties or fines on security companies when false security alarm occurs. Powell. I75.

341 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Powell. I76.

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342 - (Judiciary A) Recreational landowners; add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. Shanks. I76. CR333. CU492. V492. MR494. MRT546.

343 - (Judiciary B) The Missing Persons Reporting and Identification Act; create to require input of missing persons in NAMUS. Shanks. I76.

344 - (Judiciary B) Certificate of Foreign Birth; authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. Shanks. I76.

345 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault; add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. Shanks. I76.

346 - (Public Health and Human Services) "Seizure Safe Schools Act"; establish. Roberson. I76. CR336. CU435. V435. RS830. HRC865. SCA923. CRO1322. CRA1324. SCRA1846. SS2162. AP2175.

347 - (County Affairs) Legal holidays; increase number of days counties and municipalities may declare as in lieu of certain other holidays. Clark. I76.

348 - (Agriculture) "Mississippi Agricultural Land Protection and Foreign Acquisition Prohibition Act"; establish to prohibit sales of ag lands to foreign. Currie. I76.

349 - (Judiciary A) Squatted vehicles; prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. Shanks. I76. CR333. CU513. V513. RS838. HC929. HC929. SS972. AP1176.

350 - (Appropriations A) Yazoo Mississippi Delta Levee Board; revise per diem paid to board members. James-Jones. I76.

351 - (County Affairs) Land banks; authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. Banks. I76.

352 - (Rules) Indigenous Native American Day; declare the second Monday in October as. Banks. I76.

353 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority; repeal. Banks. I76.

354 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University campuses. Harness. I76.

355 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care; DHS shall transfer to CCDF the first \$40 Million of unspent TANF funds from prior FY to be used for child care vouchers. Porter. I76.

356 - (Education) School bus drivers; require to be trained and certified in first aid and CPR. Porter. I76.

357 - (Corrections) Conditions for parole eligibility and State Parole Board; revise repealers regarding. Porter. I77.

358 - (Constitution) Voter registration and suffrage restoration; authorize upon sentence completion and five years. Porter. I77.

359 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care services; provide eligibility for certain persons under the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP). Porter. I77.

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360 - (Public Utilities) Emergency communications districts; require to implement text-to-911 services by a certain date. Porter. 177.

361 - (Judiciary B) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Porter. 177.

362 - (Constitution) Voter registration; authorize upon completion of sentence. Porter. 177.

363 - (Apportionment and Elections) Secretary of State; require to provide election officials training on disenfranchising crimes. Porter. 177.

364 - (Judiciary B) Hate crimes; revise delineation of victim. McGee. 177.

365 - (Rules) Mississippi Musicians Month; designate the month of March each year as. McGee. 177. CR170. CU181. V181. RS439. SS495. AP583.

366 - (Judiciary B) The Second Amendment Preservation Act; create to provide that the Legislature preempts local firearms ordinances. Smith. 177.

367 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. Karriem. 177.

368 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Karriem. 177.

369 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. Byrd. 177.

370 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing; reduce license fees for certain disabled veterans. Hobgood-Wilkes. 177.

371 - (Military Affairs) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of and transfer powers of Veterans' Home Purchase Board to. Currie. 177.

372 - (Judiciary B) Courtroom proceeding; authorize video conferences for certain proceedings. Ford (54th). 177.

373 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for agricultural facilities and infrastructure upgrades at Alcorn State University. Harness. 178.

374 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction a Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture and Math Center at Alcorn State University. Harness. 178.

375 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the David L. Whitney Arena Complex and Wellness Center at Alcorn State University. Harness. 178.

376 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to Walter Washington Administration and Classroom Building at Alcorn State University. Harness. 178.

377 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the K.L. Simmons Technology Building at Alcorn State University. Harness. 178.

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378 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize for Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center at Alcorn State University. Harness. 178.

379 - (Medicaid) Medicaid expansion; provide for statewide referendum on question of. Banks. 178.

380 - (Ways and Means) Fuel tax; authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. Banks. 178.

381 - (Judiciary B) Copper materials; prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. Banks. 178.

382 - (Judiciary A) Chancery clerk; require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. Banks. 178.

383 - (Insurance) Counties and municipalities; prohibit use of automated recording equipment to enforce automobile insurance requirements. Banks. 178.

384 - (Appropriations A) Salaries; increase for members of the Mississippi Senate and House of Representatives. Banks. 178.

385 - (Appropriations A) Retirement; county board attorneys and city attorneys shall be members of PERS regardless of hours/week worked. Banks. 178.

386 - (Judiciary A) Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act; repeal. Banks. 179.

387 - (Education) Teachers; allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given. Banks. 179.

388 - (Education) Teacher strikes; repeal prohibition of. Banks. 179.

389 - (Judiciary B) Drag racing; provide that vehicles in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. Banks. 179.

390 - (Rules) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Clark. 179.

391 - (Rules) Civil Rights Memorial Day; designate the last Monday of April as. Banks. 179.

392 - (Corrections) Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. 179.

393 - (Education) Public schools; clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. Banks. 179.

394 - (Corrections) Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. 179.

395 - (Corrections) Case plans for nonviolent inmates; require certain programs be placed within. Banks. 179.

396 - (Corrections) Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders; revise which offenders are eligible for. Banks. 179.

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397 - (Public Health and Human Services) Hospitals; require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four hours after admission. Banks. 179.

398 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; require Secretary of State to authorize for overseas military. Banks. 179.

399 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. Banks. 179.

400 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Banks. 179.

401 - (Judiciary B) Abortion; repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. Banks. 179.

402 - (Judiciary B) Body-worn cameras; prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. Banks. 179.

403 - (Rules) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Banks. 179.

404 - (Judiciary B) Abortion; repeal prohibition of. Banks. 180.

405 - (Judiciary B) Taking of another person's animal; clarify crime and penalties for. Banks. 180.

406 - (Judiciary B) Abortion; provide for statewide referendum on question of prohibiting abortions in Mississippi. Banks. 180.

407 - (Apportionment and Elections) Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote; create. Banks. 180.

408 - (Business and Commerce) Funeral director assistants; authorize to perform all activities of funeral directors with certain exceptions. Banks. 180.

409 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter rolls; prohibit purging names from Statewide Elections Management System 120 days or less before the date of any election. Banks. 180.

410 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Industries; require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. Banks. 180.

411 - (State Affairs) Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement an insurance exchange. Zuber. 180.

412 - (Judiciary B) Mattresses; prohibit resale with certain exemptions. Yancey. 180.

413 - (Judiciary B) Dog bites; authorize payment for actual expenses for injuries caused by. Sanford. 180. CR301. CU361. V361.

414 - (Gaming) Casino winnings; provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. Yancey. 180.

415 - (Judiciary A) Civil commitment; respondent in proceeding not to be placed in jail except for protective custody while awaiting transportation. Felsher. 180.

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- 416 - (Business and Commerce) Proxy Voting Integrity and Transparency Act; create. Yancey. I80.
- 417 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this State. Zuber. I80.
- 418 - (Universities and Colleges) Continuing education training for police officers; extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers. Bell (21st). I80. CR269. CU317. V317. RS830. HRC843. SCA873.
- 419 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health care certificate of need law; bring forward code sections related to. Zuber. I80. CR343. CU527. V528.
- 420 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; create. Zuber. I80.
- 421 - (Public Health and Human Services) Prior authorization; bring forward code sections related to. Zuber. I81.
- 422 - (Judiciary A) First Circuit Court District; increase number of judges. Thompson. I81.
- 423 - (Education) School districts; require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. Paden. I81.
- 424 - (Universities and Colleges) Public universities and colleges; require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. Paden. I81.
- 425 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. Hines. I81.
- 426 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; provide for pay raise based on the amount of their annual salaries. Scott. I81.
- 427 - (Judiciary A) Child support enforcement and collection; terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. Hines. I81.
- 428 - (State Affairs) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Paden. I81.
- 429 - (Public Health and Human Services) Children's Resource Commission; create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. Scott. I81.
- 430 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state. Zuber. I81. CR303. CU464. V465. MR494. R508. V508.
- 431 - (State Affairs) Retirement; allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable service. Lamar. I81.
- 432 - (Education) Assistant teachers; provide annual salary supplement to those in "C", "D" and "F" school districts. Scott. I81.
- 433 - (Education) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Clark. I81.
- 434 - (Education) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Clark. I81.

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- 435 - (Judiciary B) Domestic abuse court program; establish. Hines. I81.
- 436 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Osborne. I81.
- 437 - (Business and Commerce) Mississippi Benefit Corporation Act; create. Paden. I81.
- 438 - (Judiciary B) Shoplifting; revise penalties for crime of. Newman. I82. CR188. CU230. V230. RS712. HRC769. SCA853. CRO1194. CRA1196. SCRA1265. SS1842. AP2170.
- 439 - (Ways and Means) Alternative-fuel fueling station; impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. Newman. I82.
- 440 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for traffic signal at intersection of East Metro Parkway and El Dorado Road in Pearl. Newman. I82.
- 441 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with improvements to city hall. Newman. I82.
- 442 - (State Affairs) Mississippi Department of Labor; create. Thompson. I82.
- 443 - (Constitution) Elected official; prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. Newman. I82. CR153. CU169. RC169. RC169.
- 444 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; withhold diversion to a municipality that violates state law. Newman. I82.
- 445 - (Judiciary B) Driver's license; restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. Newman. I82. CR188. CU350. LTSC350. CU538. RTT538. CU565. LTSC566.
- 446 - (State Affairs) State employees; remove requirement to use one day of personal leave before using major medical leave. Hines. I82.
- 447 - (Ways and Means) Taxes; increase certain and use revenue to provide assistance to hospitals for uncompensated medical care services. Hines. I82.
- 448 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. Paden. I82.
- 449 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Jonestown for the Jonestown multipurpose building expansion project. Paden. I84.
- 450 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Okolona School District for construction of new elementary school. Thompson. I84.
- 451 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Employment Security for funding Summer Youth Employment Programs. Scott. I84.
- 452 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Department of Mental Health for increasing alcohol and drug rehabilitation beds and crisis intervention teams. Scott. I84.
- 453 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Department of Health for upgrades and improvements to infrastructure at county health departments. Scott. I84.
- 454 - (Education) State Board of Education; require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. Scott. I84.

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455 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Department of Health for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Paden. I84.

456 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. Paden. I84.

457 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for widening a road for the Springs Industrial Park. Faulkner. I84.

458 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Coahoma Community College for construction of a new dormitory on the campus. Paden. I84.

459 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Department of Health for making care grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Hines. I85.

460 - (Education) Charter schools; require MAEP funds to be transferred to student's home school district when student disenrolls. Paden. I85.

461 - (Public Health and Human Services) Appropriation; Health Department to provide funding to federally qualified health centers. Scott. I85.

462 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; employment security for funding summer youth employment programs. Scott. I85.

463 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. Scott. I85.

464 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act and under CHIP. Scott. I85.

465 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Okolona to assist with street overlay projects. Thompson. I85.

466 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Okolona to assist with street overlay projects. Thompson. I85.

467 - (Appropriations A) Child advocacy centers; require to be funded by line item in Health Department appropriation bill. Lamar. I85.

468 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Okolona to assist with street overlay projects. Thompson. I85.

469 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Child Advocacy Centers of Mississippi for distribution to children's advocacy centers. Lamar. I85.

470 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Mississippi Delta Strategic Compact. Hines. I85.

471 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Holmes County Consolidated School District for expenses of consolidation. Clark. I85.

472 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; UMMC to support a medical residency program at Delta Regional Medical Center. Hines. I85.

473 - (Education) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2024"; create. Clark. I85.

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474 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Copiah County for expanding broadband services to unserved areas within the county. Currie. I85.

475 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Lee County School District for reconstruction of Verona Elementary School. Thompson. I85.

476 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude overtime compensation from gross income. Clark. I86.

477 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). Clark. I86.

478 - (Housing) Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council; create. Clark. I86.

479 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Clark. I86.

480 - (Transportation) Litter; authorize MDOT to create certain rules to identify litter owners and increase fines. Wallace. I86.

481 - (Apportionment and Elections) Candidate qualifying fees; increase for certain candidates in county elections and revise distribution of the fee. Wallace. I86.

482 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Verona for equipment for police department and making street improvements. Thompson. I86.

483 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn to assist with paving Poplar Street. Turner. I86.

484 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn to assist with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. Turner. I86.

485 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn with paving Smithy Drive. Turner. I86.

486 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn to assist with paving North Second Street. Turner. I86.

487 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn to assist with County Road 167 gas line extension project. Turner. I86.

488 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn to assist with County Road 170 gas line extension project. Turner. I86.

489 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn to assist with paving South Second Street. Turner. I86.

490 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwyn to assist with purchasing fire fighting and fire protection equipment. Turner. I86.

491 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Prentiss to assist with purchase of a fire truck for Ingram Volunteer Fire Department. Turner. I86.

492 - (Business and Commerce) Electronic notary; clarify authority of the Secretary of State to regulate. Hulum. I86.

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- 493 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Thomas Street. Turner. I86.
- 494 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Bluebell Street. Turner. I86.
- 495 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Cox Street. Turner. I87.
- 496 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with paving Ripley Road. Turner. I87.
- 497 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with improvements to Brickyard Street. Turner. I87.
- 498 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Baldwin to assist with County Road 6105 water line replacement project. Turner. I87.
- 499 - (Workforce Development) Youth Employment Grant Program; create. Karriem. I87.
- 500 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Progress Community Water Association for costs of an automated water meter. Morgan. I87.
- 501 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Crudup. I87.
- 502 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for acquisition, demolition and/or removal of blighted properties. Crudup. I87.
- 503 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program. Byrd. I87.
- 504 - (Appropriations A) Rural Fire truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for counties and municipalities. Byrd. I87. CR263. CU271. V271. RS830. HRC865. SCA871.
- 505 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Three Rivers Planning and Development District to assist Three Rivers High Availability Disaster Recovery Project. Bell (21st). I87.
- 506 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for demolishing certain structure in Farish Street Historic District. Banks. I87.
- 507 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for the Farish Street Forward Redevelopment Initiative. Banks. I87.
- 508 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; DFA for making grants under the Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program. Hines. I87.
- 509 - (Banking and Financial Services) Small Business Bridge Loan Program; create. Hines. I87.
- 510 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; State Department of Health to provide epi-pens and AEDs in community colleges, universities and schools. Paden. I87.
- 511 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Department of Health for making physician grants under the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program. Hines. I87.

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512 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; DFA to provide funds for certain projects in City of Jackson. Bell (65th). I88.

513 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Lee and Monroe Counties for funding The National Resource Camp pilot program. Thompson. I88.

514 - (Business and Commerce) Pawnbrokers; remove the requirement of on-premises retention of purchased goods. Zuber. I88.

515 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers. Zuber. I88.

516 - (State Affairs) State agencies procurement; bring forward code sections related to. Zuber. I88. CR268. CU368. V368.

517 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; delete prohibition on participation in for psychiatric residential treatment facility in Desoto County. Kinkade. I90.

518 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a Hydroponics Research and Teaching Greenhouse at Alcorn State University. Harness. I90.

519 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University. Harness. I90.

520 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Solid waste; increase fines for illegal dumping of. Harness. I90.

521 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Byhalia Railroad Bridge Project. Kinkade. I90.

522 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Red Banks Road Improvement Project. Kinkade. I90.

523 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. Kinkade. I90.

524 - (Education) Tim Tebow act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Currie. I90.

525 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities. Rushing. I90.

526 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting; authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. Rushing. I90. CR154. CU172. V172. RS540. SS566. AP583.

527 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; City of Jackson to assist with certain projects in Ward 4. Brown. I90.

528 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the designated holding facility for misdemeanor offenders. Brown. I90.

529 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making repairs to the West Bank Interceptor of the city's sewer system. Brown. I90.

530 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for purchasing advanced crime reduction technology for police department. Brown. I90.

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531 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. Brown. I90.

532 - (Education) Physical education curriculum; require full implementation in all K-12 schools. Brown. I91.

533 - (Education) Vocational and home economics; require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. Brown. I91.

534 - (Education) African-American Studies and Racial Diversity; require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school. Brown. I91.

535 - (Corrections) Private prisons that house state offenders; provide moratorium on the expansion of. Brown. I91.

536 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Mental Health and community health centers; expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. Brown. I91.

537 - (Education) Civics; require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. Brown. I91.

538 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid. Johnson. I91.

539 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. McGee. I91. CR128. CU128. V128. MR131. MRT144. RS320. SS323. AP449.

540 - (Public Utilities) Utility shutoffs; revise Governor's authority regarding. Mangold. I91.

541 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; IHL MSU - Cooperative Extension Service for administration of the MS Youth Preparedness Initiative. Mangold. I91.

542 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; allow credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. Johnson. I91.

543 - (Appropriations A) Helping Mississippians Afford Broadband Act; create. Johnson. I91.

544 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. Johnson. I91.

545 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. Johnson. I91.

546 - (Medicaid) Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act; repeal. Johnson. I91.

547 - (Appropriations A) ARPA Expenditures Ombudsman; establish to oversee all expenditures of ARPA funds. Johnson. I91.

548 - (Workforce Development) Career pathways initiative; provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. Johnson. I92.

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549 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Department of Health to fund the MS Hospital Emergency Grant Program. Johnson. I92.

550 - (County Affairs) County board of supervisors; authorize to be employed by community college districts while serving as. Johnson. I92.

551 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with Concord Avenue drainage improvement project. Johnson. I92.

552 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Natchez for Concord Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. Johnson. I92.

553 - (Business and Commerce) State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Ford (54th). I92.

554 - (Public Health and Human Services) Health care and education shortage assistance program; establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. Hines. I92.

555 - (Workforce Development) Unemployment compensation; revise weekly benefit amount for. Hines. I92.

556 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits; prohibit from receiving similar employment. Hines. I92.

557 - (Universities and Colleges) "Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2024"; establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community college attendance. Paden. I92.

558 - (Appropriations A) PERS; certain law enforcement officers and firefighters shall receive one year of creditable service for every five years of service in Mississippi. Newman. I92.

559 - (Universities and Colleges) Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty; provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. Faulkner. I92.

560 - (Appropriations A) PERS; law enforcement officers and firefighters will vest after 4 years of membership regardless of the date they became members. Newman. I92.

561 - (Appropriations A) Retirement; school bus drivers shall be eligible to be members of PERS and vest after 15 years. Yancey. I92.

562 - (Appropriations A) PEER Committee; require impact reviews on school district efficiency and operations reports. Currie. I92.

563 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program; create to provide grants to public hospitals at high financial risk. Hines. I92.

564 - (Municipalities) Urban renewal project powers; revise definition of. Zuber. I93. CR226. CU318. V318.

565 - (Universities and Colleges) Tuition waiver; provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. Clark. I93.

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566 - (Public Property) Historic Courthouse Fund; create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic courthouses. Clark. I93.

567 - (Appropriations A) Retirement; PERS and SLRP members convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution is made. Currie. I93.

568 - (Appropriations A) PERS; allow retirees to teach in critical needs areas and work full time and receive full salary for three years. Clark. I93.

569 - (Education) "Health Careers Academy"; create for students in Grades 9 through 12. Scott. I93.

570 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offender law; exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under. Johnson. I93.

571 - (Judiciary B) "The Juvenile Offender Parole and Rehabilitation Act"; enact. Johnson. I93.

572 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offender law; authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years or more. Johnson. I93.

573 - (Corrections) Mandatory 85% sentencing rule; repeal. Johnson. I93.

574 - (Public Health and Human Services) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; increase monthly benefit amount for. Johnson. I93.

575 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Johnson. I93.

576 - (Appropriations A) TANF funds; require PEER Committee to review and evaluate performance outcomes of subcontracts and subgrants of. Johnson. I93.

577 - (Public Health and Human Services) Essential health care workers premium pay; Department of Health to create program with Coronavirus Recovery Funds. Johnson. I93.

578 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Hospital Emergency Grant Program; create to provide grants to hospitals having financial difficulties. Johnson. I93.

579 - (Judiciary A) Divorce beneficiary revocation; clarify the effective date. Mangold. I93.

580 - (Corrections) Commutation of sentences; require for certain nonviolent offenders. Johnson. I94.

581 - (Appropriations A) PERS; conduct study on feasibility of allowing retired teachers to continue to work full-time and receive full retirement allowance. Brown. I94.

582 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF benefits; remove certain restrictions and penalties for applicants and recipients. Johnson. I94.

583 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; require two hours of training related to crimes of hate and those committed for discriminatory reason. Harness. I94.

584 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Harness. I94.

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585 - (Corrections) "Dignity and Safety for Incarcerated Women Act"; enact. Newman. I94. CR249. CU385. V387.

586 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. Johnson. I94.

587 - (Appropriations A) Retirement; PERS members convicted of job-related felonies shall be terminated from system. Rushing. I94.

588 - (Workforce Development) Community and junior colleges; expand workforce development partnerships. Brown. I94.

589 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; create diversion to counties. Rushing. I94.

590 - (Corrections) DOC payments made to regional facilities for the housing of state offenders; require rate paid to be the same at each facility. Rushing. I94.

591 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. Rushing. I94.

592 - (Judiciary B) Immunity for law enforcement officers; authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. Rushing. I94.

593 - (Judiciary B) Wiretapping; authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. Rushing. I94.

594 - (Public Utilities) Public Service Commission; revise jurisdiction for municipal owned utilities for rate increases for customers more than a mile from municipal boundary. Rushing. I94.

595 - (Education) Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts; allow to speak to students regarding civic involvement with principal's approval. Scoggin. I94. CR299. CU472. V472.

596 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax levy for school districts; provide levying authority with discretion to approve request by school board. Wallace. I94.

597 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Community College Board for a building at Jones County Junior College to be used for teaching certain courses. Scoggin. I95.

598 - (Workforce Development) Overpayment of unemployment benefits; prohibit interest accrual or fees assessed by MDES when no fault overpayment. Paden. I95.

599 - (Business and Commerce) Mississippi Secure Choice Savings Program; establish. Paden. I95.

600 - (Judiciary B) Criminal investigators; add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. Clark. I95.

601 - (Education) Professional School Counselors Pilot Program; establish in certain school districts with high incidences of teen pregnancy or violence. Scott. I95.

602 - (Universities and Colleges) "2024 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act"; create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. Scott. I95.

603 - (Education) Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program; create to help assistant teachers become licensed. Scott. I95.

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604 - (Universities and Colleges) IHL; continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. Scott. I95.

605 - (Education) Teacher salaries; authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in "D" and "F" school districts. Scott. I95.

606 - (Universities and Colleges) Former Collegiate Athlete Scholarship Program; create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. Scott. I95.

607 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. Scott. I95.

608 - (Education) Motivating Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) Pilot Program; establish within the State Department of Education. Scott. I95.

609 - (Business and Commerce) Fireworks; authorize sale and purchase of year-round from permanent structure. Horne. I95.

610 - (Judiciary B) Libraries; regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens. Ford (73rd). I95.

611 - (Judiciary B) Monies from seized weapons; authorize law enforcement agency to use to purchase equipment for the agency. Ford (73rd). I95.

612 - (Education) School counselors; exclude from ASCA requirements. Ford (73rd). I96.

613 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; revise the votes included to determine total votes needed to receive majority. Ford (73rd). I96.

614 - (Rules) Bullying Prevention Awareness Month; designate the month of October as. Ford (73rd). I96.

615 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act; create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. Harness. I96.

616 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. McKnight. I96. CR336. CU436. V436.

617 - (Transportation) CDL; exempt county and municipal employees who operate vehicles and equipment in the performance of their job. Tullos. I96.

618 - (Public Utilities) Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. Tullos. I96.

619 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway. Tullos. I96. CR237. CU381. V381. RS713. SS761. AP921.

620 - (Judiciary B) Vehicles; prohibit false or secret compartments and establish criminal penalties for violations. Ford (73rd). I96.

621 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for construction of athletic stadium for Jackson State University. Johnson. I96.

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622 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL to strengthen poultry science research and programs at Alcorn State. Harness. I96.

623 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for establishment of a medical school and engineering program at Alcorn State. Harness. I96.

624 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures. Steverson. I96. CR269. CU306. V306. RS749. SS760. AP921.

625 - (Ways and Means) Nuclear generating plants; revise distribution of payments made in-lieu of ad valorem taxes. Harness. I96.

626 - (Corrections) Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on. Ford (54th). I96.

627 - (State Affairs) Capitol Complex Improvement District; extend date on which revisions to boundaries take effect. Ford (54th). I96.

628 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. Ford (54th). I97. CR235. CU245. V245. IR246.

629 - (County Affairs) County and Municipal owned equipment; authorize use on private property during emergencies under certain circumstances. Rushing. I97.

630 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; additional for Office of State Aid Road Construction for certain purposes. Arnold. I97.

631 - (Ways and Means) Hotel construction projects; authorize sale tax incentive for. Arnold. I97.

632 - (Judiciary B) DUI; require those convicted to pay child support. Arnold. I97.

633 - (Judiciary B) Window tint regulation; revise medical exemption. Arnold. I97.

634 - (Judiciary B) Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer; provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount. Currie. I97. CR131. CU163. V163. RS838. HC928. HC928. SS950. AP1176.

635 - (Gaming) Mobile sports wagering; authorize. McKnight. I97.

636 - (Agriculture) Real property; prohibit aliens and foreign governments from owning in the State of Mississippi. Arnold. I97.

637 - (Education) Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act; enact for implementation in public school curriculum. Arnold. I97.

638 - (Military Affairs) Civil Air Patrol members; authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence for certain emergency services. Arnold. I97.

639 - (Education) Accountability rating system; abolish assignment of letter grades and replace with numerical scoring system. Arnold. I97.

640 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt motor vehicle owned by unremarried surviving spouse of law enforcement officer/employee who died while in performance of official duties. Arnold. I97.

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641 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; prohibit mail order medicines to procure an. Arnold. I97.

642 - (Rules) Patriot's Day; designate September 11th of each year as. Arnold. I97.

643 - (Public Health and Human Services) Food labeling; require any food and mRNA vaccines to be clearly and conspicuously labeled. Arnold. I97.

644 - (Judiciary B) Court-ordered restitution; require payment to victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed. Arnold. I97.

645 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Office of Independent State Hearing Officers; create to hear and decide matters for persons as alternative to agency hearing officers. Hines. I98.

646 - (Transportation) Utility-type vehicles and side-by-side; authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. Arnold. I98.

647 - (Education) School athletic events; require local school boards to adopt policy granting free admission to veterans of U.S. Armed Forces. Arnold. I98.

648 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nurses; allow nurse practitioners and RNs to administer vitamins through IV therapy in a clinical setting. Arnold. I98.

649 - (Transportation) Harvest permit; authorize issuance for vehicles hauling limestone. Arnold. I98.

650 - (Public Health and Human Services) Baby safety devices; create grant program to assist hospitals with cost of purchasing. Arnold. I98.

651 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; increase diversion to municipalities and create diversion to counties. Arnold. I98.

652 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) State Port Authority and other ports; extend repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. Ford (54th). I98. CR284. CU402. V402. RS830. HRC883. SCA923. CRO1003. CRA1003. SCRA1115. SS1149. AP1845.

653 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Trip optimizer system; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of. Ford (54th). I98. CR235. CU246. V246. IR246. RS832. SS845. AP954.

654 - (Education) School nurses; direct the Office of Healthy Schools to develop salary schedule for that all school districts shall use when employing. Steverson. I98.

655 - (Business and Commerce) State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barbering; merge into one board. Zuber. I112.

656 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Illegal dumping; increase penalties for. Foster. I112.

657 - (Judiciary B) Child sex dolls; prohibit possession, transport and/or trafficking of. Ford (73rd). I112.

658 - (Ways and Means) Qualified equity investment tax credits; revise certain provisions and extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate. Bell (21st). I112.

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659 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21. Steverson. I112. CR340. CU539. RTT539. CU559. RC559. RC559.

660 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Harness. I112.

661 - (Judiciary B) Concealed carry permit; exempt members of the Mississippi Legislature from the licensing requirement for. Harness. I112.

662 - (Public Utilities) Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi; require director to appoint administrator to establish local technology planning teams. Harness. I112.

663 - (Judiciary B) Commercial driver's license; remove prohibition for nonadjudication of. Harness. I112.

664 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. Harness. I112.

665 - (Judiciary B) Habitual offenders; exclude nonviolent offenders. Harness. I112.

666 - (Judiciary B) Public defenders; increase compensation for court appointed. Harness. I112.

667 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. Harness. I112.

668 - (Judiciary B) Courts; require to establish certain minimum guidelines. Harness. I112.

669 - (Judiciary B) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Harness. I112.

670 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State auditor; require to perform 50-year review comparing appropriations to Alcorn and Mississippi State University. Harness. I112.

671 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL to support animal science and extension programs at Alcorn State. Harness. I112.

672 - (Public Health and Human Services) Nuclear generating plants; revise distribution of payments made in-lieu of ad valorem taxes. Harness. I113.

673 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchasing; increase threshold for bidding to \$15,000.00. Bounds. I113.

674 - (Apportionment and Elections) Candidate qualification; revise process for. Felsher. I113.

675 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for enhancing STEM-related facilities and programs at Alcorn State University. Harness. I113.

676 - (Ways and Means) Retailer Tax Fairness Act; create. Roberson. I113.

677 - (Business and Commerce) Alcoholic beverages; authorize the sale of wine at grocery stores. Powell. I113.

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678 - (Drug Policy) MS Medical Cannabis Act; extend exemption to MDITS requirements for Departments of Health & Revenue. Shanks. I113.

679 - (Education) Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; extend repealers on education scholarship accounts (ESAs). Shanks. I113.

680 - (Public Health and Human Services) Certified nurse midwives; not required to have written collaborative agreement with physician to practice as. Eubanks. I113.

681 - (Agriculture) Mississippi On-Farm Sales and Food Freedom Act; create. Eubanks. I113.

682 - (Transportation) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Eubanks. I113.

683 - (Education) Homeschooled students; authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. Eubanks. I113.

684 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Eubanks. I113.

685 - (Agriculture) Milk products; exempt owners of certain milk producing animals from regulation when used for personal milk consumption. Eubanks. I113.

686 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Eubanks. I113.

687 - (Business and Commerce) The "Crown" Act; authorize to prohibit discrimination based on natural or protective hairstyles. Paden. I115.

688 - (Judiciary B) Justice court; revise jurisdiction and filing fees. Sanford. I115.

689 - (Judiciary A) Justice court judges; authorize to run as nonpartisan. Porter. I115.

690 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan. Massengill. I115.

691 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; revise composition of and provide with investigative authority. Shanks. I115. CR334. CU469. V469. RS852. HRC863. SCA923. CRO1143. CRA1147. SCRA1265. SS1842. AP2170.

692 - (Judiciary B) Requests for DNA testing; clarify that they are excepted from bar on second or successive motions for post-conviction relief. Shanks. I115.

693 - (Universities and Colleges) Universities and colleges; require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. Massengill. I115.

694 - (Judiciary A) Commercial Driver's License; require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support. Massengill. I115. CR264. CU394. V394.

695 - (Education) MHSAA; prohibit from requiring member school from charging more than \$2.00 for admission into athletic events. Massengill. I115. CR282.

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696 - (Rules) Women's Veterans' Day; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Massengill. I115.

697 - (Transportation) Mississippi Aviation Safety Act; create. Massengill. I115. CR180. CU228. V228. RS832. SS845. AP954.

698 - (Ways and Means) Electric/hybrid vehicles; repeal sections of law authorizing annual tax on. Holloway (76th). I115.

699 - (Rules) Blue; designate as the state color of Mississippi. Holloway (76th). I115.

700 - (Transportation) Railroad crossings; require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. Holloway (76th). I115.

701 - (Transportation) Headlights; require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. Holloway (76th). I115.

702 - (Transportation) Transportation funding; authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. Steversen. I116. CR180. CU275. V275.

703 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; MDA to provide funding to Alcorn State for expansion of research and production of shiitake mushrooms. Harness. I116.

704 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Tallahatchie River Authority for production of documentary series focusing on counties through which the river runs. Creekmore IV. I116.

705 - (Ways and Means) Nuclear generating plants; repeal provisions of law that provides ad valorem tax exemption for. Harness. I116.

706 - (Ways and Means) Nuclear generating plants; revise distribution of payments made in-lieu ad valorem taxes. Harness. I116.

707 - (Business and Commerce) Occupational Licensing Review Commission; revise membership and authority of members of. Shanks. I116.

708 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Johnson. I116.

709 - (Corrections) Use of restitution centers by DOC; repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I116.

710 - (Corrections) Parole eligibility; revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. Johnson. I116.

711 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF benefits; provide child care and transportation for applicants during initial orientation meetings. Johnson. I116.

712 - (Judiciary B) Youthful Offender Law; enact. Harness. I116.

713 - (Judiciary B) Abortion trafficking; create penalties for the crime of. Eubanks. I116.

714 - (Public Health and Human Services) MRNA vaccinations; prohibit use of in food products and livestock intended for human consumption. Eubanks. I116.

715 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF funds; prohibit use of for college scholarships for persons not receiving TANF benefits. Johnson. I116.

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716 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF block grant; DHS shall transfer 30% of each year to CCDF for child care vouchers. Johnson. I116.

717 - (Corrections) DOC; convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. Johnson. I117.

718 - (Public Health and Human Services) TANF funds; prohibit providing to any person whose income is more than 200% of poverty level. Johnson. I117.

719 - (Education) Charter school payments; require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. Gibbs (72nd). I117.

720 - (Workforce Development) State Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee; revise makeup to require a person 35 or younger to serve as nonvoting member on. Gibbs (72nd). I117.

721 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Felsher. I117.

722 - (Judiciary B) Judicial districts; bring forward for purposes of amendment. Horan. I117. CR301. CU362. V362. RS839. HRC863. SCA925.

723 - (County Affairs) Sheriffs and district attorneys; authorize clothing allowance for investigators and victim assistance coordinators. Horan. I117.

724 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; clarify expungement of pardoned convictions. Horan. I117. CR251. CU292. V292.

725 - (Universities and Colleges) Sororities and fraternities; prohibit IHL Board from requiring to accept persons with gender reassignment. Horan. I117.

726 - (Judiciary B) Pre-trial intervention; authorize workforce training as a condition for. Horan. I117.

727 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of baby/toddler clothing, diapers, diaper bags and rash creams and baby wipes. Eubanks. I117.

728 - (Drug Policy) Prescription drugs; prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities. Barton. I117. CR299. CU538. RTT538. CU560. PO560. POWD560. V561. RS749. SS760. AP837.

729 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Eubanks. I117.

730 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance reports; revise the time for filing electronically. Sanford. I117.

731 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Sale of game animals; prohibit unless permitted by an act of the Legislature. Kinkade. I117.

732 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Wildlife; provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. Kinkade. I117.

733 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Kinkade. I118. CR269. CU307. V307.

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734 - (Judiciary B) Child pornography; replace term in Mississippi Code with "child sexual abuse material". Eubanks. I118.

735 - (Public Health and Human Services) Abortion; prohibit mail orders for medicines for. Eubanks. I118.

736 - (Public Health and Human Services) Food labeling; require any food containing an mRNA vaccines to be clearly and conspicuously labeled. Eubanks. I118.

737 - (Education) Teachers, retired; authorize to be employed full time and continue receiving retirement allowance. Harness. I118.

738 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for housing improvements at Alcorn State University. Harness. I118.

739 - (Universities and Colleges) Task Force to Study Restoration of Adequate Funding to Alcorn State University; create. Harness. I118.

740 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for various projects in Bolivar County. Sanders. I118.

741 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Towns of Pace and Benoit with park improvements. Sanders. I118.

742 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Cleveland in paying costs of Airport Terminal Road extension. Sanders. I118.

743 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rosedale with downtown improvements. Sanders. I118.

744 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Child Poverty Task Force; create. Summers. I118.

745 - (Judiciary B) "Supplemental Salary Pay for Law Enforcement Act of 2024"; establish. Harness. I118.

746 - (Judiciary B) Public defenders; increase compensation for. Harness. I118.

747 - (Judiciary A) Conservatorship; prioritize relatives and revise notice requirements. Bennett. I118.

748 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive. Shanks. I119.

749 - (Ways and Means) Taxation; extend repealer on income and ad valorem tax credits for certain contributions to charitable and foster care organizations. Shanks. I119.

750 - (Corrections) State Grand Jury Act; codify and extend repealer. Shanks. I119. CR329. CU400. V400.

751 - (Transportation) Commercial motor vehicles; extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program. Shanks. I119. CR180. CU229. V229. RS713. SS761. AP921.

752 - (Public Utilities) Public Service Commission; extend repealer on its creation and powers and duties. Shanks. I119. CR302. CU414. V414.

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753 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Cosmetology; extend repealer on. Shanks. I119. CR302. CU446. V446.

754 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) State Port Authority and other ports; extend repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. Shanks. I119.

755 - (Corrections) Parole; extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility. Shanks. I119. CR250. CU387. V388. RS833. HRC864. SCA946.

756 - (Corrections) Prison Industry Enhancement Program; extend repealer on. Shanks. I119. CR250. CU389. V389. RS830. HRC864. SCA923.

757 - (Corrections) State offenders; extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable. Shanks. I119. CR250. CU389. V389. RS833. HRC864. SCA947. SCRA980. CRO1062. CRA1062. SS1149. AP1845.

758 - (Corrections) Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility; extend repealer on. Shanks. I119. CR282. CU399. V399. RS833. HRC864. SCA947.

759 - (Corrections) Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990; extend repealer on. Shanks. I119. CR250. CU390. V390. RS830. HRC864. SCA923.

760 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians. Shanks. I119. CR266. CU366. V366. RS713. SS761. AP921.

761 - (Public Health and Human Services) Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense CBD oil for medical purposes. Shanks. I119. CR302. CU434. V434.

762 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend repealers on list of covered services and assessments on certain health care facilities. Shanks. I119.

763 - (Judiciary B) Pilot Work Release Program; extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in certain counties. Shanks. I119. CR160. CU228. V228. RS833. HRC863. SCA947.

764 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Department of Health and State Board of Health; extend repealer on. Shanks. I119. CR302. CU434. V434. RS750. HRC784. SCA871. SRFC1150. CRO1174. HRFC1174. SCRA1265. CRO1324. CRA1336. SS1915. AP2170.

765 - (Education) MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act; extend repealer on. Shanks. I120. CR283. CU457. V459. RS852. HRC864. SCA923. CRO1417. CRA1435. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2173.

766 - (Education) Teacher Loan Repayment Program; extend repealer on. Shanks. I120.

767 - (State Affairs) Capitol Complex Improvement District; extend date on which revisions to boundaries take effect. Shanks. I120.

768 - (Banking and Financial Services) Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on. Shanks. I120. CR235. CU352. V352.

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769 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures. Shanks. I120.

770 - (Workforce Development) MS Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements. Shanks. I120. CR305. CU409. V409. RS750. SCA853. SCRA1115. CRO1116. CRA1129. SS1261. AP2170.

771 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Records; extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. Shanks. I120.

772 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Trip Optimizer System; extend expiration date of moratorium on application to state agencies of. Shanks. I120.

773 - (State Affairs) Elected State and District Officers; extend repealer on authority to exceed salary cap for professionals employed by. Shanks. I120. CR338. CU445. V445.

774 - (Gaming) MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act; create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting. Eure. I120. CR122. CU131. V132. RS839. HRC863. SCA925.

775 - (Public Health and Human Services) Prior authorization; impose certain requirements on health insurance issuers regarding. Creekmore IV. I120. CR131. CU350. RC350. RC350.

776 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Turner. I122. CR269. CU307. V307. RS750. HRC789. SCA873. CRO1204. CRA1207. SCRA1265. SS1842. AP2170.

777 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. Powell. I122. CR128. CU149. V149.

778 - (Judiciary B) Assault weapons; prohibit sale of to any person under age 21 years. Denton. I124.

779 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax liability; revise method of collecting from public offices or employees. Denton. I124.

780 - (Appropriations A) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits withheld until full restitution has been paid. Denton. I124.

781 - (Education) School prayer; require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. Denton. I124.

782 - (Appropriations A) Retirement; elected officials convicted of certain felonies shall have benefits suspended until full restitution has been made. Denton. I124.

783 - (Judiciary B) Child custody; require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time. Aguirre. I124. CR251. CU290. V290. RS848. HRC884. SCA926.

784 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Horne. I124.

785 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem taxation; provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. Horne. I124.

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786 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Water well contractors; exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or with at least 20 years experience. Horne. I124.

787 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Horne. I124.

788 - (Judiciary A) Fireworks; authorize sale of year-round. Horne. I124.

789 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I124.

790 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Vapor Directory; authorize creation of by the Attorney General. Yancey. I124.

791 - (Public Health and Human Services) Pharmacists; authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions. Yancey. I124.

792 - (Judiciary A) Fireworks; require to be located within a permanent structure. Horne. I125.

793 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. Horne. I125.

794 - (Ways and Means) Municipal annexation; restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. Horne. I125.

795 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Water Quality Accountability Act; create. Yancey. I125.

796 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) State park fee; authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. Crawford. I125.

797 - (Education) Video surveillance cameras; require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children. Crawford. I125.

798 - (Education) Teacher and administrator license; deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. Crawford. I125.

799 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Code; modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". Crawford. I125.

800 - (Judiciary B) Domestic violence protection order; authorize chancery court to issue temporary. Denton. I125.

801 - (Judiciary B) Automatic expungement; authorize for certain crimes. Denton. I125.

802 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the former Rosa A. Temple High School. Denton. I125.

803 - (Rules) Juneteenth; designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. Denton. I125.

804 - (Ways and Means) Statute of Limitations; remove for crimes against children. Denton. I125.

805 - (Judiciary A) Child support; revise factors for award of. Denton. I125.

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806 - (Business and Commerce) Home inspectors; authorize home inspections on new construction without having residential home builders license. Denton. I125.

807 - (Judiciary B) Concealed firearm; clarify prohibition for those declared mentally incompetent by courts. Denton. I125.

808 - (Corrections) Housing of state offenders in regional facilities and county jails; increase amounts paid by DOC to counties for. Harness. I125.

809 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL to strengthen environmental science research and extension programs at Alcorn State. Harness. I125.

810 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for support of horticulture research and extension programs at Alcorn State. Harness. I126.

811 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for repairs and renovations of facilities on campus of Alcorn State. Harness. I126.

812 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for growth of new regional health care and medical sciences facilities of Alcorn State. Harness. I126.

813 - (Ways and Means) Elected officials; increase surety bond required for certain. Denton. I126.

814 - (County Affairs) Municipal annexation/deannexation; require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. Horne. I126.

815 - (State Affairs) Parental rights; establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. Crawford. I126.

816 - (Drug Policy) Mississippi Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Bell (65th). I126.

817 - (Drug Policy) Canadian Prescription Drugs Importation Program; require State Department of Health to establish. Currie. I126.

818 - (Insurance) Insurance; revise the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Program, the MS First Responders Health and Safety Act and the Municipal and County Fire Funds. Turner. I126. CR331. CU430. V430.

819 - (Insurance) Insurance; remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from preclicensing requirements. Turner. I126. CR332. CU536. V536. RS852. HRC884. SCA926. SCRA961. CRO983. CRA987. SS1113. AP1845.

820 - (Insurance) Independent dispute resolution; create for certain situations between large health insurers and large health systems. Turner. I126.

821 - (Public Health and Human Services) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions related to, including collaboration requirement. Scoggin. I126.

822 - (Ways and Means) CCID inferior court; clarify appeals from and repeal appointment of temporary judges. Lamar. I126. CR270. CU308. V308.

823 - (Transportation) Memorial bridge; designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge." Faulkner. I126. CR237. CU381. V381. RS713. SS761. AP921.

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824 - (Corrections) Joint state-county work programs; require DOC to reimburse counties for offenders participating in. Harness. I127.

825 - (Corrections) Sheriff designated as chief corrections officer for housing state offenders; increase supplement to salary of. Harness. I127.

826 - (Education) Vocational education programs; require to be established in every school district or shared operation between multiple districts. Harness. I127.

827 - (Municipalities) Counties and municipalities; require to update zoning ordinances every 10 years. Summers. I127.

828 - (Judiciary B) Trust in Law Enforcement Act; require Department of Public Safety to create public database on officer misconduct. Summers. I127.

829 - (Education) Teacher salary supplement; provide to those with five or more years experience in successful districts willing to relocate to an "F" designated school. Scott. I127.

830 - (Workforce Development) Minimum wage; establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. Banks. I127.

831 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. Banks. I127.

832 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. I127.

833 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Legislature; allow certain retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Banks. I127.

834 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; bring forward section of law authorizing for members and certain former members of Legislature. Banks. I127.

835 - (Transportation) Concrete trucks; increase maximum gross weight of. Massengill. I127.

836 - (Transportation) Utility-type vehicles and side-by-sides; authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. Massengill. I127.

837 - (Transportation) Utility type vehicles and side-by-sides; authorize operation of on public nonstriped and gravel roads. Massengill. I127.

838 - (Education) School curriculum; require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. Scott. I127.

839 - (Education) School social workers and psychologists; authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. Scott. I127.

840 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Adult Health and Privacy Act; create. Eubanks. I134.

841 - (Municipalities) Municipal ordinance for granting of utility franchise or use of streets; remove municipal electorate approval of. Powell. I134.

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842 - (Judiciary B) The Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team; create within the State Medical Examiner's Office. Burnett. I134.

843 - (Education) Noninstructional and hourly school employees; compensate at usual rate whenever district temporarily closes schools. Burnett. I134.

844 - (Corrections) State Parole Board; require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain individuals before parole hearing. Currie. I134. CR250. CU390. V390. RS833. HRC864. SCA947. SCRA980. CRO1060. CRA1061. SS1149. AP1845.

845 - (Business and Commerce) Charitable organizations; require IRS forms filed annually with Secretary of State to be for the most recent fiscal year end. Yancey. I134. CR249. CU354. V354. RS832. SS845. AP954.

846 - (Judiciary A) Chancery clerk; increase fees for recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. Yancey. I134. CR264. CU395. V395. RS779. SS835. AP954.

847 - (Business and Commerce) Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as. Yancey. I134.

848 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law. Yancey. I134. CR336. CU487. RS750. HRC784. SCA871.

849 - (Judiciary A) Grandparent visitation; revise to include great-grandparents. Evans. I135.

850 - (Apportionment and Elections) State advertising; prohibit elected and appointed officers from publicly participating in. Evans. I135.

851 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elected official; prohibit from changing political party affiliation during term of office. Evans. I135.

852 - (Judiciary B) Fifteenth Circuit Court District; revise residency requirement. Evans. I135.

853 - (Judiciary B) Interrogations; require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. Evans. I135.

854 - (Judiciary B) Tobacco; prohibit sale of candy or food product that mimics. Evans. I135.

855 - (Ways and Means) Tobacco; increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. Evans. I135.

856 - (Ways and Means) Cigarettes; increase excise tax on. Evans. I135.

857 - (Judiciary B) Expungement; authorize automatically for first-time offenders. Evans. I135.

858 - (Insurance) Nursing homes; require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance. Evans. I135.

859 - (Judiciary A) Mineral rights; revert to surface owner after certain period of time. Evans. I135.

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860 - (Apportionment and Elections) Runoff elections; revise the time for holding those that occur during the week of Thanksgiving. Sanford. I135.

861 - (State Affairs) Legislature; allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. Evans. I135.

862 - (Judiciary B) Implied consent; revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. Evans. I135.

863 - (Business and Commerce) Employment-at-will doctrine; abolish and create "Good Faith in Employment Act." Evans. I135.

864 - (Judiciary B) DUI; revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. Evans. I135.

865 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbrokers, title pledge lenders and check cashers; reduce maximum rate of interest that may be charged for services. Evans. I135.

866 - (Appropriations A) Supplemental Legislative Retirement Plan; new legislators not members and current members do not earn additional credit. Evans. I135.

867 - (Education) Student transfers; remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release. Owen. I136. CR299. CU473. R474. V475. MR494. MR522. V526.

868 - (Municipalities) "Property Cleanup Revolving Fund"; establish. Rushing. I136. CR335. CU537. V537.

869 - (Judiciary B) Giglio letter; require prosecutors to give law enforcement officers an opportunity to be heard before sending. Burch. I136. CR301. CU359. V359.

870 - (Judiciary B) Simple assault fines and penalties; revise for deposits in certain funds. Burch. I136.

871 - (Insurance) Balance billing; exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on. Turner. I136. CR300. CU464. V464. RS749. SS760. AP921.

872 - (Judiciary B) Fresh Start Act of 2019; revise applicability of. Rosebud. I136.

873 - (Judiciary B) Purple Alert; establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive disabilities. Mansell. I136. CR189. CU231. V231. RS779. SS835. AP954.

874 - (Appropriations A) Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale of MHP and MBN officers. Cockerham. I136. CR328. CU392. V392. IR392.

875 - (Judiciary B) DUI; bring forward all provisions regulating. Horan. I136.

876 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; revised definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Lancaster. I136.

877 - (Public Health and Human Services) Food Deserts; require State Department of Health to track in Mississippi. Gibbs (72nd). I136.

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878 - (Appropriations A) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer with local law enforcement agency and draw retirement and work full time. Grady. I136.

879 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; DFA to assist God's Living Word Ministry in Walls with construction of a community family life center. McCray. I136.

880 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Deer hunting; prohibit using dogs for. Holloway (76th). I136.

881 - (Public Property) "Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act"; create to provide incentives for installation of changing tables in restrooms. Crawford. I136.

882 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the Pass Christian School District. Crawford. I136.

883 - (Rules) Indigenous Peoples' Day; declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. Crawford. I136.

884 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Hunting and fishing license; authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card. Crawford. I137.

885 - (Education) School attendance officers; require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Crawford. I137.

886 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits. Newman. I137.

887 - (Education) Compulsory school age; revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before September 1. Hulum. I137.

888 - (Insurance) Insurance mitigation; revise various provisions related to. Turner. I137. CR332. CU432. V432.

889 - (Judiciary A) Contracts; noncompete provisions in health care provider contracts are void and unenforceable. Remak. I137.

890 - (Appropriations A) Retirement; persons convicted of certain felonies shall forfeit benefits from PERS, SLRP and MHSPRS. Haney. I137.

891 - (Judiciary A) Officers who may administer oaths; authorize chiefs of police and sheriffs. Haney. I137.

892 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of Disability Connection. Haney. I137.

893 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation. Haney. I137. CR270. CU308. V308. RS712. HRC789. SCA873.

894 - (Ways and Means) Highway privilege tax on buses and carriers of property; authorize distribution to cities and towns for roads and bridges. Scott. I137.

895 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; revise time for exemption on retail sales of clothing and school supplies. Haney. I137.

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896 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc to with constructing a farmers market building. Waldo. I137.

897 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District for increased mental health services for students throughout district. Bell (65th). I137.

898 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance with various projects. Mims. I137.

899 - (Judiciary B) Interception of communications; authorize sheriffs to use devices for with approval of DA and circuit court judge. Harness. I137.

900 - (Judiciary B) "The Families' Rights and Responsibilities Act"; create. Rushing. I138. CR334. CU467. V467.

901 - (Judiciary B) Theft of street, road or highway signs; provide penalties for. Morgan. I138.

902 - (Judiciary A) Squatted vehicles; prohibit modification to motor vehicles which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. Morgan. I138.

903 - (Judiciary B) Machine gun; provide crime for conversion to. Felsher. I138. CR188. CU276. V277. RS831. HRC863. SCA923. SCRA1001. CRO1083. CRA1084. SS1149. AP1845.

904 - (Judiciary B) "Victims of Human Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation Fund"; revise deposits for. Felsher. I138. CR160. CU191. V191.

905 - (Education) Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. Felsher. I138.

906 - (Public Health and Human Services) Professional music therapists; provide for licensure by State Department of Health. Byrd. I138. CR266. CU397. V397.

907 - (Workforce Development) Childcare Teachers Wage Incentive Program; create. Scoggin. I138. CR341. CU413. V413.

908 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; bring forward certain section of law authorizing various exemptions. Watson. I138.

909 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. Watson. I138.

910 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund; create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. Watson. I138.

911 - (Judiciary B) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; specify funding to from certain sources. Watson. I138.

912 - (Judiciary B) Civil Legal Assistance Fund; provide for an assessment to be used for. Watson. I138.

913 - (Insurance) Life insurance; authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. Banks. I138.

914 - (Judiciary A) Perpetual care cemeteries; require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. Banks. I138.

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915 - (Judiciary B) Mississippi Center for Legal Services; require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. Watson. I138.

916 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. Watson. I138.

917 - (Insurance) Workers' compensation commission; require emergency hearing upon request of either party. Watson. I139.

918 - (Insurance) Uninsured motorist coverage; provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance policy. Watson. I139.

919 - (Insurance) Motor vehicle liability insurance policy; require to include medical payment coverage. Watson. I139.

920 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; prohibit use of word "re-elect" unless for person who is current incumbent of the office sought. Rosebud. I139.

921 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. Rosebud. I139.

922 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioner; revise office to be nonpartisan. Sanford. I139. CR187. CU232. V232. MR233. MRT255. RS779. SS835. RF964.

923 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioners; revise terms and election cycles for those in Districts Two and Four. Sanford. I139.

924 - (Business and Commerce) Mobile barbershops; authorize licensed barbers to operate. Rosebud. I139.

925 - (Education) Wireless devices; restrict use of by students during instructional time and prohibit social media access. Felsher. I139.

926 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Human Services; create a board of directors to assist and oversee the executive director in governing the department. Rosebud. I139.

927 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Rosebud. I139.

928 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health screenings and assessments; require in all public schools. Rosebud. I139.

929 - (Corrections) State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit; establish. Rosebud. I139.

930 - (Corrections) DOC discharge plans; require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. Rosebud. I139.

931 - (Judiciary B) Illegal aliens; create crime of entry into the state by. Eubanks. I139.

932 - (State Affairs) Monuments and displays; prohibit construction of or removal from or on the State Capitol grounds unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. Eubanks. I139.

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933 - (Public Health and Human Services) Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. Mims. I140.

934 - (Business and Commerce) Consumer reports; limit redisclosure to third party. Yancey. I140. CR188. CU350. V350.

935 - (County Affairs) County boards of supervisors; may designate board attorney to serve as hearing officer in disputes regarding delinquent solid waste fees. Yancey. I140.

936 - (Judiciary A) Solicitations by charitable organizations; define term "monetary donations" for purposes of laws regulating. Yancey. I140.

937 - (Business and Commerce) Residential builders and remodelers; revise license examination for certain license applicants. Barnett. I140.

938 - (Education) "Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2024"; create. Scott. I140.

939 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi University Research Authority; revise and clarify composition of. Scoggin. I140. CR180. CU192. V192. IR193. RS832. SS845. AP955.

940 - (Transportation) MS Transportation Commission; revise publication and bid requirements for Design-Build projects and allow use of alternate contracting methods. Massengill. I140. CR180. CU229. V229.

941 - (Judiciary B) No-knock warrants; prohibit issuance of. Summers. I140.

942 - (Business and Commerce) Fireworks; extend time for selling and revise penalties related to. Turner. I140.

943 - (Insurance) State Health Insurance Plan; provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous tumors. Banks. I140.

944 - (Business and Commerce) Alcoholic beverages; require holder of on-premises retailer's permit to have blood alcohol content testing device available. Banks. I140.

945 - (Public Utilities) Power lines; prohibit a person from placing objects on. Banks. I140.

946 - (Public Health and Human Services) Newborn screening program; include cytomegalvirus (CMV) in conditions tested for. Horne. I140.

947 - (Public Utilities) Utility Service; prohibit governmental entity from enacting any regulation that restricts the use of any appliance based on the type of. Powell. I140.

948 - (Judiciary B) Probation officers; limit number of caseloads that are supervised by. Harness. I140.

949 - (Apportionment and Elections) Early voting; authorize. McCray. I140.

950 - (Judiciary A) Catastrophic injury; limit noneconomic damages for. Tullos. I141.

951 - (Public Health and Human Services) Rural hospital transfer to major hospital; prescribe certain conditions on such transfer when doctor deems medically necessary. Scott. I141.

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952 - (Public Health and Human Services) African American Resident Physician Scholarship Program; establish. Scott. I141.

953 - (Education) MAEP; increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. Scott. I141.

954 - (Education) Assistant teachers; provide "C," "D" and "F" districts with additional positions. Scott. I141.

955 - (Judiciary A) The Crown Act; create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. Banks. I141.

956 - (Public Health and Human Services) Certificate of need; direct issuance for an existing ambulatory surgical center. Scott. I141.

957 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Tele-emergency Services Grant Program; create. Scott. I141.

958 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; expand eligibility to include individuals entitled to benefits under federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Scott. I141.

959 - (Medicaid) Division of Medicaid; apply for waivers to eliminate waiting period for certain services. Scott. I141.

960 - (Medicaid) Medicaid eligibility; provide coverage of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. Scott. I141.

961 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. Scott. I141.

962 - (Public Health and Human Services) Specialty Doctors to Rural Hospitals Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility. Scott. I141.

963 - (Rules) Legal holidays; designate June 19 as Juneteenth Freedom Day. Scott. I141.

964 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal executive committee; revise procedure for filing vacancies of. Scott. I141.

965 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore to people who have been released from incarceration. Scott. I141.

966 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal executive committee; prohibit members of from campaigning for candidates on the municipal primary election ballot. Scott. I141.

967 - (Judiciary A) Driver's license; authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. Scott. I142.

968 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana; civil penalty for simple possession of 30 grams or less. Scott. I142.

969 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Bolivar County with the Terrene Landing River Park project. Sanders. I144.

970 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions. McGee. I144. CR153. CU161. V161. RS320. SS323. AP449.

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971 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; clarify use of Gulf Coast Restoration Funds and Capital Expense Funds for certain projects in Ocean Springs. Zuber. I144.

972 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchasing; increase threshold for purchases without competitive bidding. Rushing. I146.

973 - (Ways and Means) Mental Health Employee Retention Loan Repayment Program; create. Creekmore IV. I146.

974 - (Public Property) State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of Water Valley, MS. Creekmore IV. I146. CR285. CU397. V397. MR437. R549. V550. RS750. HC797. HC797. SS844. AP955.

975 - (Public Property) State Board of Mental Health; authorize DFA to purchase certain real property in Tupelo, MS, on behalf of. Creekmore IV. I146. CR285. CU398. V398.

976 - (Public Health and Human Services) Podiatric medicine and podiatrist; revise definition of. Barton. I146.

977 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of. Carpenter. I146.

978 - (Military Affairs) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise provisions regarding processing of claims. Carpenter. I146. CR284. CU370. V370. RS713. SS761. AP921.

979 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. Kinkade. I146.

980 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Bell (65th). I146.

981 - (Business and Commerce) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary architecture firms. Creekmore IV. I146. CR325.

982 - (Universities and Colleges) In-state tuition; provide that 12 months of residency in MS shall constitute eligibility for. Creekmore IV. I146.

983 - (Business and Commerce) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Creekmore IV. I146.

984 - (Ways and Means) Use tax; revise provisions regarding use of funds distributed to municipalities/counties for infrastructure assistance. Rushing. I146.

985 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State employees; authorize to use major medical leave for their mental health care or treatment. Yancey. I146.

986 - (Business and Commerce) Real Estate Commission; grant discretion to issue license after felony conviction of crimes of moral turpitude. Kinkade. I146.

987 - (Judiciary B) Driver's licenses or identification cards of those on probation or parole; indicate as such on. Anderson (122nd). I146.

988 - (Education) Increasing Reading Efficiency and Accountability Development (iREAD) Pilot Program; establish to increase literacy achievement outcomes. Creekmore IV. I147.

989 - (Rules) State vegetable; designate sweet potato as. Creekmore IV. I147.

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990 - (Public Health and Human Services) Tobacco tax; tax vapor products and use revenue for certain mental health purposes. Creekmore IV. I147.

991 - (Transportation) "Medal of Honor Trail"; designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. Creekmore IV. I147. CR237. CU382. V382.

992 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; capital expenditures in any amount made by hospitals shall not require issuance of. Yancey. I147.

993 - (Judiciary A) Design Professionals; declare certain provisions in contracts for services void and establish standard of care. Yancey. I147.

994 - (Universities and Colleges) MTAG Program; revise eligibility requirements and cap on award amounts. Scoggin. I147.

995 - (Public Property) EMS Memorial; Health Department shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in line of duty. Carpenter. I147.

996 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for completing the Potts Camp Railroad Bridge and Bypass Project. Kinkade. I147.

997 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana; reduce penalties for possession of. Harness. I147.

998 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Ladner. I147.

999 - (Judiciary B) Jury duty; exempt members of the Legislature from. Ladner. I147.

1000 - (Business and Commerce) Corporations and LLCs; authorize notice of dissolution by electronic mail only. Deweese. I147. CR249. CU355. V356.

1001 - (Military Affairs) Veterans cemeteries; authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act. Carpenter. I147. CR284. CU370. V370. RS713. SS761. AP921.

1002 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize DPS to authorize CTED law enforcement officers to use on public roadways for commercial vehicles. Carpenter. I147.

1003 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for. Carpenter. I147. CR270. CU309. V309. RS763. HRC789. SCA873. CRO1207. CRA1207. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2173.

1004 - (Judiciary B) Sex offender registry; revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate. Horan. I151. CR160. CU191. V191. RS839. HRC863. SCA923. CRO1738. CRA1745. SCRA1847. SS2162. AP2175.

1005 - (Judiciary B) Safeguarding Teens From Out Of State (abortion) Procedures Act; create felony for assisting minors in procuring abortion. Tullos. I151.

1006 - (Marine Resources) Recreation crab licenses; limit to license holders rather than households. Anderson (122nd). I151. CR283. CU314. V314. RS713. SS761. AP921.

1007 - (Marine Resources) Oyster tags; authorize the printing of by the catcher. Anderson (122nd). I151. CR283. CU315. V315. RS713. SS761. AP921.

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1008 - (Judiciary B) Child passenger restraint devices; provide that noncompliance with requirement of shall constitute a primary traffic violation. Carpenter. I151.

1009 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioners; remove petition requirement to qualify to run for office. Carpenter. I151.

1010 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Department of Employment Security for funding Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Grant Program. Carpenter. I151.

1011 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Legislative compensation schedule; revise. Carpenter. I151.

1012 - (Appropriations A) PERS; new public safety employees may receive retirement allowance with 25 years of service. Carpenter. I151.

1013 - (Workforce Development) Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program; create. Carpenter. I151. CR305. CU409. V409.

1014 - (Municipalities) Aldermen and councilmen; increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. Carpenter. I151.

1015 - (Judiciary B) Implied consent laws and investigation of traffic accidents; authorize the CTED within DPS to enforce. Carpenter. I151. CR251. CU538. RTT538. CU564. V564. RS779. SS835. AP955.

1016 - (Education) Public schools; allow to employ or accept the service of chaplains. Carpenter. I151.

1017 - (Judiciary B) Alternative nicotine; clarify prohibition on school property. Calvert. I151.

1018 - (Judiciary B) Drug and alcohol treatment; require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. Calvert. I151.

1019 - (Education) Expert citizen teachers; provide rate of compensation for those employed in critical teacher shortage areas. Sanford. I151.

1020 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement agency; authorize to purchase equipment with certain proceeds. Sanders. I152.

1021 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbrokers; authorize Commissioner of Banking to establish by rule a process allowing certain purchased and/or pledged goods to be stored off premises. Zuber. I152. CR235. CU352. V353. RS832. SS845. AP955.

1022 - (Education) "African-American Male Success Academy"; require State Dept. of Ed. to establish to cultivate diversity of social skills and academic success. Scott. I152.

1023 - (Judiciary B) DHS Fraud Investigators; allow to drive unmarked vehicles. Horan. I152. CR188. CU288. RC288. CR335. CU538. RTT538. CU564. V564. RS779. SS835. AP955.

1024 - (Judiciary B) DHS; authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations. Horan. I152. CR334. CU470. V470. RS763. SS776. AP922.

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1025 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; eliminate executive deputy commissioner from. Horan. I152. CR325. CU400. V400. RS830. HRC864. SCA923. SRFC1264. CRO1314. HRFC1314. SCRA1919.

1026 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; make various technical amendments to the program. McGee. I152. CR335. CU527. V527.

1027 - (Corrections) Inmate Welfare Fund; authorize profits from inmate hobbycraft activities to be deposited into. Horan. I152. CR282.

1028 - (Insurance) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; revise to remove eight rounds requirement. Carpenter. I152.

1029 - (Judiciary B) Adoption; authorize original birth certificate to be provided to certain adoptees and birth parent contact preference forms. Calvert. I152.

1030 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds. Creekmore IV. I152. CR336. CU436. V437. RS713. SS761. AP922.

1031 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Management and Reporting System Revolving Fund; require administration to report purchasing needs to legislative committees. Carpenter. I152.

1032 - (Workforce Development) Unemployment compensation benefits; revise duration of. Carpenter. I152.

1033 - (County Affairs) Counties; authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a condition to construction. Carpenter. I152.

1034 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; exempt certain business personal property from. Byrd. I152.

1035 - (Apportionment and Elections) Justice court judges; include in the "Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act". Horan. I152. CR187. CU232. V232. MR233. MRT255. RS852. HC882. HC882. SS950. AP1177.

1036 - (Judiciary B) Fentanyl; increase penalties for possession of. McKnight. I156.

1037 - (Appropriations A) Deficit appropriations; revise process for state agencies to avoid the need for. (PEER bill). Currie. I156. CR263. CU271. V272. RS713. SS761. AP922.

1038 - (Drug Policy) Kratom; add to Schedule III of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. McKnight. I156.

1039 - (Judiciary A) Sales of nonalcoholic beverages or lemonade by minors, certain; prohibit certain regulation of. Shanks. I156.

1040 - (Municipalities) Municipal annexation; require an election to be held in the proposed annexed territory. Ladner. I156.

1041 - (Judiciary B) Fentanyl delivery resulting in death; remove "knowledge" requirement. (PEER bill). Currie. I156.

1042 - (Education) Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013; require study of by MDE to include certain effects.(PEER bill). Currie. I156.

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1043 - (Ways and Means) ABC Warehouse Construction Fund; prohibit expenditure of monies from until cost of project is determined.(PEER bill). Currie. I156.

1044 - (Medicaid) Mental health facilities; provide for licensure of certain, and provide for Medicaid coverage for services provided by the facilities. Creekmore IV. I156.

1045 - (Judiciary A) Balloons; prohibit intentional releasing or discarding of. Fondren. I156.

1046 - (Judiciary A) Divorce; authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. Denton. I156.

1047 - (State Affairs) Parental rights; authorize fundamental to direct upbringing of children. Remak. I157.

1048 - (Insurance) Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Ford (54th). I157. CR331. CU430. V431.

1049 - (County Affairs) Annual supplement that may be added to salaries of sheriffs; remove cap on. Currie. I157.

1050 - (Education) Mississippi Students Voicing Opinions in Today's Elections (VOTE) Act; create. Osborne. I157.

1051 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballot; provide process to cure if signatures on application and envelope do not correspond. Sanford. I157.

1052 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new student housing building at Mississippi Valley State University. Clark. I157.

1053 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation at Mississippi Valley State University. Clark. I157.

1054 - (Judiciary A) Age of majority; revise. Clark. I157.

1055 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; regulate payment for nonexempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Arnold. I157.

1056 - (Judiciary B) Law enforcement officers; entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. Arnold. I157.

1057 - (Universities and Colleges) MS Eminent Scholars Grant Program; increase maximum annual award amount. Gibbs (72nd). I157.

1058 - (Universities and Colleges) MS Resident Tuition Assistance Grant; increase annual awards under. Gibbs (72nd). I157.

1059 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Olive Branch with improvements to historic Maples Methodist Church building. Remak. I157.

1060 - (Ways and Means) Performance bonds; increase threshold amount in public works contracts. Remak. I157. CR340. CU539. RTT539. CU560. V560.

1061 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Harvest reporting program; require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. Morgan. I157.

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1062 - (Banking and Financial Services) Pawnbrokers; authorize to pass credit and debit card processing charges to customers. Zuber. I157. CR236. CU353. V353.

1063 - (Public Utilities) Excavation; revise procedures and require white lining in certain stances. Powell. I158. CR302. CU415. V415.

1064 - (Banking and Financial Services) Gold and Silver; authorize as legal tender. Ladner. I158.

1065 - (Corrections) Parole eligibility; revise for minors who committed offenses while under the age of 18. Harness. I158.

1066 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Whistleblower Reward Act; create. Ford (54th). I158. CR296.

1067 - (Public Health and Human Services) Genetic counselors; provide for licensure and regulation of by State Board of Health. McGee. I158.

1068 - (Public Health and Human Services) County medical examiners; require to enter information electronically. McGee. I158. CR302. CU433. V433. RS852. HC929. HC929. SS950. AP1176.

1069 - (Drug Policy) Prescription drugs; require pharmacists to dispense to patients unless certain circumstances exist. Crawford. I158.

1070 - (State Affairs) State employees; authorize to buy back leave time used while taking FMLA leave. Crawford. I158.

1071 - (Education) Student absenteeism; excuse those related to an exceptional student's disability. Crawford. I158.

1072 - (Judiciary B) Aggravated trafficking; any person trafficking in Schedule I or II controlled substances of eighty or more dosage units is guilty of. Burch. I158.

1073 - (Judiciary B) Contributing to the delinquency of a minor; revise elements for crime of. Burch. I158.

1074 - (Judiciary B) Terroristic threats; increase penalties when made against an airport. Summers. I158. CR334. CU470. V471. MR494. MRT559.

1075 - (Judiciary B) Criminal justice system; prohibit discrimination by certain state and local governmental entities. Osborne. I158.

1076 - (Education) Charter schools; authorize state universities and community colleges to charter and revise various other provisions. Boyd (19th). I158.

1077 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Houston Palestine Water Association for making improvements to the water system. Boyd (19th). I158.

1078 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Turner. I158.

1079 - (Insurance) Clean claim; clarify requirements for. Turner. I158. CR300. CU427. V427. RS713. SS761. AP922.

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1080 - (Transportation) Open top vehicles and carriers; require to be covered with tarp while transporting certain items on public roadways. Gibbs (72nd). I159.

1081 - (State Affairs) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; authorize governing authorities of certain qualified resort areas to allow package retailer's permits. Hurst. I159.

1082 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Mantachie Volunteer Fire Department for maintaining an existing building and constructing a new building. Boyd (19th). I159.

1083 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Mooreville-Richmond Water Association for upgrades and improvements to its water systems. Boyd (19th). I159.

1084 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. Boyd (19th). I159.

1085 - (Judiciary B) Towing of vehicles; create a procedure. Holloway (76th). I159.

1086 - (Judiciary A) Land partitions; revise provision that regulate. Sanford. I159. CR332. CU491. V491. RS778. HRC929. SCA948. SRFC1177. CRO1840. HRFC1840.

1087 - (Apportionment and Elections) Ballot harvesting; include certain definitions in prohibition on. Sanford. I159. CR249. CU384. V384. MR391. MRT546.

1088 - (Judiciary B) Circuit courts; authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures. Horan. I159. CR188. CU231. V231. RS848. HRC864. SCA926. SRFC1150. CRO1174. HRFC1174. CRO1196. CRA1203. SCRA1265. SS1842. AP2170.

1089 - (Judiciary B) Indigent counsel; increase compensation for. Horan. I159. CR188. CU230. V230.

1090 - (Drug Policy) Paraphernalia; revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. Bell (65th). I159. CR330. CU428. V428. RS830. HRC865. SCA923. CRO1037. CRA1041.

1091 - (Ways and Means) Broadband equipment speed; increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. Tullos. I164. CR340. CU538. RTT538. CU559. RC559. RC559.

1092 - (Business and Commerce) Automobile airbags and supplemental restraint systems; establish standards for installation of. Yancey. I164. CR298. CU404. V404. RS852. HC931. HC931. SS950. AP1176.

1093 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Health Department for design and construction of Emergency Medical Services Memorial. Hobgood-Wilkes. I165.

1094 - (Education) Financial literacy curriculum; require State Board of Education to create for all MS students in Grades 6-12. Fondren. I165.

1095 - (Judiciary B) Judges; add to the 7th judicial circuit court district. Banks. I165.

1096 - (State Affairs) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of. Banks. I165.

1097 - (Rules) State holidays; designate additional legal holidays and days of recognition and observation. Banks. I165.

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1098 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jackson Municipal Airport Authority for improvements at international airport. Banks. I165.

1099 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Department of Public Safety for making improvements at and supporting operations of Mississippi Forensics Laboratory. Banks. I165.

1100 - (Public Health and Human Services) Minors; prohibit health care providers and institutions from providing health care to without parental consent. Yancey. I165. CR302. CU510. V510.

1101 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Enhanced Hospital Sustainability Grant Program; establish. Mims. I165.

1102 - (Banking and Financial Services) DHS; authorize to use communication approved by financial institution for encumbrances. Cockerham. I165. CR236. CU353. V354. RS712. HC783. HC783. SS844. AP955.

1103 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; authorize certain municipalities designated as qualified resort areas to regulate certain matters regarding the sale of. Waldo. I165. CR338. CU445. V446.

1104 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Board of Dental Examiners; clarify powers and duties relating to practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. Yancey. I165.

1105 - (Business and Commerce) Limited Liability Company; remove prohibition on using the words "partnership" and "limited partnership" when providing a name for. Yancey. I165. CR188. CU238. V238. RS831. SS844. AP955.

1106 - (Education) National board certified occupational therapists; require salary supplement for public education employees. Roberson. I165. CR299. CU476. V476.

1107 - (Education) U.S. History end-of-course subject area test; remove requirement for the purpose of graduation. Roberson. I165.

1108 - (Judiciary B) Victim Assistance Coordinator; authorize an additional coordinator for the Seventh Circuit Court District. Taylor. I165.

1109 - (Corrections) Regional correctional facilities; require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders before utilizing private facilities. Taylor. I166.

1110 - (Corrections) Workforce training, certain; provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. Taylor. I166.

1111 - (Apportionment and Elections) Starkville High School AP Government Class of 2019 Motor Voter Act; create to establish the procedure for the automatic registration of voters. Taylor. I166.

1112 - (Judiciary B) Wrongful conviction; remove limit on damages when court finds. Taylor. I166.

1113 - (Corrections) Nonviolent offenders, certain; require Department of Corrections to house within a 100 mile radius of offenders' release residences. Taylor. I166.

1114 - (Public Health and Human Services) Practice of medicine or dentistry; allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. Taylor. I166.

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1115 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Federal funds; Governor can not return to federal government as long as there is still a demonstrable need for those funds in Mississippi. Taylor. I166.

1116 - (Public Utilities) Public Service Commission; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Bounds. I166. CR302. CU426. V426.

1117 - (Public Utilities) Public Utilities Staff; remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. Bounds. I166. CR302. CU426. V426.

1118 - (Insurance) Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act. Turner. I168.

1119 - (Forestry) Sixteenth section lands; authorize long-term supply agreement for sale of certain forest products other than timber. McMillan. I168.

1120 - (Forestry) Sixteenth section lands; authorize additional means of providing notice of sale of timber products and electronic bidding. McMillan. I168.

1121 - (Apportionment and Elections) State officers; make minor, nonsubstantive changes regarding swearing in of. Sanford. I168. CR187. CU238. V238. RS713. SS762. AP922.

1122 - (Corrections) Solitary Confinement Reform Act; enact. Osborne. I168.

1123 - (Transportation) MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors. Burch. I168. CR236. CU351. V351. RS848. HRC883. SCA946. CRO1027. CRA1028. SCRA1263. SS1446. AP2170.

1124 - (Judiciary B) First Responders Funeral Benefits Trust Fund; create for those killed in line of duty. Lott. I168.

1125 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. Arnold. I170.

1126 - (Technology) "Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act"; establish to protect minors from harmful content. Ford (73rd). I174. CR304. CU465. V466. IR494. RS830. HRC843. SCA874. CRO988. CRA993. SCRA1001. SS1113. AP1845.

1127 - (Insurance) Strengthen Mississippi Homes Act; create and provide fund for. Zuber. I174.

1128 - (Gaming) Lottery and Sports wagering; revise certain provisions regarding distribution of proceeds and revenue from. Lamar. I174.

1129 - (Public Health and Human Services) Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce; transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. Mims. I174. CR266. CU366. V366. RS713. SS762. AP922.

1130 - (Insurance) Living Donor Protection Act; create. Turner. I174. CR300. CU427. RC427. RC427.

1131 - (Insurance) Transparency and Accountability of Patient Premiums Invested in Dental Care Act; create. Lamar. I174.

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1132 - (Drug Policy) Prescription drugs; authorize to ne imported into the State of Mississippi to provide highest potential for cost savings to the state. Ford (54th). I174.

1133 - (County Affairs) Municipal annexation; require an election be held on the question of. Hale. I174.

1134 - (Judiciary B) Radar speed detecting equipment; authorize use by sheriffs and deputies. Hale. I174.

1135 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election day disputes; require list of judges selected to hear to be provided to certain officials. Wallace. I174. CR297. CU417. V417. RS830. HRC882. SCA947. CRO993. CRA995. SCRA1091. SS1148. AP1845.

1136 - (Education) Schools in district transformation; prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. Holloway (76th). I174.

1137 - (Public Health and Human Services) Opioid antagonists; authorize community organization to receive and administer. Nelson. I175. CR336. CU436. V436. RS830. HRC865. SCA926. CRO1337. CRA1340. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2170.

1138 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales tangible personal property and services to the Mississippi Aquarium in Gulfport. Bennett. I175.

1139 - (Judiciary A) Open Meetings Law; authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. Carpenter. I175.

1140 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public Records Act; revise time limitations for producing a competitive sealed proposal. Ford (54th). I175. CR296. CU423. V423.

1141 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act; revise certain provisions related to wage history. Summers. I175.

1142 - (Public Health and Human Services) DHS; authorize to use a combination of reporting systems to lower the department's error rate and avoid federal fines. Creekmore IV. I175.

1143 - (Insurance) Advanced Metastatic Cancer; prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs to treat. Creekmore IV. I175. CR332. CU431. V431. RS778. HC834. HC835. SS845. AP945.

1144 - (Insurance) Diagnostic and supplemental breast exams; prohibit insurers from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for. Creekmore IV. I175. CR332. CU432. V432.

1145 - (Workforce Development) Unemployment compensation; increase maximum weekly benefit amount. Bell (21st). I175.

1146 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; direct Division of Medicaid to apply for federal waivers to expand Medicaid eligibility. Johnson. I175.

1147 - (Judiciary A) Health care providers; authorize lien against claims by patients and damages recovered by patients' lawsuit or settlement. Aguirre. I175.

1148 - (Judiciary A) Marital property; exclude intellectual property of a spouse as. Aguirre. I175.

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1149 - (County Affairs) Counties; authorize to only maintain electronic format of law books in county courtrooms and public county law libraries. Carpenter. I175. CR225. CU240. V241.

1150 - (Public Health and Human Services) MS Emergency Drinking Water Network Act; create. Hale. I175.

1151 - (Insurance) Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program; authorize an additional round for and remove certain limiting language. Hale. I175.

1152 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Rural Fire Truck Fund for additional round of trucks under Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program. Hale. I176.

1153 - (Judiciary B) Tobacco; prohibit sale to persons under. Scoggin. I176. CR301. CU359. V359.

1154 - (Public Health and Human Services) The Right to Contraception Act; create. Summers. I176.

1155 - (Universities and Colleges) "Mississippi University for Women"; change name of to "The W" with official nomenclature as "Wynbridge State University of Mississippi". Scoggin. I176.

1156 - (Apportionment and Elections) Polling places; prohibit from being closed within sixty days before an election. Summers. I176. CR249. CU356. V357.

1157 - (Education) STEM Pilot Program; require SDE to create in certain school districts for students in Grades 4-8. Scott. I176.

1158 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for funding expenses of the Public Defender's Office. Bell (65th). I176.

1159 - (Insurance) Counties, municipalities, school districts, Jr. colleges, political subdivisions; authorize pooling of risks to purchase property insurance. Turner. I176.

1160 - (Insurance) State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board; authorize to determine all benefits and exclusions. Turner. I176.

1161 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law. Lamar. I176. CR269. CU368. V368. RS838. HRC863. SCA947. CRO1353. CRA1353. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2170.

1162 - (Judiciary B) Child sexual abuse; revise statute of limitations for claims. Lamar. I176. CR251. CU291. V291.

1163 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services. Lamar. I176. CR286. CU318. LTSC318. AP503. AP504. AP504. MR507. R547. V547. RS838. HRC863. SCA923. CRO1045. CRA1048. SCRA1847. SS2162. AP2175.

1164 - (Education) Public publishing; exempt the purchase of any textbook from requirements of. Hale. I176.

1165 - (Business and Commerce) Mississippi Small Business Assistance Revolving Loan Program; establish. Turner. I176.

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1166 - (Insurance) Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to adopt rules and regulations regarding certain provider reimbursement rates. Turner. I176.

1167 - (Business and Commerce) Marriage and family therapists; revise requirements for licensure. Yancey. I176. CR298. CU405. V405.

1168 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Law on Notarial Acts; revise to allow notaries to perform remote online notarization. Yancey. I177.

1169 - (Public Health and Human Services) Parental consent for medical treatment and instruction in human sexuality; require for students in K-12 notwithstanding federal regulations. Yancey. I177.

1170 - (State Affairs) PERS Board; require to make investment decisions with sole purpose of maximizing returns. Yancey. I177.

1171 - (Banking and Financial Services) Check cashers and MS Credit Availability licensees; authorize to pass credit/debit cards fees to customers. Zuber. I177.

1172 - (Apportionment and Elections) Circuit court; prohibit from allowing candidates to speak to the public during court terms. Calvert. I177.

1173 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Coach Safely Act; create to require certain youth coaches to take injury mitigation and information course. Powell. I177.

1174 - (Municipalities) Municipalities; authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated with cleaning menaced property. McGee. I177.

1175 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for construction of a new Career and Technical Education building at Forrest County Agricultural High School. Byrd. I177.

1176 - (Apportionment and Elections) Ballot box; prohibit the opening of and counting of votes until all of the polling places have closed. Byrd. I177.

1177 - (Education) Dyslexia screenings; reimburse parents and school districts for comprehensive psycho-educational evaluations. Byrd. I177.

1178 - (Education) ESA; authorize use of a diagnosis of dyslexia as a qualifier to determine eligibility for receipt of. Byrd. I177.

1179 - (Education) "Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act"; revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school." Byrd. I177.

1180 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Dynamic Dyslexia Design; The 3-D School and Evaluation Center with construction of a new building. Byrd. I177.

1181 - (Education) Public schools; require a brief period of quiet reflection at the opening of every school day. Nelson. I177.

1182 - (Education) School breakfast and lunch program; authorize districts to provide at no cost to students. Nelson. I177.

1183 - (Apportionment and Elections) Nelson. I177.

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1184 - (Constitution) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. Nelson. I178.

1185 - (Transportation) Headlights; require motorist to use in adverse driving conditions due to adverse weather or other conditions. Nelson. I178.

1186 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter roll purge; require Secretary of State to post notice of each time the purge occurs. Nelson. I178.

1187 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Southwest Mississippi Community College with campus improvements. Mims. I178.

1188 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with stormwater infrastructure projects. Mims. I178.

1189 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; allow reimbursement for services provided to developmentally disabled child by qualified nurse who is guardian of the child. Roberson. I178.

1190 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Roberson. I178. CR269. CU369. V369. RS712. HRC783. SCA873. SRFC1264. CRO1714. CRA1737.

1191 - (Education) Districts of Innovation; bring forward. Roberson. I178.

1192 - (Education) Districts of Innovation and MS Virtual Public School Program; bring forward. Roberson. I178. CR282. CU456. V457. RS852. HRC864. SCA923.

1193 - (Education) Teachers; authorize SBE to impose a fine for breach of contract by appointed superintendents, principals and licensed employees. Roberson. I178.

1194 - (Education) Expulsions; authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to. Roberson. I178. CR250. CU294. V294. RS832. SS845. AP955.

1195 - (Education) Mississippi Virtual Public School Program; bring forward. Roberson. I178.

1196 - (Judiciary B) Sextortion; create crime of. Roberson. I178. CR251. CU289. V289. RS833. HC928. HC928. SS950. AP1176.

1197 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. Newman. I178.

1198 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with U.S. Highway 80 lighting project. Newman. I178.

1199 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tags; reauthorize issuance to supporters of Wildlife Mississippi. Cockerham. I178.

1200 - (Marine Resources) Department of Marine Resources; revise administrative hearing procedure for. Anderson (122nd). I179. CR284.

1201 - (Judiciary B) Child abuse; require mandatory minimums and arrests for severe child abuse. Ford (73rd). I179.

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1202 - (Public Health and Human Services) Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact. Yancey. I179.

1203 - (Public Health and Human Services) Patient's Right to Informed Health Care Choices Act; extend repealer and make certain changes in. Powell. I179.

1204 - (Education) MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia; revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten. Byrd. I179.

1205 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; reduce rate to 1.5% for retail sales of fencing material and cattle trailers to farmers for agricultural purposes. Pigott. I179.

1206 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Open Season; revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, raccoons and bobcats with dogs and guns. Kinkade. I179. CR340. CU535. V536. RS831. HC869. HC869. SS919. AP974.

1207 - (Public Property) Alcorn University Extension Annex; rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center". Holloway (76th). I179. CR285. CU398. V398. RS750. HC798. HC798. SS844. AP955.

1208 - (Judiciary B) Hunting and fishing on lands of others; revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for. Calvert. I179. CR335. CU538. RTT538. CU563. V563. MR566. MRT581. RS831. HRC863. SCA923. SRFC1178. CRO1196. HRFC1196. CRO1745. CRA1746. SCRA1846. SS2162. AP2175.

1209 - (Judiciary B) Shoplifting; provide minimum penalties of imprisonment for all convictions of. Keen. I179.

1210 - (Appropriations A) The Dr. Elton Mac Huddleston Rural Veterinarians Scholarship Program; establish. Mangold. I179. CR328. CU392. V392. AA393. IR393. RS713. SS762. AP922.

1211 - (State Affairs) Criminal justice agencies; bring forward sections that regulate. Yancey. I179. CR339. CU444. LTSC444.

1212 - (Appropriations A) Excess state funds; remove limit on maximum amount that may be invested in bonds assumed, issued or guaranteed by. Yancey. I179.

1213 - (Insurance) Living Donor Protection Act; create. Denton. I179. CR331. CU484. V484. RS713. SS762. AP922.

1214 - (Banking and Financial Services) "Blockchain Basics Act"; create. Steverson. I179. CR329. CU526. V526. CU538. RTT538. R548. V548.

1215 - (Insurance) MS First Responders Health and Safety Act; revise definition of first responders under. Hale. I179.

1216 - (Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway. Morgan. I183. CR237. CU382. V382. RS713. SS762. AP922.

1217 - (Judiciary A) Abandoned Motor Vehicle; revise to include landowners with proper representation for tax commission inquiries. Sanford. I183.

1218 - (Judiciary B) Municipal elected officers; authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers. Yates. I183.

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1219 - (Judiciary A) Child support; authorize DPS and CPS to share information about noncustodial parents. Yates. I183.

1220 - (Municipalities) Tax forfeited property; authorize Secretary of State to reimburse local governments for tree removal and cleanup costs. Yates. I183. CR265. CU362. V362.

1221 - (Judiciary A) Marital consent; increase age of female to same age of males for. Yates. I183.

1222 - (Public Health and Human Services) Laser hair removal; restrict the practice of to certain health professionals. Yates. I183. CR301. CU509. V509.

1223 - (Judiciary A) Court interpreters; technical revisions to program administered by Administrative Office of Courts. Yates. I183.

1224 - (Judiciary A) Court administrators; revise manner for establishing office and revise Administrative Office of Courts to evaluate prospective hires. Yates. I183.

1225 - (State Affairs) State Auditor; authorize to review and investigate municipalities under certain prescribed conditions. Yates. I183. CR269. CU369. V369. MR372. MRT502.

1226 - (Judiciary A) CCID inferior court; authorize additional judges and clarify appeals from. Yates. I183. CR333. CU493. V493. MR494. MRT502.

1227 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioners; revise the compensation of. Cockerham. I184.

1228 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with signage project. Creekmore IV. I184.

1229 - (Education) Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act; bring forward statutes creating ESA Program. Roberson. I184. CR299. CU473. V473. RS848. HRC864. SCA924. SRFC1264. CRO1322. HRFC1322. CRO1799. CRA1806. SCRA1847. SS2162. AP2175.

1230 - (Ways and Means) Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District; extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027. Roberson. I184. CR340. CU348. V348. RS832. SS845. AP955.

1231 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with road improvements. Harness. I184.

1232 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to Claiborne County with security improvements to county law enforcement and detention facilities. Harness. I184.

1233 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvements to recreational facilities. Harness. I184.

1234 - (Judiciary A) Tenancy by the entirety with rights of survivorship; create rebuttable presumption when deed to both spouses. Sanford. I184. CR264. CU395. V396.

1235 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; revise exemption for university, college, community or junior college foundation property. Byrd. I184.

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1236 - (Judiciary B) Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths; create. Anderson (110th). I184.

1237 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; phase out on retail sales of certain food. Anderson (110th). I184.

1238 - (Universities and Colleges) Collegiate voters; require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. Anderson (110th). I184.

1239 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee voting; establish electronic application procedure for college students. Anderson (110th). I184.

1240 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor license tag; reauthorize issuance to supporters of the Moss Point School District. Anderson (110th). I184.

1241 - (Judiciary B) Unnatural intercourse law; revise to remove "mankind" from. Anderson (110th). I184.

1242 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for infrastructure and site development at Sharkey County Industrial Park. James-Jones. I184.

1243 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Yazoo County for a drainage project. James-Jones. I184.

1244 - (Apportionment and Elections) Affidavit ballot; allow to serve as voter registration in certain situations. James-Jones. I185.

1245 - (Judiciary B) Jury duty; reinstate person's name to master list once voting rights restored upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements. James-Jones. I185.

1246 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Humphreys County for roadway, curb and gutter improvements in Westagate Subdivision. James-Jones. I185.

1247 - (Judiciary B) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction. James-Jones. I185.

1248 - (Education) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Eubanks. I185.

1249 - (Apportionment and Elections) Ranked-choice voting; prohibit. Eubanks. I185.

1250 - (Education) School classrooms; authorize Christian Bible to be kept in and enforce daily recitation of pledge. Eubanks. I185.

1251 - (Education) Children with disabilities; require LEAs to provide services to private schools and home schooled students at the place of enrollment. Lamar. I185.

1252 - (Judiciary B) Implied consent laws; authorize nonadjudication for violation under certain conditions. Horan. I185. CR334. CU469. V469.

1253 - (Judiciary B) Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court. Horan. I185. CR251. CU291. V291. RS764. SCA853. SRFC1264. CRO1351. HRFC1351. CRO2027. CRA2035.

1254 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Promise Grant Program; create. Hall. I185.

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1255 - (Appropriations A) Defense Research and Development Program; create. Hall. I185.

1256 - (Appropriations E) Appropriations; IHL, Student Financial Aid, for JROTC scholarships to community colleges. Hall. I185.

1257 - (Business and Commerce) Notary public; clarify maximum fee permitted and authorize qualified nonresidents to be commissioned as. Hulum. I185. CR249. CU354. V355. MR357. MRT377.

1258 - (Education) 16th section land; authorize local school board to grant an extension to holder of a long-term lease in good standing. McGee. I185. CR330. CU472. V472.

1259 - (Corrections) Conditions for state offenders to serve sentences in county jails; delete repealer on. Byrd. I185.

1260 - (Technology) Texting software providers; require to ensure certain encryption and notification features when transmitting text messages. Yancey. I186.

1261 - (Public Property) Department of Public Safety Headquarters; transfer facility in Jackson, MS to UMMC. Yates. I186.

1262 - (Judiciary B) Court of Appeals; bring forward statute establishing boundaries of districts. Sanford. I186.

1263 - (Corrections) Criminal justice omnibus bill; enact. Horan. I186.

1264 - (Judiciary A) Homeless encampments; prohibit on public property and define as a public nuisance on private property. Turner. I186.

1265 - (Insurance) Pharmacists; authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or contracts. Yancey. I186. CR331. CU484. V484. RS839. HRC865. SCA926.

1266 - (Insurance) Living Donor Protection Act; create. Yancey. I186.

1267 - (Apportionment and Elections) Political communication; require to contain disclaimer if generated by artificial intelligence algorithms. James-Jones. I186.

1268 - (Judiciary A) MS Project Health Data Privacy Act; create to prohibit unauthorized disclosure of consumers' health information. Porter. I186.

1269 - (Business and Commerce) Landscape architects; authorize to participate with multi-disciplinary engineer and architecture firms. Creekmore IV. I186. CR249. CU355. V355.

1270 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regional mental health commissions; revise the membership of certain. Zuber. I186.

1271 - (Judiciary A) Real estate; revise liability for certain provisions. Deweese. I186. CR300. CU490. V490. RS831. HC843. HC843. SS918. AP974.

1272 - (Housing) Hometown Heroes Homeloan Guaranty Program; establish. Hall. I186.

1273 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Public Safety; revise various provisions relating to. Horan. I186. CR296. CU463. V463.

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1274 - (Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system. Bell (21st). I186. CR341. CU414. V414.

1275 - (Rules) Confederate flag; remove depictions of from the rotunda of the Mississippi State Capitol building. Clark. I186.

1276 - (Insurance) Study committee on certain first responders receiving insurance upon retirements eligibility; create. Shanks. I186.

1277 - (Judiciary B) Justice court; increase jurisdiction to \$5,000.00. Porter. I187.

1278 - (Insurance) Motor vehicle liability policy; require to cover certain newly licensed persons for 60 days. Hobgood-Wilkes. I187.

1279 - (Marine Resources) Shrimp trawling; provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to. Anderson (122nd). I187. CR284. CU315. V315. RS712. HC768. HC768. SS844. AP955.

1280 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipments of wine and distilled spirits to be made to residents in this state. Powell. I187.

1281 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Dumping dead wildlife; person shall have hunting license revoked for one year. Bounds. I187.

1282 - (Public Property) Satanic displays and symbols; prohibit on public property. Ford (73rd). I187.

1283 - (Education) Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program; revise certain provisions. Scoggin. I187.

1284 - (Agriculture) Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create to prohibit acquisition of forestry and agricultural lands. Pigott. I195. CR225. CU240. V240.

1285 - (Judiciary B) Writ of Habeas Corpus; require court to respond no more than 14 days. Blackmon. I195.

1286 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicles; provide procedure for licensing rental fleets. Steverson. I195. CR270. CU309. V309. RS832. SS845. AP955.

1287 - (Transportation) Memorial highway; designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway." Arnold. I196. CR236. CU378. V378. RS713. SS762. AP922.

1288 - (Transportation) Memorial highways; clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named. Arnold. I196. CR237. CU379. V379. RS712. HC782. HC782. SS844. AP955.

1289 - (Constitution) Voting rights; restore to all felons after satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. Arnold. I196.

1290 - (Business and Commerce) Charity Protection Act; create. Yancey. I196. CR298. CU405. V405.

1291 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; authorize to create a statewide work release program at facilities that house state inmates. Currie. I196.

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1292 - (Judiciary B) Child custody; create rebuttable presumption that equal (50-50) joint custody is in best interest of the child. Currie. I196.

1293 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Board of Dental Examiners; provide that the state-at-large position shall be appointed from nominations by the Mississippi Dental Society. Bell (65th). I196.

1294 - (Banking and Financial Services) Central bank digital currency; restrict use of in Mississippi. Currie. I196.

1295 - (Education) School counselors; exclude from ASCA requirements. Currie. I196.

1296 - (Ways and Means) Department of Revenue; require to provide an interactive taxpayer receipt web-based application on its website. Currie. I196.

1297 - (Judiciary B) Crimes of exposing another to contagious diseases and endangerment by bodily substance; revise elements and penalties. Butler-Washington. I196.

1298 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp; establish. Kinkade. I196. CR237. CU244. V245. RS852. HRC864. SCA924. SRFC1000. CRO1035. CRA1036.

1299 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation, The Piney Woods School to assist with campus improvements. Blackmon. I196.

1300 - (Judiciary B) "The Mississippi Clean State Act"; create to authorize automatic expungement of certain convictions. Blackmon. I196.

1301 - (Business and Commerce) Construction contracts; provide certain requirements regarding retainage. Bell (21st). I196. CR298. CU406. V406. MR419. R455. V456.

1302 - (Medicaid) Medicaid estate recovery; prohibit application of to obtain funds from ABLE accounts. Remak. I196.

1303 - (Business and Commerce) Fresh Start Act; revise certain provisions of. Yates. I197. CR329. CU477. V483.

1304 - (Agriculture) Grain graders; provide process for certification of. Pigott. I197. CR225. CU239. V239. RS832. SS846. AP955.

1305 - (Public Health and Human Services) Autopsies; create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiry about whether death was a result of seizure or epilepsy. Hood. I197.

1306 - (Transportation) Antique boats; exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. Hood. I197.

1307 - (Education) School transportation; authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. Hood. I197.

1308 - (Tourism) Mississippi Gospel Music Trail; authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. Hood. I197.

1309 - (Insurance) Auto insurance; policy held by lienholder or secured party not invalidated by intentional act of vehicle owner. Hood. I197.

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1310 - (Education) School employees; revise rate for payment for unused leave to unlicensed employees upon retirement. Hood. I197.

1311 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; authorize board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students. Mims. I197. CR339. CU429. V430.

1312 - (State Affairs) Major medical leave; expand authorized purposes for the use of by state employees. McLean. I197.

1313 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Nonresident hunting and fishing license; authorize for nonresident natives of Mississippi. Hood. I197.

1314 - (Judiciary A) Charity Protection Act; create. Hood. I197.

1315 - (Judiciary A) MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS); bring forward sections related to. Hood. I197. CR332. CU512. V512. RS838. HRC862. SCA926. CRO1247. CE1259. CRA1259. SCRA1265. SS1843. AP2170.

1316 - (Judiciary A) Public purchasing; require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS. Hood. I197. CR332. CU512. V512. RS852. HRC863. SCA926.

1317 - (Judiciary A) MS Guardianship and Conservatorship Act; bring forward. Hood. I197.

1318 - (Education) Excused absence; permit for students participating in roping or barrel horse events. Hood. I197.

1319 - (Judiciary A) Homeowner's insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age. Hood. I197. CR300. CU490. V490.

1320 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle license plates; allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. Hood. I198.

1321 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchasing law; revise to increase the threshold required for competitive purchasing on certain purchases. Byrd. I198.

1322 - (Public Utilities) Broadband; revise the definition of "equipment used in the deployment of broadband technologies" for certain purposes. Byrd. I198.

1323 - (Judiciary B) Statute of limitations; increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person. McKnight. I198. CR335. CU538. RTT538. CU562. V562. RS852. HRC864. SCA924. CRO1351. CRA1352. SCRA1847. CE1908. SS2165. AP2175.

1324 - (Business and Commerce) Home Inspector Regulatory Board; revive and provide that MS Real Estate Appraisal Board shall regulate home inspectors. Barnett. I198. CR281. CU403. V403.

1325 - (Judiciary B) Secretary of State employees; authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. Barnett. I198. CR334. CU468. V468.

1326 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee ballots; revise the deadline for submitting. Wallace. I198.

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1327 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Lobbying law; require registration statement to include information about foreign adversaries and foreign principals. Wallace. I198.

1328 - (Education) "Mississippi Delta Medical Apprenticeship Program" (MS DMAP); establish to provide career pathways for students in the Delta. Hines. I198.

1329 - (Public Health and Human Services) Physician records; require to be retained for minimum period of time. Creekmore IV. I198.

1330 - (Rules) Union County Heritage Museum; designate as the official state barbeque museum. Creekmore IV. I198.

1331 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) White-tailed deer; prohibit restricting translocation of between permitted enclosures. Kinkade. I198.

1332 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for making restorations and renovations on certain projects at JSU, ASU and MVSU. Hines. I198.

1333 - (Judiciary B) Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training; require K-9 teams and motorcycle officers to be certified. Shanks. I198.

1334 - (Judiciary A) Tax assessors; revise certain provisions regarding authority to inspect property and demand data. Bailey. I198.

1335 - (Public Health and Human Services) Registry identification card; establish electronic format of and provide certain designation for on driver's license upon request. Porter. I198.

1336 - (Judiciary B) Unserialized firearms ("ghost guns"); create crime of possession of. Porter. I199.

1337 - (Judiciary B) Justice courts; increase limit of jurisdiction to \$15,000.00. Porter. I199.

1338 - (Judiciary B) Justice court jurisdiction; increase to \$20,000. Porter. I199.

1339 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Legal summons, orders and citations; revise procedure for publishing. Barnett. I199.

1340 - (Gaming) Gaming Commission; authorize to collaborate with DHS to collect child support from gaming winnings. Felsher. I199.

1341 - (Education) Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel; revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. Felsher. I199. CR330. CU517. V517. RS832. SS846. AP955.

1342 - (Judiciary B) Controlled substances; bring forward sections for unlawful possession of. Owen. I199. CR251. CU538. RTT538.

1343 - (Judiciary A) Scrivener's affidavit; revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired. Owen. I199. CR264. CU396. V396. RS713. SS762. AP922.

1344 - (Business and Commerce) Nonprofit Corporations; require annual report to be filed with Secretary of State. Yancey. I199. CR298. CU460. V460. RS839. HC930. HC930. SS950. AP1177.

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1345 - (Judiciary A) Parental consent; require for mental and behavioral services provided to unemancipated minors notwithstanding federal regulations. Yancey. I199.

1346 - (Judiciary B) Radar; authorize use by sheriff and deputies for enforcing speed limits within school zones. Haney. I199.

1347 - (Insurance) Insurance; revise various provisions regarding. Turner. I199.

1348 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Local governments; provide option to publish notices on their websites in addition to newspapers. Byrd. I199.

1349 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. McGee. I199.

1350 - (Public Utilities) Telephone solicitors; prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans. McGee. I199. CR303. CU534. V535. RS750. HRC784. SCA853. SCRA961. CRO964. CRA968. SS998. AP1845.

1351 - (Judiciary B) Child placed in foster care; clarify that youth court must be consulted before placement is revised. Hobgood-Wilkes. I199. CR334. CU471. LTSC471. CU538. RTT538.

1352 - (Public Utilities) Telephone solicitors; prohibit calls regarding Medicare supplements and to consumers opting out of all calls. Hood. I199. CR303. CU535. V535.

1353 - (Agriculture) Horseracing; include in equine liability. Bounds. I200. CR263. CU317. V317. RS611. SS710. AP753.

1354 - (Ways and Means) Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse; increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds. Lamar. I200. CR270. CU310. V310. RS925. HRC957. SCA981. SRFC1150. CRO1208. HRFC1208. CRO2065. CRA2072. SCRA2164. SS2165. AP2175.

1355 - (Appropriations A) State agencies; Personnel Board and LBO shall develop salary funding levels for. Read. I200. CR297. CU391. V391. IR392.

1356 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Telework; revise certain provisions regarding use of by employees of state service agencies. Read. I200. CR296. CU424. V424.

1357 - (State Affairs) Department of Agriculture; bring forward sections relating to. Read. I200. CR325. CU447. V447. RS831. HRC863. SCA871. SRFC1151. CRO1238. HRFC1238. CRO1353. CRA1356. SCRA1847. SS2165. AP2175.

1358 - (Judiciary A) "Sex"; define terms use in any Mississippi statute. McLean. I200.

1359 - (Ways and Means) Serial bonds or single term bonds; authorize counties and municipalities to issue. Aguirre. I200. CR270. CU311. V311.

1360 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Local governments; authorize to publish notices on their websites in addition to newspaper notices. Remak. I200.

1361 - (State Affairs) Mississippi Paid Family and Medical Leave Act; establish. Butler-Washington. I200.

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1362 - (Business and Commerce) Fresh Start Act; revise to prohibit licensing authority from requiring disclosure of certain information. Anthony. I200.

1363 - (Judiciary A) Internet; create civil liability for distribution of child pornography and obscene matter by commercial entities. Wallace. I200. CR333. CU514. V514.

1364 - (Apportionment and Elections) Ranked-choice voting; prohibit. Ford (73rd). I200.

1365 - (Judiciary B) Obstructing public streets and roadways; increase penalties for. McLean. I200.

1366 - (Business and Commerce) Mississippi Principal and Income Act of 2013; revise provisions relating to partial liquidation. Haney. I200. CR281. CU404. V404.

1367 - (Insurance) State Health Plan; require co-pay for certain services under. Waldo. I200.

1368 - (Education) State school and school district accountability system; eliminate certain criteria for measuring performance under. McLean. I200.

1369 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; reduce fee for tag with the word "Adoption" used in the design of. Ford (73rd). I200.

1370 - (Judiciary A) Trespass; clarify elements of. McMillan. I201. CR333. CU493. V493.

1371 - (State Affairs) Law enforcement officers and firefighters; certain shall receive one additional year of creditable services in PERS for every 5 years of service. McMillan. I201.

1372 - (State Affairs) Retirees; may be employed full time in critical need or shortage position with PERS employer and draw full benefits. McMillan. I201.

1373 - (Judiciary B) Pilot Work Release Program; authorize sheriffs of any county to participate in and remove 25 limit on number of participants for. Bell (65th). I201.

1374 - (Judiciary B) Stolen property; create crime for the sale of and require payment made to the owner of the property. Ladner. I201.

1375 - (Judiciary B) Search warrant; prohibit issuance of for information relating to menstrual health data. Butler-Washington. I201.

1376 - (Public Health and Human Services) Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in. Creekmore IV. I201. CR335. CU486. V486. RS714. SS762. AP922.

1377 - (Banking and Financial Services) MS Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; require Dept. Of Banking to issue memo authorizing new maximum loan amount and revise amount calculation. Aguirre. I201. CR281. CU407. V407.

1378 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older. Remak. I201. CR270. CU311. V311. RS925. SS950. SS950. AP1177.

1379 - (Education) "Students Safe at School Act"; create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations. Barton. I201. CR299. CU518. V518. RS838. HRC864. SCA924.

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1380 - (Judiciary B) Child abuse; provide that babies born who test positive for controlled substances shall be considered. McLean. I201.

1381 - (Judiciary A) Licensure; revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. McLean. I201.

1382 - (Judiciary B) Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to. McLean. I201. CR334. CU468. LTSC468. CU538. RTT538.

1383 - (Judiciary B) Bail; make certain amendments related to the extradition of a principal. McLean. I201.

1384 - (Judiciary B) Bail bonds; provide when discharged. McLean. I202.

1385 - (Education) Disruptive students; prescribe procedures for alternative placement and eventual reintegration into traditional school setting. Tubb. I202.

1386 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal general election ballots; provide that only the names of those opposed candidates shall be printed upon. Haney. I202.

1387 - (State Affairs) PERS; allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer for another employer and draw retirement allowance and work full time. Haney. I202.

1388 - (Judiciary A) Divorce and alimony; bring forward statutes relating to. Yates. I202.

1389 - (Judiciary A) Divorce; authorize when marriage is deemed irretrievably broken. Yates. I202.

1390 - (Judiciary B) Grand jury; clarify procedures for recusal of district attorney. Owen. I202. CR251. CU289. V289.

1391 - (Education) Textbooks; revise provisions related to adoption and procurement of by school districts and the inclusion of open resource material. Owen. I202.

1392 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Child Protection Services; require to create a transition-aged youth aftercare housing program for young adults who were in foster care. Paden. I202.

1393 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; authorize to establish Reentry Housing Program. Paden. I202.

1394 - (Judiciary A) Conservatorship; authorize court to allow petitioner seeking approval of minor settlement to perform conservator's duties. Porter. I202.

1395 - (Universities and Colleges) Community and junior colleges; authorize the board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students. Porter. I202.

1396 - (Education) Community Eligibility Provision of National School Lunch Program; require certain school districts to apply for. Porter. I202. CR330. CU517. V517.

1397 - (Education) Mississippi Education Supports for Schools Grant Program; establish to provide funds to eligible school districts for classroom resources. Porter. I202.

1398 - (Education) Community school; authorize implementation under the administration of a district of innovation and establish grant fund. Porter. I202.

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1399 - (Apportionment and Elections) Polling place; prohibit facility that serves alcohol and serves as from serving alcohol for the 30 days before election. Rosebud. I202.

1400 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee voting; revise various provisions of. Sanford. I203.

1401 - (Apportionment and Elections) Polling place; prohibit facility that sells alcoholic beverages to be used as. Rosebud. I203. CR297. CU462. V462.

1402 - (Education) School buses; prohibit from stopping in areas of low visibility when receiving and discharging school children. Sanford. I203.

1403 - (Judiciary B) Justice Court; revise filing fees. Sanford. I203. CR334. CU468. V468.

1404 - (Apportionment and Elections) Runoff elections; revise time for holding to four weeks. Sanford. I203. CR249. CU356. V356.

1405 - (State Affairs) Downtown Jackson Revitalization Coalition; create with national, state and local stakeholders. Summers. I203.

1406 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee voting; revise various provisions of. Tullos. I203. CR297. CU461. V462. RS831. HRC882. SCA947. CRO1179. CRA1192. SCRA1265. SRFC1449. CRO2036. CRA2048. SCRA2164. SS2165. BLWS2174.

1407 - (Insurance) Proof of motor vehicle insurance; require before motor vehicle owner may renew registration. Turner. I203.

1408 - (Insurance) Residential roofing contractors; revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer Protection Act. Turner. I203. CR299. CU511. V511. RS838. HRC865. SCA926. CRO1031. CRA1034. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2170.

1409 - (Insurance) Commissioner of Insurance; repeal requirement of to publish annual statements. Turner. I203.

1410 - (Insurance) Out-of-state insurers; require to reimburse providers of certain persons the reimbursement rate of state of issuance in certain situations. Turner. I203. CR331. CU485. V485. RS838. SS844. AP922.

1411 - (Judiciary B) GPS; authorize law enforcement to use for certain crimes. Waldo. I203.

1412 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; exempt acute care hospitals in rural medically underserved areas from CON requirement to expand services to certain areas. Yancey. I203.

1413 - (Judiciary A) Insurers; require to exchange certain information with the MS Department of Human Services regarding delinquent child support. Yancey. I203.

1414 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; increase minimum dollar amounts of capital expenditures that require issuance of. Yancey. I203.

1415 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Tobacco Harm Reduction Act of 2024; create. Yancey. I203.

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1416 - (Public Health and Human Services) Water Quality Accountability Act; create. Yancey. I203.

1417 - (Ways and Means) Health care industry zone; expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as. Eure. I204. CR340. CU348. V349. RS838. HRC885. SCA947. CRO1266. CRA1266. SCRA1847. SS2162. AP2175.

1418 - (State Affairs) State of Mississippi; not required to recognize any mandates, orders or laws by any entity that is not a state or federally elected official or body. Eubanks. I204.

1419 - (Public Health and Human Services) Board of Medical Licensure; revise licensure status, definitions, procedures, fines and temporary practice authority. Ford (54th). I204.

1420 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public procurement laws; exempt certain contracts for museums. Ford (54th). I204. CR296. CU424. V424.

1421 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public purchasing; increase threshold for bidding and revise provisions related to reverse auctions. Ford (54th). I204. CR296. CU425. V425.

1422 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; Health Department shall issue for beds in a community living program for developmentally adults in Madison County. Ford (73rd). I204.

1423 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioners; bring forward code sections related to. Hurst. I204.

1424 - (Apportionment and Elections) Resolution board; revise membership of. Hurst. I204.

1425 - (Apportionment and Elections) Poll managers; remove requirement to be a qualified elector in county where polling place is located. Hurst. I204.

1426 - (Apportionment and Elections) Primary election ballot; provide that unopposed candidate name shall not be printed on. Hurst. I204.

1427 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections contests; revise provisions of. Hurst. I204.

1428 - (Public Property) "SAFER Act"; create to regulate public buildings. Hurst. I204.

1429 - (Apportionment and Elections) Ballot box examination; revise procedures related to. Hurst. I204.

1430 - (Apportionment and Elections) Poll manager; provide that both political parties must be represented by. Hurst. I204.

1431 - (Apportionment and Elections) Municipal executive committee; require county executive committee to appoint. Hurst. I204.

1432 - (Transportation) Memorial bridges; designate bridges on U.S. Hwy 72 in Alcorn County, near Burnsville, MS, as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridges." Carpenter. I204. CR285. CU371. RC371. RC371.

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1433 - (Judiciary B) Firearms; enhance penalties when used during gang related criminal acts. McKnight. I204.

1434 - (Education) School accountability model; bring forward provisions related. Roberson. I205.

1435 - (Judiciary B) Judicial districts; bring forward circuit, chancery and county courts. Horan. I205.

1436 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; certain health care facilities that relinquished CON for inpatient psych services may have those beds licensed as separate entity. Lancaster. I205.

1437 - (Drug Policy) Kratom Consumer Protection Act; create. Roberson. I205.

1438 - (Judiciary A) Child support; revise percentages for payment. Yates. I205.

1439 - (Marine Resources) State-owned riparian rights; revise and provide for leases for on bottom oyster fishing for commercial purposes on. Ladner. I205. CR284. CU316. V316. RS750. HC768. HC768. SS844. AP955.

1440 - (Judiciary B) Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Horan. I205. CR301. CU361. V361.

1441 - (Judiciary B) Felony; increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm. Horan. I205. CR251. CU290. RC290. RC290. CR335. CU538. RTT538. CU562. V562. RS839. HRC863. SCA924. SRFC1264. CRO1351. HRFC1351.

1442 - (Apportionment and Elections) Signature verification personnel; require to be designated by the Secretary of State. Ladner. I205.

1443 - (Apportionment and Elections) Mandatory recount of votes; provide for in certain situations. Ladner. I205.

1444 - (State Affairs) Capitol police; clarify jurisdiction to include violations of municipal codes and ordinances. Yates. I205.

1445 - (Constitution) Expungement and voting rights; bring forward sections regulating. Horan. I205.

1446 - (Education) Mississippi School Safety Task Force; create. Roberson. I205.

1447 - (Education) SAVED: create study committee to determine establishing model school for failing schools in the Mississippi Delta Roberson. I205. CR331. CU514. V516.

1448 - (Education) Tim Tebow Act; create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school extracurricular activities. Roberson. I205.

1449 - (Education) The "Mississippi Student Freedom Act"; create to establish Magnolia Scholarship Accounts for certain eligible students. Roberson. I205. CR331.

1450 - (Education) Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact; authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members. Roberson. I205. CR283. CU401. V401. RS838. HRC864. SCA924. SCRA1449. CRO1806. CRA1816. SS2165. AP2175.

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1451 - (Ports, Harbors and Airports) Mississippi Airport Critical Needs Grant Program; create. Roberson. I205.

1452 - (Education) School choice; establish opportunity scholarships and open enrollment for public school students. Roberson. I206.

1453 - (Education) "Investing in the Needs of Students to Prioritize, Impact and Reform Education (INSPIRE) Act of 2024"; create. Roberson. I206. CR330. CU357. V357. MR372. MRT378.

1454 - (Judiciary B) Conditions for parole eligibility; extend date of repeal on. Owen. I206. CR251. CU290. V290.

1455 - (Judiciary B) Work initiative; remove cap on number of inmates who may participate in and revise certain reporting requirements for. Owen. I206. CR334. CU538. RTT538. CU561. V561.

1456 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; reduce rate on retail sales of certain food. Owen. I206.

1457 - (Judiciary B) Right to counsel; authorize State Defender to provide where there is a constitutional right. Owen. I206.

1458 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Lower Pearl River Restoration Trust Fund; authorize monies in the fund to be used to hire administrator for. Owen. I206. CR298.

1459 - (Judiciary B) MS Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; bring forward. Owen. I206. CR301. CU360. V360.

1460 - (Appropriations A) Municipality and County Water Infrastructure Grant Program; bring forward for possible amendment. White. I206. CR263. CU272. V272.

1461 - (Judiciary B) Vape Directory; require Department of Revenue to maintain and publish. Yancey. I206. CR300. CU358. V358.

1462 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Fishing; residents who are 65 or older not required to pay fee at any state park or wildlife management area. Boyd (19th). I206.

1463 - (Transportation) "Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway"; specify parameters of location for designation. Holloway (76th). I206. CR285. CU383. V383. RS714. SS762. AP922.

1464 - (Education) Face masks; prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. Crawford. I206.

1465 - (Apportionment and Elections) Voter identification; clarify that only MS driver's license shall be acceptable license. Crawford. I206.

1466 - (Judiciary B) Sexual battery; remove the statute of limitations for. Crawford. I206.

1467 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Hobgood-Wilkes. I206.

1468 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; nonopioid drugs for pain management will not be disadvantaged with respect to coverage on preferred drug list. Hobgood-Wilkes. I206.

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1469 - (State Affairs) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Law; bring forward section of. Creekmore IV. I206.

1470 - (Public Health and Human Services) Preeclampsia; Health Department prepare materials about complications of pregnancy due to, which providers shall provide to pregnant women. Jackson (11th). I207.

1471 - (Public Utilities) BEAM; prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor. Powell. I207. CR303. CU415. V415. RS831. HRC843. SCA847. SCRA956. CRO968. CRA970. SS1113. AP1845.

1472 - (Judiciary B) Historical monuments; counties and municipalities fined \$10,000 per month for certain violations regarding. Hobgood-Wilkes. I207.

1473 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash. Lamar. I207. CR340. CU347. V348. RS764. HRC790. SCA873. SRFC1151. CRO1208. HRFC1208.

1474 - (Universities and Colleges) Student-athletes; revise various provisions under the Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act. Lamar. I207.

1475 - (Education) "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2024"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. Hall. I207.

1476 - (Transportation) MS Airport Critical Needs Grant Program; create. Hall. I207.

1477 - (Municipalities) Veterans parks; create grant program to assist municipalities and counties with improvement to. Hall. I207.

1478 - (Judiciary B) Alternative nicotine products; prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation. Hall. I207. CR301. CU360. V360. RS839. HRC864. SCA873.

1479 - (Business and Commerce) Real Estate Commission; grant discretion to issue license after felony conviction of crime of moral turpitude. Hall. I207.

1480 - (Constitution) Voting rights; restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. Anderson (110th). I207.

1481 - (Judiciary B) Officer-involved deaths; require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. Anderson (110th). I207.

1482 - (Judiciary A) Child support; authorize certain unemancipated minors to bring suit against parents for. Anderson (110th). I207.

1483 - (Apportionment and Elections) Online voter registration; authorize for first-time registrants. Anderson (110th). I207.

1484 - (Public Utilities) Municipally owned or operated electric utility; revise provisions relating to adequacy of service and receivership. Kinkade. I207.

1485 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income". Evans. I208. CR615. CU638. V638.

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1486 - (Conservation and Water Resources) Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; require to evaluate toxic air pollutants and contaminants and revise air quality standards. Summers. I208.

1487 - (State Affairs) Capitol Complex Improvement District; revise boundaries of. Yates. I208. CR338. CU446. CU507. V507. RS831. HRC863. SCA924. SCRA1115. CRO1238. MRCL1240. CRA1240. SS1842. BLWS2172.

1488 - (Judiciary A) Permit Freedom Act; create to require clear criteria and appeals process on permits to engage in constitutionally protected activity. Hobgood-Wilkes. I208.

1489 - (Insurance) Ambulance services; health insurance policies shall cover treatment of enrollees in place and transporting to an alternate destination. Hobgood-Wilkes. I208. CR332. CU505. V505. RS852. HRC884. SCA926. SCRA961. CRO987. CRA988. SS1113. AP1844.

1490 - (Public Health and Human Services) Advance practice registered nurses; revise certain provisions relating to, including the collaborative agreement requirement. Currie. I208.

1491 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Department of Archives and History; revise board of trustees of. Hobgood-Wilkes. I208.

1492 - (Ways and Means) Municipalities and counties trails program; create and issue bonds to provide funds for. Creekmore IV. I208.

1493 - (Insurance) Licensed child care facilities; require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. Porter. I208.

1494 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with central business district improvements. Creekmore IV. I208.

1495 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Union County with improvements to the Union County Courthouse. Creekmore IV. I208.

1496 - (Judiciary B) Intervention court; require circuit courts to establish by a certain date. Creekmore IV. I208.

1497 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19 mRNA vaccinations; prohibit until Health Department conducts study and determines they are safe. Boyd (19th). I208.

1498 - (State Affairs) Administrative Procedures Act; amend to require notice of proposed rule to include cost. Boyd (19th). I208.

1499 - (Education) "Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2024"; enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. Boyd (19th). I208.

1500 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election commissioners; require to conduct an audit of ballots in certain precincts. Eubanks. I208.

1501 - (Constitution) Initiative process; revise certain provisions relating to the. McCray. I209.

1502 - (Judiciary B) Second Amendment Preservation Act; authorize to protect rights to firearms. Oliver. I209.

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1503 - (Public Utilities) Applications for certificate of public convenience and necessity for new transmission facilities; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Powell. I209. CR337.

1504 - (Apportionment and Elections) Campaign finance; revise various provisions of laws related to. Powell. I209.

1505 - (Ways and Means) Growth and Prosperity Act; bring forward section of law of. Burnett. I209.

1506 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccine exemption; authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. Crawford. I209.

1507 - (Education) Special education funds; require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. Crawford. I209.

1508 - (Judiciary A) Squatters rights; clarify that such is not protected under state law. Crawford. I209.

1509 - (Public Health and Human Services) State Health Officer; require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. Crawford. I209.

1510 - (Public Health and Human Services) Immunization and vaccination of preventable disease requirements for school children; exempt based on religious tenets. Crawford. I209.

1511 - (Public Health and Human Services) Ivermectin; authorize pharmacists to provide to adults pursuant to collaborative pharmacy practice agreement. Crawford. I209.

1512 - (Insurance) Health insurers; prohibit from denying a claim solely because person is not vaccinated. Crawford. I209.

1513 - (Judiciary B) Electronic driver's license and driving permits; remove authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to issue. Crawford. I209.

1514 - (Education) Corporal punishment; require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in. Crawford. I209.

1515 - (Judiciary A) COVID-19 vaccines; require Attorney General to investigate pharmaceutical companies' promotion and distribution. Crawford. I209.

1516 - (Public Health and Human Services) COVID-19; require notice to family when death may have been caused by vaccine and authorize autopsy. Crawford. I210.

1517 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Agencies, departments and institutions; require each to post organizational structure on official websites of. Crawford. I210.

1518 - (Banking and Financial Services) Gold and silver; authorize as legal tender. Crawford. I210.

1519 - (Transportation) Short-line railroad; authorize certain towns to acquire and operate. Cockerham. I210. CR285. CU371. V371. RS712. HC782. HC782. SS844. AP955.

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1520 - (Judiciary A) Child support; regulate retroactive child support by DHS. Cockerham. I210.

1521 - (Universities and Colleges) "Safe Dormitories Act"; establish. Newman. I210.

1522 - (Public Utilities) Public utilities; require owners or operators of to be responsible for maintaining underground lines up to the meter. Newman. I210.

1523 - (Tourism) Tourism project sales tax incentive program; delete prohibition against gaming establishments, bring forward sections of law. Burnett. I210.

1524 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; Health Department shall issue for construction of an acute care hospital in Tunica County. Burnett. I210.

1525 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of. Powell. I210. CR303. CU323. LTSC323. CU350. V350. RS714. SS762. AP922.

1526 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental health; authorize Department of Mental Health to establish minimum standards and services for privately-owned providers. Hines. I210.

1527 - (Insurance) HIV medications; prohibit health plans and Medicaid from subjecting to protocols that restrict dispensing of. Hines. I210. CR332. CU536. V537.

1528 - (Apportionment and Elections) Absentee voting; revise various provisions of. Owen. I210.

1529 - (Judiciary B) Misdemeanor crimes; require automatic expungement of. Nelson. I210.

1530 - (Judiciary B) Acquittals and dismissals; require automatic expunction of records of. Nelson. I210.

1531 - (Forestry) Wooden pellets; authorize to use for fuel. Morgan. I210.

1532 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Harvest reporting program for white-tailed deer; establish. Morgan. I210.

1533 - (Forestry) Bioenergy; considered carbon neutral when produced from biomass. Morgan. I211. CR264. CU367. MTL367. V367. MR372.

1534 - (Public Health and Human Services) Screening and approval program for retail sale of products containing certain substances; establish. McKnight. I211.

1535 - (Public Health and Human Services) Midwifery; provide for licensure and regulation of. McLean. I211.

1536 - (Judiciary B) Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. McLean. I211.

1537 - (Judiciary B) Sexual offense; provide immunity for reporting. McLean. I211. CR334. CU467. V467.

1538 - (Public Health and Human Services) County health departments; require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide free contraceptive supplies. McLean. I211.

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1539 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; provide coverage for neonatal circumcision procedures. McLean. I211.

1540 - (Judiciary B) Sexual acts between incarcerated persons and law enforcement; prohibit. McLean. I211.

1541 - (Judiciary B) Therapists; create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. McLean. I211.

1542 - (Judiciary A) Intestate succession; child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to be living at the time of death. McLean. I211. CR333. CU513. V513. RS852. HRC863. SCA926. SRFC1151. CRO1192. HRFC1192. CRO1751. CRA1757. SCRA1847. SS2163. AP2176.

1543 - (Transportation) Pedestrian crosswalk or skybridge; conduct study to determine feasibility of constructing at Mississippi Valley State University. James-Jones. I211.

1544 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicle; revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. Johnson. I211.

1545 - (Public Property) Mississippi Development Authority; authorize to sell certain real property for less than fair market value. Karriem. I211.

1546 - (Judiciary A) Outdoor recreational premises; include use of ATVs and off-road vehicles. Mangold. I211.

1547 - (Judiciary B) Restitution; require first monies collected by court from defendant to be allocated to. Mattox. I211.

1548 - (Education) Cardiac emergency response plan; require local school district to implement. McCarty. I211. CR283. CU401. V401. MR437. R547. V547.

1549 - (Apportionment and Elections) Runoff elections; revise time for holding to five weeks. Hurst. I211.

1550 - (Apportionment and Elections) Elections; bring forward code sections related to residency for. Hurst. I211.

1551 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Countywide elected officials, certain; prohibit from receiving additional compensation outside of what is statutorily permitted. Shanks. I212.

1552 - (Judiciary A) UCC filings; bring forward provisions of law relating to. Hood. I212.

1553 - (Judiciary A) Post-conviction collateral relief; require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court. Hood. I212.

1554 - (Corrections) Parole eligibility; authorize for certain youth who committed offense while under age 18 and received life or life without parole sentence. Hood. I212.

1555 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Open season on deer; extend to February 28 for hunting with both primitive weapons and guns without dogs. Hood. I212.

1556 - (Judiciary A) Assistant district attorneys; increase number in DeSoto County. Harris. I212.

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1557 - (Judiciary B) Crime Stoppers Programs; establish requirements and designate Commissioner of Public Safety as Director of Advisory Council. Shanks. I212.

1558 - (Technology) Social media platforms; require owners or operators of to regulate advertisement of tobacco and nicotine products. Hood. I212. CR304. CU427. V427.

1559 - (Judiciary A) Termination of parental rights; revise various provisions relating to. Hood. I212.

1560 - (Judiciary A) Governmental tort immunity; bring forward sections. Hood. I212. CR333. CU537. RTT537.

1561 - (State Affairs) Alcoholic beverages; allow direct sales and shipment of certain, revise certain provisions regarding package retailer's permits. Powell. I212.

1562 - (Education) State Public School Building Fund; reenact. Bennett. I212.

1563 - (Education) Payment of teacher salaries; payable in equal installments as determined by the local school board based upon terms of contract. Bennett. I212.

1564 - (Education) Assistant teachers; provide \$5,000.00 salary increase to minimum annual salary for. Bennett. I212.

1565 - (Education) CapABLE curriculum; implement in public schools to provide instruction on disability inclusion and character education. Bennett. I212.

1566 - (Education) Teachers; provide \$4,000 increase to minimum annual salary for. Bennett. I212.

1567 - (Workforce Development) Workforce development fund; bring forward code section on. Bell (21st). I213. CR305. CU410. V410. RS712. HRC769. SCA853. CRO1129. CRA1135. SCRA1265. SS1842. AP2170.

1568 - (Universities and Colleges) Jackson State University; authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus. Bell (65th). I213. CR339. CU429. V429. RS832. SS846. AP955.

1569 - (Judiciary A) Contractor liens; revise provisions relating to. Bell (65th). I213.

1570 - (Ways and Means) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; exempt tag for supporters of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA from minimum purchase requirement. Bell (65th). I213.

1571 - (Ways and Means) Unfair Cigarette Sales Law; increase allowable markup on cigarettes. Barnett. I213.

1572 - (Judiciary B) Medical cannabis; prohibit possession of open container while operating a motor vehicle or in any public place. Arnold. I213.

1573 - (Public Health and Human Services) Child care; create exemption to State Department of Health licensure for certain church facilities. Arnold. I213.

1574 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) White-tailed deer; provide certain provisions relating to the taking of during the closed season. Anderson (122nd). I213.

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1575 - (Judiciary A) Cybersecurity; local governmental and commercial entities substantially complying with certain standards not liable for incidents connected to. Aguirre. I213.

1576 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Savings Initiative; create. Aguirre. I213.

1577 - (Banking and Financial Services) Bidding terms for public depositories for counties and municipalities; make compatible. Aguirre. I213. CR281. CU407. V408. RS831. HC883. HC883. SS950. AP1177.

1578 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund; revise to expand access for certain eligible entities and commercial property investments. Haney. I213.

1579 - (Ways and Means) Business Improvement Districts Act; make various revisions concerning. Haney. I213. CR270. CU312. V312.

1580 - (Judiciary A) Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; bring forward sections that regulate. Hall. I213.

1581 - (Gaming) Bingo products; clarify regulations for. Hall. I213.

1582 - (Business and Commerce) MS Employment Protection Act; revise penalties for violations of. Hall. I213.

1583 - (Energy) Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act; create. Hale. I213. CR283. CU319. V319. RS749. SS760. AP922.

1584 - (Transportation) Memorial Highway; designate segment of MS Hwy 9 in Webster County as the "Corporal William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr., Memorial Highway. Hood. I214. CR285. CU383. V383.

1585 - (Judiciary B) Circuit courts; retain jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges. Hood. I214.

1586 - (Judiciary B) Judicial districts; bring forward chancery, circuit and county. Lamar. I214.

1587 - (Judiciary B) Circuit judges; add to seventh district. Bell (65th). I214.

1588 - (Judiciary B) Assistant district attorneys; add to the Seventh Circuit Court District. Bell (65th). I214.

1589 - (Ways and Means) Motor vehicles; revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping. Lamar. I214. CR270. CU312. V312. RS852. HRC885. SCA947. CRO1208. CRA1216. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2173.

1590 - (State Affairs) PERS; bring forward sections relating to. Zuber. I214. CR338. CU507. LTSC507. CU528. V534. IR534.

1591 - (State Affairs) Insurance exchange; authorize Commissioner of Insurance to establish. Zuber. I214.

1592 - (State Affairs) Lottery tickets; authorize alcohol package retailer's permit holders to be lottery retailers and sell. Zuber. I214.

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1593 - (Insurance) Pharmacy benefit managers; revise provisions relating to. Yancey. I214.

1594 - (Drug Policy) Kratom products; prohibit persons under 21 from purchasing, and prohibit entering premises of retailer who sells. Yancey. I214.

1595 - (Ways and Means) Tax liens; provide for time within which the Department of Revenue may take action to collect. Denton. I214.

1596 - (Apportionment and Elections) Residency requirements; revise for candidates for municipal, county or county district offices. Denton. I214.

1597 - (Judiciary A) Crimes related to public funds; bring forward code sections related to. Denton. I214.

1598 - (Judiciary A) Civil commitment; respondent in county with a crisis stabilization unit shall be taken to and retained there if bed is available. Currie. I214.

1599 - (Corrections) Department of Corrections; require to procure data collection and reporting system for certain prison, probation and post release info. Currie. I214.

1600 - (Corrections) Post-Release Reentry Services Pilot Program; authorize the establishment of. Currie. I214.

1601 - (Public Health and Human Services) Prescriptions drugs; prohibit licensing boards from prohibiting practitioners from prescribing for off-label use. Currie. I214.

1602 - (Insurance) Override of step therapy or fail-first protocol; require insurer to decide within certain time. Deweese. I215.

1603 - (Judiciary A) Organ procurement organizations; records and proceedings of PEER review committees are confidential and not discoverable. Eure. I215. CR300. CU511. V511.

1604 - (Workforce Development) Comprehensive Career and Technical Education Reform Act; revise certain portions of regarding industry certification and grants. Roberson. I215. CR305. CU411. V411.

1605 - (Education) Families' Bill of Rights Act; create. Hall. I215.

1606 - (Judiciary A) The Title IX Preservation Act; enact. Ford (73rd). I215.

1607 - (Judiciary A) Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights; create. McLean. I215. CR333. CU504. PO505. SR506. V506. MR507. MRT546. RS839. HRC862. SCA926.

1608 - (State Affairs) State employees; provide for paid leave for caregivers of child to care for child after birth, adoption or foster placement. Cockerham. I215.

1609 - (Constitution) Voting rights and felony expungement; person may have voting rights restored and certain felony records expunged after five years. Karriem. I215. CR282. CU403. V403. MR419. MRT455.

1610 - (Public Health and Human Services) Licensing boards; prohibit from disciplinary or threatening discipline of health care providers for exercising free speech rights. Crawford. I215.

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1611 - (County Affairs) Emergency license and registration procedure when a state of emergency is declared; authorize counties and municipalities to establish. McMillan. I215. CR329.

1612 - (Insurance) Pharmacy benefit managers; revise provisions relating to. Hobgood-Wilkes. I215. CR332. CU526. RTT526.

1613 - (Judiciary B) Felony DUI; authorize nonadjudication of. Hood. I215.

1614 - (State Affairs) Insurance exchange; authorize Commissioner of Insurance to establish. Bell (21st). I215.

1615 - (Public Property) Public procurement laws; exempt certain purchases and contracts for landmark buildings from. Bennett. I215. CR337. CU399. V399.

1616 - (Education) Public purchasing law; revise certain provisions related to schools and school districts. Bennett. I215.

1617 - (Ways and Means) County industrial development authorities certain; revise certain provisions regarding. Boyd (37th). I215. CR271. CU288. V288. RS832. SS846. AP956.

1618 - (Appropriations C) PERS; define "instrumentality" for purpose of PERS laws and include health care collaboratives in the definition. Deweese. I216. CR263. CU346. V346. RS838. HRC867. SCA947. SRFC1264. CRO1600. HRFC1600.

1619 - (State Affairs) Salaries of state officers; bring forward sections that regulate. Lamar. I216.

1620 - (Ways and Means) Use tax; revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance. Lamar. I216. CR270. CU313. V313. RS750. HRC789. SCA873.

1621 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise certain provisions of. Lamar. I216. CR270. CU287. V288.

1622 - (Judiciary B) Towing of commercial vehicles; regulate the nonconsensual towing of by towing and recovery services. Steverson. I216. CR300. CU358. V358. MR371. MRT559.

1623 - (Ways and Means) Tourism project sales tax incentive program; bring forward sections of law relating to. Steverson. I216. CR340. CU539. RTT539. CU559. V559.

1624 - (Judiciary A) Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; create state associate and standardize operations of local programs. Fondren. I216. CR333. CU492. V492. RS831. HRC862. SCA926. SCRA1449. CRO1758. CRA1769. SS2163. AP2176.

1625 - (Business and Commerce) Corporate breach of security; require reports to the Attorney General. Faulkner. I216. CR298. CU406. V406.

1626 - (Judiciary B) Aggravated DUI; provide alternative penalty for persons under a certain age. Evans. I216.

1627 - (Insurance) Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations; exempt from insurance regulation. Deweese. I216. CR264. CU363. V363.

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1628 - (Public Health and Human Services) Trauma care system; increase certain assessments and fees to fund. Carpenter. I216.

1629 - (Insurance) Ambulance service providers; provide for minimum rate of reimbursement under any policy of accident and sickness insurance. Carpenter. I216. CR332. CU506. V506.

1630 - (Military Affairs) Veterans benefits and services; require certain employers to display poster created and distributed by State Veterans Affairs Board regarding. Carpenter. I216.

1631 - (Public Health and Human Services) Ambulance services; provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies. Carpenter. I216.

1632 - (Public Health and Human Services) Ambulance services; health insurance policies shall cover treatment of enrollees in place and transporting to an alternate destination. Carpenter. I216.

1633 - (Education) Donation of leave by school employees; include certain pregnancy related complications as eligible conditions for. Carpenter. I216.

1634 - (Judiciary A) Asset forfeiture; require hearing to challenge. Calvert. I217.

1635 - (Public Health and Human Services) Medication aides; provide for certification of by State Department of Health. Creekmore IV. I217.

1636 - (Public Health and Human Services) Trauma Care Systems Fund; revise composition of and eliminate Escrow Fund. Creekmore IV. I217.

1637 - (Public Health and Human Services) Radiological health services; revise fees charged by State Board of Health for providing. Creekmore IV. I217. CR302. CU435. V435.

1638 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. Creekmore IV. I217. CR340. CU349. V349. RS712. HC790. HC790. SS845. AP956.

1639 - (Public Health and Human Services) Regional health authorities; create the Delta Regional Health Authority and authorize creation of additional regional authorities. Creekmore IV. I217. CR336. CU488. V489. MR489. MRT565.

1640 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mental Health; revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of. Creekmore IV. I217. CR302. CU456. V456. RS750. HRC784. SCA872. CRO1340. CRA1350. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2170.

1641 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Public records; exempt public body's records containing client information concerning economic development projects. Lamar. I217. CR235. CU246. V246. IR247.

1642 - (Ways and Means) Tax credits, various; bring forward sections of law relating to. Lamar. I217. CR340. CU502. V503.

1643 - (Energy) Public contracts for energy efficient services; bring forward section of law relating to. Lamar. I217.

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1644 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Ambulance services providers; contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary. Yates. I217. CR297. CU425. V425. RS763. SS776. AP922.

1645 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson to construct a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. Bell (65th). I217.

1646 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of West Point; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation. Gibbs (36th). I217. CR718. CU820. V820. RS1000. SS1089. AP1845.

1647 - (Ways and Means) Commissioner of Insurance; authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit. Lamar. I217. CR270. CU287. V287. RS853. HRC885. SCA948. SRFC1264. CRO1267. HRFC1267. CRO1858. CRA1863. SCRA1919. SS2165. BLWS2174.

1648 - (Public Utilities) Electronic bids; authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option. Lancaster. I217. CR303. CU416. V416. RS749. SS760. AP922.

1649 - (Public Health and Human Services) Anesthesiologist assistants; provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. Mansell. I217.

1650 - (Public Health and Human Services) Vaccinations; provide for standard procedures for obtaining medical exemption from any required. Eubanks. I218.

1651 - (Judiciary B) Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program; create. Owen. I218.

1652 - (Public Health and Human Services) Advanced practice registered nurses; revise provisions relating to the collaborative relationship requirement. Eubanks. I218.

1653 - (Business and Commerce) Electronic automatic renewals and continuous service offers; require business to provide online link and other methods to cancel. McKnight. I218.

1654 - (Judiciary A) Publicity rights; authorize for persons whose images are used to sell products. Hood. I218.

1655 - (Apportionment and Elections) Candidate qualifications; revise process for. Felsher. I218. CR297. CU418. MTL418. V418. MR419. MRT546.

1656 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; divert portion of revenue from certain business activities in Marshall County to the county. Kinkade. I218.

1657 - (Public Health and Human Services) CON; remove health services and all facilities except nursing homes, home health and long-term care hospitals from requirement for. Boyd (19th). I218.

1658 - (Apportionment and Elections) County and municipal executive committee agreements; revise. Sanford. I218. CR297. CU417. V417.

1659 - (Marine Resources) Public Trust Tidelands; revise various provisions related to. Anderson (122nd). I218. CR284. CU316. V316. MR319. MRT326.

1660 - (Ways and Means) Cigarettes and vape products; require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of. Lamar. I218. CR270. CU313. V313. RS839. HRC885. SCA947. CRO1267. HRFC1267.

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1661 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Bullion Depository; establish. Carpenter. I218.

1662 - (Workforce Development) Workforce development; curriculum and education; bring forward code sections related to. Bell (21st). I218. CR305. CU411. V413.

1663 - (Business and Commerce) Property data collector; authorize licensure under the Mississippi Real Estate Appraisal Board. Barnett. I218.

1664 - (Public Utilities) Acceptance or offer of gifts; revise provisions relating to. Powell. I218. CR303. CU416. V416. RS764. SS776. AP922.

1665 - (Ways and Means) Capitol Complex Improvement District; authorize incentive for development of property in. Lamar. I218. CR270. CU314. V314. RS848. HRC885. SCA948.

1666 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission; revise composition of. Bounds. I218.

1667 - (Judiciary A) Purple Paint Notice; authorize for trespass violations. Sanford. I218.

1668 - (Education) Teacher and administrator license; revise certain provision regarding application fees and disciplinary matters. McCarty. I219. CR299. CU476. V476.

1669 - (Education) Assistant teachers; revise qualifications for employment. McCarty. I219. CR250. CU293. V293. RS832. SS846. AP956.

1670 - (Education) MAEP; clarify classification of exceptional children in preschool for reporting and purposes of funding teacher units. McCarty. I219. CR250. CU293. V293.

1671 - (Education) Early Learning Collaboratives; expand to provide in every school district by the start of the 2028-2029 school year. McCarty. I219.

1672 - (Education) "William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program"; revise to expand eligibility. McCarty. I219.

1673 - (Apportionment and Elections) Legislative vacancy; revise procedure to fill. McCarty. I219. CR297.

1674 - (Education) National Board certified teachers; provide \$4,000 annual salary supplement for those employed in certain geographical areas. McCarty. I219.

1675 - (Banking and Financial Services) Unclaimed property; prescribe process to be used by certain cooperatives with regard to disposition of. Aguirre. I219. CR281. CU408. V408. RS832. SS846. AP956.

1676 - (Public Health and Human Services) Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act; revise certain provisions of. Yancey. I219. CR337. CU509. V509. RS848. HRC930. SCA947. CRO1366. PO1417. SR1417. HRFC1417.

1677 - (Judiciary A) Administrative forfeiture; reenact section repealed on July 1, 2018, amend to provide for substitute notice requirements. Horan. I219.

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1678 - (Public Health and Human Services) Baby safety devices; require to be inspected and approved by Health Department before use by emergency medical services provider. McGee. I219. CR302. CU433. V433.

1679 - (Insurance) Insurance; require officer to share information on at scene of accident. Ford (54th). I219.

1680 - (Public Health and Human Services) Students with disabilities; require school district to provide written notification to parents regarding any modification or access to benefits. Crawford. I219.

1681 - (Transportation) Memorial Highways; designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway." Smith. I219. CR339. CU384. V384. RS712. HRC783. SCA848. CRO1029. HRFC1029. SRFC1090. CRO1116. HRFC1116. SRFC1151. CRO1314. CE1314. CRA1317. SCRA1449. SS1916. AP2173.

1682 - (Public Health and Human Services) Certified nurse aides (CNAs); transfer administration of certification from Health Department to Board of Nursing. Hobgood-Wilkes. I219.

1683 - (Education) Charter School Act of 2013; revise to expand opportunity for establishment of charter school. Owen. I219. CR283. CU518. V521. RS831. HRC864. SCA924.

1684 - (Banking and Financial Services) Mississippi Bullion Depository; establish and authorize fractional reserve currency. Carpenter. I220.

1685 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Hobgood-Wilkes. I220. CR330. CU428. V428. RS832. SS846. AP956.

1686 - (Education) MAEP; determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. McCarty. I220.

1687 - (Judiciary A) Personal lines residential property insurance policy; provide option for policy that only covers unpaid principal balance on collateral. Fondren. I220.

1688 - (Medicaid) Community health workers; provide for certification of by Health Department and for Medicaid reimbursement for services of. McGee. I220. CR301.

1689 - (Apportionment and Elections) Election crime; create for dissemination of a deep fake within 90 days of an election. Sanford. I220. CR297. CU463. V463.

1690 - (Judiciary B) Fire trucks; require to be marked with blue lights in addition to red and white lights. Stepp. I220.

1691 - (Judiciary A) Department of Child Protection Services; authorize to make care payments to fictive kin whom a child is placed with. Felsher. I220.

1692 - (Education) State JROTC Coordinator; exempt from qualification requirements of the State Personnel Board. Felsher. I220. CR283. CU402. V402.

1693 - (Apportionment and Elections) Presidential electors; revise selection of to be one from each congressional district and two from the state-at-large. Holloway (76th). I220.

1694 - (Insurance) State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan; revise to require state to provide 50% of cost of plan for certain dependents. McCarty. I220.

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1695 - (Public Health and Human Services) Department of Mental Health; establish grant program to assist with crisis stabilization unit expenses. McCarty. I220.

1696 - (Education) Failing schools; revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District. McCarty. I220. CR250. CU292. V292. RS831. HC930. HC930. SS972. AP1177.

1697 - (State Affairs) Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty; authorize counties and municipalities to provide 30 days of pay to beneficiary. Grady. I220. CR339. CU444. V445. RS764. HC783. HC783. SS845. AP956.

1698 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; allow Department of Human Services to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. Felsher. I221.

1699 - (Ways and Means) Corporation franchise tax; bring forward section of law relating to returns. Powell. I221.

1700 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. McCarty. I221.

1701 - (Ways and Means) Taxes, various; bring forwards sections of law authorizing and providing for distribution of revenue. Lamar. I221. CR340. CU503. V503.

1702 - (Education) Teachers; provide \$2,000 annual salary supplement to those employed in designated geographically critical teacher shortage area. McCarty. I221.

1703 - (Judiciary B) Marijuana possession; revise as civil penalty. Holloway (76th). I221.

1704 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; revise certain FY 2024 appropriations and direct transfers. Read. I221. CR263. CU273. V273. RS649. SS667. AP753.

1705 - (Appropriations A) Budget process; bring forward certain sections relating to and provide for transfers of funds. Read. I221. CR263. CU273. V273. RS649. HRC834. SCA877. SRFC1264. CRO1321. HRFC1321. CRO2058. CRA2065. SCRA2164. SS2165. AP2176.

1706 - (Appropriations A) Programs funded with ARPA funds; revise certain provisions and bring forward sections of. Read. I221. CR263. CU274. V274. RS839. SCA871. SRFC1264. CRO1321. HRFC1322.

1707 - (Appropriations A) 2023 Local Improvements Projects Fund; clarify and correct names and purposes of certain projects funded from. Read. I221. CR263. CU274. V274. RS750. HRC834. SCA877. SRFC1264. CRO1321. HRFC1322. CRO1967. CRA2017. SCRA2164. SS2165.

1708 - (Drug Policy) Pharmacy Benefit Managers; provide rules for those who administer the State Health Plan. Turner. I221.

1709 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Cleveland with improvements to the Cleveland Municipal Airport. Sanders. I221.

1710 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees. Bell (21st). I221. CR615. CU639. V639. RS925. HRC957. SCA981.

1711 - (Judiciary B) Sixth Chancery Court District; add a judge for the. Hood. I221.

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1712 - (Judiciary B) Chancery and circuit judicial districts; bring forward sections that create all. Hood. I221.

1713 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Bolivar County with Town of Alligator water and sewer project. Paden. I221.

1714 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with Town of Jonestown water and sewer project. Paden. I221.

1715 - (Ways and Means) Citizens for Economic Development Act; create. Rushing. I221.

1716 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jackson County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Barton. I222. CR718. CU822. V822. RS1000. SS1089. AP1845.

1717 - (Housing) Mississippi Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act; establish tax credit program. Mickens. I222.

1718 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Amory; reenact and extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax and authorize election for additional 1%. Lancaster. I222.

1719 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Houston; extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurants tax for tourism, parks and recreation. Lancaster. I222.

1720 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Pontotoc; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. Waldo. I222. CR718. CU820. V820. MR827. MRT835. RS1150. SS1261. AP2170.

1721 - (Local and Private Legislation) Neshoba County; increase contribution amount made to Philadelphia Transit. Bounds. I222.

1722 - (Local and Private Legislation) Town of Walnut; authorize tax on hotels/motels, restaurants for parks and recreational facilities. Steverson. I222. CR878.

1723 - (Local and Private Legislation) Pike County; authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize certain lease-purchase arrangement. Mims. I222. CR718. CU822. V822. RS1091. SS1148. AP1845.

1724 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Franklin County with road improvements. Harness. I222.

1725 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act. White. I222. CR265. CU286. V287. RS664. HRC697. SCA853. SRFC1451. CRO1841. HRFC1841.

1726 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with wastewater infrastructure improvements. Byrd. I279.

1727 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with improvements to Chappell Hill Road. Byrd. I279.

1728 - (Local and Private Legislation) Hinds County; authorize to enter into lease agreement/lease purchase arrangement to acquire funds to attain public safety facility. Bell (65th). I279.

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1729 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; MDOT for costs of upgrading bridge over MS Hwy 78 in City of Olive Branch. Remak. I279.

1730 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Grand Gulf Military Park. Harness. I279.

1731 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Humphreys County to fund the development of a comprehensive plan to attract new business. James-Jones. I279.

1732 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; Humphreys County for countywide emergency alert system. James-Jones. I279.

1733 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Anguilla in paying costs of construction of museum and visitor center. James-Jones. I279.

1734 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for Sharkey County and Town of Rolling Fork at assist in paying various disaster recovery costs. James-Jones. I279.

1735 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for Community Health and Wellness Center, Inc., health care facility renovations in Isola. James-Jones. I279.

1736 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize to assist Humphreys County in paying costs of roadway, curb and gutter improvements in Westgate Subdivision. James-Jones. I279.

1737 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Humphreys County for construction of an emergency care unit. James-Jones. I279.

1738 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Humphreys County for cost share needs associated with recovery projects following 2023 tornado. James-Jones. I279.

1739 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; City of Belzoni to help defray operational costs and capital expenses. James-Jones. I279.

1740 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Humphreys County for new sewer lagoon system in community of Midnight. James-Jones. I279.

1741 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Belzoni Humphreys Development Foundation for repairs and restoration work at the Catfish Museum. James-Jones. I280.

1742 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; Humphreys County for matching funds for grant to construct additional pump station. James-Jones. I280.

1743 - (Local and Private Legislation) Humphreys County; authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. James-Jones. I280. CR718. CU823. V823. RS1000. SS1089. AP1845.

1744 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Lucedale; authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects. Lott. I280. CR343. CU419. V419. RS956. SS973. AP1177.

1745 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at Mississippi Valley State University. Osborne. I280.

1746 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Philadelphia; authorize a contribution to Philadelphia Transit. Bounds. I280.

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1747 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Hollandale with road and water tank projects. Hines. I280.

1748 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. Hines. I280.

1749 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road projects. Hines. I280.

1750 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with stormwater infrastructure projects. Johnson. I280.

1751 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with various projects. Johnson. I280.

1752 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Fulton; extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. Bell (21st). I280. CR718. CU821. V821. RS1000. SS1089. AP1845.

1753 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the career coaching program for schools. Bell (21st). I280.

1754 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; MDOT for certain infrastructure expenses. Remak. I320.

1755 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Office of Workforce Development for supporting and expanding the MS Allied Health College and Career Navigator Program. Bell (21st). I321.

1756 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a tax credit for certain tree removal costs. Mims. I321.

1757 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with various projects. Hines. I321.

1758 - (Local and Private Legislation) Jefferson Davis County; increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage collection and disposal. Evans. I321. CR718. CU823. V823. RS1000. SS1089. AP1845.

1759 - (Ways and Means) Homestead exemption; provide additional exemption for unmarried surviving spouses of disabled persons. Summers. I327.

1760 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with repair and renovation of the Byhalia Old School Commons. Kinkade. I327.

1761 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Panola County with improvements at the Panola County Airport. Hawkins. I327.

1762 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize a contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter. Faulkner. I327.

1763 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. Faulkner. I327.

1764 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials. Powell. I327. CR615. CU639. V639. RS925. HRC957. SCA981. CRO1216. CRA1222. SCRA1265. SS1842. AP2170.

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1765 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contribution to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc. Faulkner. I328.

1766 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for Jackson State University Campus Safety Project. Butler-Washington. I376.

1767 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. Lamar. I376.

1768 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; provide a credit for taxpayers who provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees. Steverson. I376. CR615. CU640. V640.

1769 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt retail sales of certain food. Owen. I376.

1770 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; UMMC for the purchase of Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium and pertinent related property. Bell (65th). I423.

1771 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Jackson Public School District for costs of making repairs at district schools. Bell (65th). I423.

1772 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Chickasaw County with improvements to Chickasaw County Courthouse in Houston. Lancaster. I423.

1773 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Gunnison to provide matching funds for a centralized walking trail. Sanders. I423.

1774 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi. Ford (73rd). I423.

1775 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Scenic Rivers Development Alliance for various projects in the member counties. Mims. I423.

1776 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Archives and History, Department of. Bounds. I450. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRCError! Bookmark not defined.. HRC867. CRO1452. CRA1456. SCRA1847. SS2157. AP2173.

1777 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Registration for Professional. Bounds. I450. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. SCRA1449. CRO1456. CRA1458. SS2156. AP2171.

1778 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Environmental Quality, Department of. Bounds. I450. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. CRO1458. CRA1463. SCRA1847. SS2158. AP2173.

1779 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Foresters, Board of Registration for. Bounds. I450. CR498. CU551. F551. HC865. HC865. SS919. AP974.

1780 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Forestry Commission. Bounds. I451. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. CRO1463. CRA1466. SCRA1847. SS2158. AP2171.

1781 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission. Bounds. I451. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. CRO1466. CRA1468. SCRA1847. SS2156. AP2171.

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1782 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Port Authority, State. Bounds. I451. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. SCRA1449. CRO1469. CRA1470. SS2157. AP2171.

1783 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Marine Resources, Department of. Bounds. I451. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. SRFC1917. CRO1921. HRFC1921. CRO2049. CRA2056. SCRA2164. SS2165. AP2176.

1784 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Oil and Gas Board. Bounds. I451. CR498. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. SCRA1449. CRO1471. CRA1472. SS2158. AP2171.

1785 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Pat Harrison Waterway District. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. SCRA1450. CRO1473. CRA1475. SS2156. AP2171.

1786 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. SCRA1450. CRO1475. CRA1478. SS2157. AP2171.

1787 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Public Service Commission. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. CRO1478. CRA1481. SCRA1847. SS2157. AP2173.

1788 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Public Utilities Staff. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. CRO1481. CRA1483. SCRA1847. SS2156. AP2173.

1789 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC866. CRO1484. CRA1486. SCRA1847. SS2158. AP2171.

1790 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Tombigbee River Valley Water Management District. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU551. F551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC867. SCRA1450. CRO1488. CRA1490. SS2158. AP2171.

1791 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Department of. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU552. V552. SCA850. HRC866. HRC867. SRFC1264. CRO1321. HRFC1321. CRO1888. CRA1893. SCRA1919. SS2165. AP2176.

1792 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Yellow Creek State Inland Port Authority. Bounds. I451. CR499. CU551. V551. SCA850. HRC866. HRC867. SCRA1450. CRO1486. CRA1487. SS2156. AP2171.

1793 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Barber Examiners, Board of. Deweese. I451. CR499. CU552. F553. HRC867. SCA874.

1794 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Child Protection Services, Department of. Deweese. I452. CR499. CU552. F553. HRC867. SCA874. CRO1506. CRA1508. SCRA1847. SS2159. AP2173.

1795 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Cosmetology, Board of. Deweese. I452. CR499. CU552. F553. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1509. CRA1511. SS2156. AP2171.

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1796 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Health, Department of. Deweese. I452. CR499. CU553. V553. HRC867. SCA875. CRO1512. CRA1521. SCRA1847. SS2163. AP2176.

1797 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Human Services, Department of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU552. F553. HRC867. SCA875. CRO1521. CRA1526. SCRA1847. SS2159. AP2173.

1798 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Fire Academy. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU552. F553. HRC867. SCA875. CRO1527. CRA1529. SCRA1847. SS2157. AP2173.

1799 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Insurance, Department of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU554. V554. HRC867. SCA875. CRO1530. CRA1533. SCRA1847. SS2156. AP2173.

1800 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Medicaid, Division of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU552. F553. HRC867. SCA875. CRO1921. CRA1925. SCRA2164. SS2165. AP2176.

1801 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Medical Licensure, Board of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU552. F553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1533. CRA1536. SS2159. AP2171.

1802 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Nursing Home Administrators, Board of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU554. V554. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1536. CRA1538. SS2159. AP2171.

1803 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Nursing, Board of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU553. F553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1538. CRA1541. SS2156. AP2171.

1804 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Optometry, Board of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU553. F553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1541. CRA1543. SS2159. AP2171.

1805 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Physical Therapy Board. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU553. F553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1543. CRA1545. SS2157. AP2171.

1806 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Psychology, Board of. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU553. F553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1545. CRA1547. SS2156. AP2171.

1807 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU553. F553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1547. CRA1549. SS2159. AP2171.

1808 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Real Estate Commission. Deweese. I452. CR500. CU553. F553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1550. CRA1551. SS2157. AP2171.

1809 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Rehabilitation Services, Department of. Deweese. I453. CR500. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. CRO1552. CRA1555. SCRA1847. SS2159. AP2174.

1810 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, Board of Examiners for. Deweese. I453. CR500. CU553. V553. RS851. HRC867. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1555. CRA1557. SS2159. AP2171.

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1811 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Athletic Commission. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA875. SCRA1450. CRO1600. CRA1602. SS2159. AP2172.

1812 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Attorney General. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA875. CRO1602. CRA1607. SCRA1847. SS2159. AP2174.

1813 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Auctioneers Commission. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS840. SS845. AP956.

1814 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Capital Post-Conviction Counsel, Office of. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA876. CRO1607. CRA1609. SCRA1848. SS2159. AP2172.

1815 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; District attorneys and staff. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA876. CRO1609. CRA1610. SCRA1846. SS2156. AP2173.

1816 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation, Reappropriation, DFA - Bureau of Building - FY 2024. Mims. I453. CR501. CU556. V556. RS851. HC868. HC868. SS919. AP974.

1817 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Legislative expenses. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA876. CRO1611. CRA1615. SCRA1848. SS2156. AP2174.

1818 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Public Employees' Retirement System. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA876. CRO1615. CRA1617. SCRA1848. SS2159. AP2174.

1819 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; State Public Defender, Office of. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA876. CRO1618. CRA1619. SCRA1848. SS2159. AP2173.

1820 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and trial judges services. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. F555. RS851. HRC868. SCA876. CRO1620. CRA1624. SCRA1848. SS2156. AP2173.

1821 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; Veterans' Home Purchase Board. Mims. I453. CR501. CU555. V555. RS851. HRC868. SCA876. SCRA1450. CRO1625. CRA1627. SS2157. AP2172.

1822 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Arts Commission. Oliver. I453. CR502. CU556. V556. RS851. HRC869. SCA876. CRO1677. CRA1680. SCRA1848. SS2159. AP2174.

1823 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Education, Department of. Oliver. I454. CR502. CU557. V557. RS852. HRC869. SCA876. CRO1680. CRA1690. SCRA1848. CE2049. SS2163. AP2176.

1824 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Educational Television, Authority for. Oliver. I454. CR502. CU557. V557. RS852. HRC869. SCA876. CRO1690. CRA1694. SCRA1848. SS2157. AP2174.

1825 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Library Commission. Oliver. I454. CR502. CU558. V558. RS852. HRC869. SCA876. CRO1694. CRA1697. SCRA1848. SS2157. AP2174.

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1826 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of. Oliver. I454. CR502. CU558. V558. RS852. HRC869. SCA876. CRO1934. CRA1939. SCRA2164. SS2165. AP2176.

1827 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. Hines. I454.

1828 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL to increase university faculty salaries closer to the SREB average. Harness. I454.

1829 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for making courthouse improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Bell (65th). I454.

1830 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; additional appropriation FY24. Read. I497. CR498. CU550. V550. RS839. HRC865. SCA876. SRFC1151. CRO1152. HRFC1152. CRO2057. CRA2058. SCRA2164. SS2165.

1831 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for repair and renovation of Rose E. McCoy Auditorium at Jackson State University. Banks. I543.

1832 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction of an emergency access road at Hawkins Field. Banks. I543.

1833 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Natchez for stormwater infrastructure projects. Mims. I543.

1834 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Southwest Mississippi Community College for new women's dormitory and campus infrastructure projects. Mims. I543.

1835 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for equipping new courtrooms for the four special judges appointed to the Hinds County Circuit Court. Bell (65th). I543.

1836 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing the roof and associated repairs to the Hinds County Circuit Courthouse. Bell (65th). I543.

1837 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission for repairs, renovations and upgrades at Grand Gulf Military Park. Harness. I543.

1838 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Delta Community College Law Enforcement Training Academy. Hines. I543.

1839 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. Hines. I543.

1840 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of Block Foster Road Bridge. Harness. I543.

1841 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jefferson County for replacement of Brown Road Bridge. Harness. I544.

1842 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Claiborne County for upgrades and improvements to parks and recreational areas and facilities. Harness. I544.

1843 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Fayette for purchasing land for an economic development project. Harness. I544.

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1844 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jefferson County for drainage improvements throughout the county. Harness. I544.

1845 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for installation of surveillance cameras in Ward 4. Brown. I544.

1846 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making improvements to Grove Park in Ward 4. Brown. I544.

1847 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for purchasing body cameras and additional vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Brown. I544.

1848 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for repair and maintenance of bridge and sidewalks in Ward 4. Brown. I544.

1849 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements at the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory in Rankin County. Banks. I544.

1850 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. Massengill. I544.

1851 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contribution to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc. Massengill. I544.

1852 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize a contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter. Massengill. I544.

1853 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing road and installing lighting on Siwell Road. Nelson. I544.

1854 - (Local and Private Legislation) Harrison County; authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and pretrial detention facilities. Felsher. I544. CR719. CU824. V824. RS1918. SCRA2164. SS2165. AP2176.

1855 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft. Oliver. I544. CR615. CU640. V640. IR641. RS925. SS950. AP1177.

1856 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. Lamar. I544.

1857 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; MDA for MS Main Street Revitalization Grant Program projects. Lamar. I544.

1858 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Kemper County to run gas and water lines from DeKalb to Scooba. Jackson (45th). I545.

1859 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jefferson County for Phase I of project to reconstruct portion of McBride Road. Harness. I545.

1860 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jefferson County for purchasing new fire trucks. Harness. I545.

1861 - (Appropriations D) Appropriation; 22nd Circuit Court District for additional funding for Intervention Court Program. Harness. I545.

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1862 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Claiborne County for purchase of two new fire trucks and making repairs and upgrades to the fire stations. Harness. I545.

1863 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Claiborne County for repairs, upgrades and improvements to roads in the county. Harness. I545.

1864 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Claiborne County for security upgrades to county law enforcement and detention buildings. Harness. I545.

1865 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Kemper County for making renovations to Barney Brown Senior Citizens' Building. Jackson (45th). I545.

1866 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Kemper County for making renovations to the local library. Jackson (45th). I545.

1867 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Kemper County for constructing a centrally located sports complex. Jackson (45th). I545.

1868 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize hiring of additional part-time county prosecuting attorneys. Kinkade. I545.

1869 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council. Kinkade. I545.

1870 - (Appropriations C) Appropriations; UMMC to conduct review and prepare report about health care services available to Medicaid recipients with rare diseases. Cockerham. I545.

1871 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Port Gibson for water, sewer and police department projects. Harness. I545.

1872 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contributions to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc. Kinkade. I545.

1873 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter. Kinkade. I545.

1874 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. Kinkade. I545.

1875 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with wastewater treatment projects. Haney. I572.

1876 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with widening Dedeaux Road. Haney. I572.

1877 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with improvements to parks and recreational facilities. Haney. I572.

1878 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with construction of a natatorium. Haney. I572.

1879 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft. Horan. I585.

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1880 - (Local and Private Legislation) Grenada County; expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership. Horan. I585. CR878. CU932. V932. RS1115. SS1149. AP1845.

1881 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. Crudup. I586.

1882 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Forest Hill Park. Crudup. I586.

1883 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with demolition and removal of blighted properties. Crudup. I586.

1884 - (Ways and Means) Tax credits; authorize for business taxpayer contributions to certain charitable organizations. Boyd (37th). I586.

1885 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Philadelphia for cost of purchasing a fire truck. Bounds. I586.

1886 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Neshoba County for purchasing fire trucks and equipment and improving volunteer stations. Bounds. I586.

1887 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing road and improving lighting on Raymond Road. Nelson. I586.

1888 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; City of Jackson for washing machines for advanced turnout cleaning and removing contaminants from firefighters' PPE. Bell (65th). I586.

1889 - (Appropriations E) Appropriations; IHL for redesign and renovation of McAllister Whiteside facility at Jackson State. Bell (65th). I586.

1890 - (Local and Private Legislation) Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize contributions to Pearl River Community College for scholarships. Anderson (122nd). I586.

1891 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Pearl and Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000 in aggregate. Newman. I586.

1892 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County to establish, maintain and staff a Public Defenders Office. Bell (65th). I586.

1893 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Petal for repairs and improvements to Chappell Hill Road. Byrd. I586.

1894 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Petal for wastewater infrastructure improvements. Byrd. I586.

1895 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with purchasing fire trucks for volunteer fire departments in the county. Byrd. I586.

1896 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL to provide additional funding for Alcorn State to address funding disparity between land grant universities. Harness. I586.

1897 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Franklin County for repairs, reconstruction, upgrades and other improvements to roads and streets in the county. Harness. I586.

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1898 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage Museum in Gulfport. Haney. I594.

1899 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; State Veterans Affairs Board for interment of certain persons in the veterans cemeteries. Carpenter. I594.

1900 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Forrest County to purchase fire trucks for volunteer fire departments. Byrd. I594.

1901 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County to complete Blackwater Road Bridge Project. Kinkade. I594.

1902 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements for Leavell Woods Park. Butler-Washington. I594.

1903 - (Local and Private Legislation) Rankin County Stormwater Management Agency; authorize the establishment of. Yancey. I594.

1904 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Olive Branch for land acquisition and engineering services for making improvements to Highway 305. Keen. I594.

1905 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Desoto County Regional Utility Authority for expansion of wastewater treatment plant. Keen. I595.

1906 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Lowndes County for construction of a fitness facility at Lowndes County Sportsplex. Boyd (37th). I595.

1907 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Lowndes County for making improvements to the county adult detention center. Boyd (37th). I595.

1908 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Lowndes County for extension of sewer services to an area in South Lowndes County. Boyd (37th). I595.

1909 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for removal of blighted properties along and near U.S. Highway 80. Crudup. I595.

1910 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements and upgrades at Sykes Park. Crudup. I595.

1911 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements and upgrades at Forest Hill Park. Crudup. I595.

1912 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Livingston Park. Crudup. I595.

1913 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for making certain improvements at Livingston Park. Crudup. I595.

1914 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Summit for purchase and installation of weather sirens. Porter. I595.

1915 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of McComb for constructing new fire station and purchasing a new fire truck. Porter. I595.

1916 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Health Department for grants to hospitals ineligible for grants from Hospital Sustainability Grant Program. Mims. I600. CR612. CU623. V623. RS925. SCA946. HRC948.

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1917 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to United Way. Boyd (37th). I600.

1918 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Summit Community Development Foundation for development of a public park in Town of Summit. Porter. I600.

1919 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Greenville for transportation infrastructure and sanitary sewer/water system infrastructure needs. Hines. I600.

1920 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for construction of athletic stadium for Jackson State University. Bell (65th). I600.

1921 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; increase credit allowed for employers providing dependent care/dependent care stipend for employees. McLean. I600.

1922 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; Lincoln County School District for Agriculture Certification testing for students. Currie. I600.

1923 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Fayette for improvements to wastewater system and replacing water treatment plant and water meters. Harness. I600.

1924 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Department of Agriculture for funding the GAP/GHP certification cost-share program. Calvert. I600.

1925 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Pearl for improvements to portion of U.S. Highway 80 as part of city's lighting project. Newman. I600.

1926 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; MDOT for construction of a traffic signal at an intersection in the City of Pearl. Newman. I601.

1927 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for infrastructure projects in the Town of Utica. Nelson. I601.

1928 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jackson Redevelopment Authority for acquisition, demolition and removal of blighted properties in House District 66. Nelson. I601.

1929 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; DFA to provide funding to the Second Chance Outreach Learning Center. Nelson. I601.

1930 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for repairing roads in Lake Hico Park. Gibbs (72nd). I601.

1931 - (Local and Private Legislation) Greene County; extend repeal date on assessments in justice court. Burch. I601. CR718. CU821. V821. RS1000. SS1089. AP1845.

1932 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; DeSoto County Sheriff's Department for a rapid DNA System. Hall. I601.

1933 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Reedtown Water Association for purchasing water meters and related equipment. Foster. I601.

1934 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Raymond for the repair of two water tanks. Foster. I601.

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1935 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; Town of Edwards for making improvements to the livestock arena. Foster. I601.

1936 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Learned for repairs and updates to city infrastructure. Foster. I601.

1937 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department for purchasing a fire truck. Foster. I601.

1938 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Bolton for renovations of facilities of the police department. Foster. I601.

1939 - (Ways and Means) Income tax; authorize a credit for costs incurred for development of certain property in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. Lamar. I601. CR615. CU641. V641.

1940 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Coahoma County for water and sewer improvement project for Town of Jonestown. Paden. I601.

1941 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Bolivar County for water and sewer improvement project for Town of Alligator. Paden. I601.

1942 - (Ways and Means) Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities. Lamar. I601. CR615. CU641. V642. RS925. HRC957. SCA981.

1943 - (Ways and Means) Tobacco; define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax. Steverson. I601. CR615. CU642. V642. MR647. MRT656. RS925. HRC957.

1944 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; MS Alliance for Nonprofits and Philanthropy for supporting and strengthening the capacity of charitable organizations in MS. Nelson. I607.

1945 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax. Varner. I607.

1946 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for repairs and upgrades to the park areas of certain facilities. Hulum. I607.

1947 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with transportation and sewer/water improvements. Hines. I607.

1948 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Olive Branch; authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within. Kinkade. I607. CR719. CU824. V824. RS1000. SS1089. AP1846.

1949 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Administrative Office of Courts for eligible ARPA expenses. Oliver. I607. CR613. CU617. V617. RS839. HRC868. SCA876. CRO1152. CRA1153. SS1445. AP2172.

1950 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Finance and Admin, Dept. of, Bureau of Building, Ground, and Real Property Management for eligible ARPA capital projects. Oliver. I607. CR613. CU617. V617. RS839. HRC868. SCA876.

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1951 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Health, Department of, for funding the ARPA Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program. Oliver. I607. CR613. CU618. V618. RS839. HRC869. SCA876. CRO1154. CRA1155. SS1445. AP2172.

1952 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of, for purchases of ARPA eligible equipment. Oliver. I607. CR613. CU618. V618. RS839. HRC869. SCA876. CRO1156. CRA1157. SS1446. AP2172.

1953 - (Ways and Means) Tax credits; authorize for contributions by certain taxpayers to certain hospitals, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Lamar. I607. CR615. CU625. V625.

1954 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for construction of a fire station and an emergency operations center. Aguirre. I607.

1955 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for constructing and equipping certain facilities and arenas at City Plaza Project on Terry Road. Bell (65th). I607.

1956 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for repair and renovation of blighted, abandoned and dilapidated housing in House District 69. Butler-Washington. I607.

1957 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for repair and renovation of blighted property. Butler-Washington. I607.

1958 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for completion of construction of the Hanging Moss and Beasley Road Bridge. Gibbs (72nd). I608.

1959 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for installation of surveillance cameras in House District 72 by homeowners association in the district. Gibbs (72nd). I608.

1960 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; levy additional tax on retail sales of soft drinks. Banks. I608.

1961 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; IHL for repair and improvements to Rose E. McCoy Auditorium at Jackson State University. Banks. I608.

1962 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Humphreys County for shortfall in cost of new ambulance service agreement. James-Jones. I608.

1963 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for local match funding for county emergency management agency for construction of certain facilities. James-Jones. I608.

1964 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for making repairs and improvements to the County Courthouse. James-Jones. I608.

1965 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for making improvements to county's emergency communications. James-Jones. I608.

1966 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for Sheriff's Department to replace vehicles and equipment and relocate the department to a new facility. James-Jones. I608.

1967 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for cost of rehabilitation and reconstruction of Sharkey-Issaquena County Hospital. James-Jones. I608.

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1968 - (Local and Private Legislation) Humphreys County; authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation. James-Jones. I608. CR719. CU825. V825. RS1001. SS1089. AP1846.

1969 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; Humphreys County for infrastructure and site development at Humphreys County Industrial Park. James-Jones. I608.

1970 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for establishing a regional housing recovery strategy. James-Jones. I608.

1971 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for implementing business recovery activities and beginning site development for two pending businesses. James-Jones. I608.

1972 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sharkey County for local match funding to establish Sharkey County Center for Workforce Development. James-Jones. I608.

1973 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs for infrastructure improvements to be made by city's utility department. Faulkner. I609.

1974 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Holly Springs to assist Alliance Healthcare System with building a micro-hospital inside the system hospital's onsite clinic. Faulkner. I609.

1975 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for repair and renovation of the courthouse. Faulkner. I609.

1976 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Blackwater Road Bridge Project. Faulkner. I609.

1977 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Red Banks Road Improvement Project. Faulkner. I609.

1978 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Marianna Road Project. Faulkner. I609.

1979 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for completion of Byhalia Railroad Bridge Project. Faulkner. I609.

1980 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Holly Springs to restore the gravesite of Hiram Revels. Faulkner. I609.

1981 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson Parks and Recreation Department to improve Westside Park. Butler-Washington. I609.

1982 - (Ways and Means) Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act; create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies. Lamar. I609. CR616. CU643. V643.

1983 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance for various purposes. Lamar. I609. CR616. CU644. V644. RS925. HRC957. SCA981. SRFC1151. CRO1222. HRFC1223. CRO2098. CRA2155. SCRA2164. SS2165. AP2176.

1984 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products. Lamar. I609. CR616. CU644. V644. RS925. HC957. HC957. SS973. AP1177.

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1985 - (Ways and Means) Income tax and ad valorem tax; authorize a child credit, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Lamar. I609. CR616. CU645. V645.

1986 - (Ways and Means) Tax credits; revise provisions regarding eligible charitable organizations assisting with providing health care services to low-income individuals. Lamar. I609. CR616. CU645. V645.

1987 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to provide funds for loans to improve certain properties in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. Lamar. I609. CR616. CU646. V646.

1988 - (Ways and Means) Children's Promise Act; increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. Lamar. I609. CR616. CU624. V625. MR626. MRT638. RS925. HRC958. SCA981. SCA1001. SRFC1151. CRO1222. HRFC1223.

1989 - (Ways and Means) Economic development; provide loans for certain projects and authorize issuance of bonds for loans. Lamar. I609.

1990 - (Ways and Means) Ad valorem tax; authorize counties to establish minimum revenue amount to be produced by certain property. Lamar. I610. CR616. CU626. V626. MR626. R638. RC638.

1991 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax; revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales", "gross income" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services. Lamar. I610. CR616. CU646. V646.

1992 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax and income tax; revise certain sales tax rates and diversions, phase out individual income tax. Lamar. I610.

1993 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Byram for repairing roads in certain subdivisions. Nelson. I629.

1994 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Ridgeland; authorize additional tax on motels and hotels to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Ford (73rd). I629.

1995 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for constructing a building for a new fire station for the Byram Volunteer Fire Department in House District 66. Nelson. I629.

1996 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Summit Community Development Foundation with development of a public park in the Town of Summit. Porter. I629.

1997 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County Ministerial Alliance for funding the STREAM program. Foster. I629.

1998 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Attala County for replacement of a certain bridge. Holloway (27th). I629.

1999 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Rankin County for a required grade separation component of the Florence-Byram Parkway Improvement Project. Varner. I629.

2000 - (Appropriations B) Appropriation; Department of Agriculture for funding for cost sharing for purchase of wild hog traps. Calvert. I629.

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4001 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Scott County for purchase of land and making improvements for an industrial park. Holloway (27th). I629.

4002 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Leake County to purchase patrol vehicles for sheriff's department. Holloway (27th). I629.

4003 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Gulfport for removal of blighted properties. Hulum. I629.

4004 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Pine Grove Association for construction of the H.O.P.E. Center multipurpose community facility. Blackmon. I629.

4005 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Canton for purchase of tasers, training and associated equipment for the Canton Police Department. Blackmon. I629.

4006 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Canton for repairs and upgrades to the HVAC system at the Canton Multipurpose Complex. Blackmon. I629.

4007 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Canton for upgrades, repairs and renovations to Canton's city hall. Blackmon. I630.

4008 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Natchez for cost of various projects. Johnson. I630.

4009 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Canton for multipurpose complex. Blackmon. I630.

4010 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Natchez for stormwater infrastructure projects. Johnson. I630.

4011 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Florence for establishing a new park and recreation facility. Varner. I630.

4012 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for improvements to tennis courts at Battlefield Park. Summers. I630.

4013 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Jackson for renovations and infrastructure improvements Capitol Unit of Boys and Girls Clubs of Central MS. Summers. I630.

4014 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Marshall County for water and sewer infrastructure improvements in and along Quality Drive. Kinkade. I630.

4015 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Marshall County with water and sewer infrastructure improvements in and along Quality Drive. Kinkade. I630.

4016 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Rienzi for making additions to city hall. Arnold. I630.

4017 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Prentiss County for construction of the New Site Community Center. Arnold. I630.

4018 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Booneville for making repairs to and adding storm shelter at the VFW Club. Arnold. I630.

4019 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Alcorn County for new construction of the Fire Department Southwest Station No. 2 and helipad. Arnold. I630.

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4020 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repairs and renovations to the old hardware building. Arnold. I630.

4021 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Booneville for Booneville Sewer Restoration Project. Arnold. I630.

4022 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Rienzi for replacing buildings over the city wells. Arnold. I630.

4023 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Belmont for repairing and replacing the existing sewer line. Arnold. I630.

4024 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with the Mississippi Aquarium's Project Penguin. Haney. I630.

4025 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Glen to renovate its properties and facilities. Carpenter. I631.

4026 - (Appropriations A) Appropriations; Tishomingo County for repairs and improvements to the Tishomingo Fire Department. Carpenter. I631.

4027 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Farmington to upgrade and renovate Farmington City Park. Carpenter. I631.

4028 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Burnsville to pay for costs associated with renovations and repair to the Burnsville Multipurpose Complex. Carpenter. I631.

4029 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Alcorn County to purchase turnout gear for the Alcorn County Fire Department. Carpenter. I631.

4030 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Lee County for funding to four volunteer fire departments to purchase fire trucks. Boyd (19th). I631.

4031 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Lee County for construction of an E-911 command center. Boyd (19th). I631.

4032 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Mantachie Volunteer Fire Department for adding a bay to the fire station. Boyd (19th). I631.

4033 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for replacement of bridge on Highway 6. Boyd (19th). I631.

4034 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Tupelo for construction of a MEMA command center. Boyd (19th). I631.

4035 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Jackson Municipal Airport Authority for matching funds for making improvements at the Jackson airport. Banks. I631.

4036 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Mooreville-Eggville Volunteer Fire Department for adding a bay to the fire station. Boyd (19th). I631.

4037 - (Appropriations C) Appropriation; Department of Public Safety for purchase of razor wire fencing for Texas border. Eubanks. I631.

4038 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Florence with establishment of a new park. Varner. I631.

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4039 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Rankin County with Florence-Byram Parkway Project. Varner. I631.

4040 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rienzi with replacement of two buildings over the city's wells. Arnold. I631.

4041 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with repairing Wyninegar Road. Arnold. I631.

4042 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with construction of the New Site Community Center. Arnold. I631.

4043 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with adding a storm shelter at the VFW Club. Arnold. I632.

4044 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with construction of the Fire Department Southwest Station No. 2. Arnold. I632.

4045 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with renovation of building for use as a small business incubator. Arnold. I632.

4046 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Rienzi with additions to city hall. Arnold. I632.

4047 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with sewer restoration project. Arnold. I632.

4048 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist City of Belmont with replacement of sewer line. Arnold. I632.

4049 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with repairing Wyninegar Road. Arnold. I632.

4050 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Booneville for repairing Wyninegar Road. Arnold. I632.

4051 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Prentiss County for repairing Wyninegar Road. Arnold. I632.

4052 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County. Summers. I632.

4053 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County. Sanford. I632. CR963. CU1087. V1087. RS2161. SS2166.

4054 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Reggie Latrail Trotter of Covington County. Sanford. I632.

4055 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Elaine Goudy of Covington County. Sanford. I632. CR962. CU1085. V1085.

4056 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County. Thompson. I632. CR963. CU1085. V1085. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2174.

4057 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County. Paden. I632. CR963. CU1086. V1086. RS1917. SS2163. BLWS2174.

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4058 - (Local and Private Legislation) Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Anthony. I632.

4059 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Delta Community College with annex to its Law Enforcement Training Academy. Anthony. I632.

4060 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Delta Community College with addition to Allied Health/Nursing Building. Anthony. I632.

4061 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress Inc., with constructing an emergency storm shelter. Anthony. I633.

4062 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sunflower Humphries Counties Progress, Inc., for constructing an emergency storm shelter. Anthony. I633.

4063 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sunflower County for purchasing two vehicles for the sheriff's department. Anthony. I633.

4064 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sunflower County for constructing facility to house an EOC, fire station and training center. Anthony. I633.

4065 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Sunflower County with constructing facility to house an EOC, fire station and training center. Anthony. I633.

4066 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Sunflower for citywide street improvements. Anthony. I633.

4067 - (Ways and Means) Bonds; authorize issuance to assist Town of Sunflower with street improvements. Anthony. I633.

4068 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Sunflower County for purchasing three emergency management tankers for fire protection. Anthony. I633.

4069 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Town of Inverness for purchasing three vehicles for the police department. Anthony. I633.

4070 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Moorhead for purchasing surveillance and electronic locking equipment for police department and city hall. Anthony. I633.

4071 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Moorhead for purchasing four vehicles for the police department. Anthony. I633.

4072 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; City of Moorhead for purchasing two vehicles for the fire department. Anthony. I633.

4073 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; MS Delta Community College for addition to Allied Health/Nursing Building. Anthony. I633.

4074 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; MS Delta Community College for constructing a residence hall facility for training officers of the Law Enforcement Training Academy. Anthony. I633.

4075 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Indianola Main Street for designing and implementing a wayfinding system. Anthony. I633.

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4076 - (Ways and Means) Sales tax and income tax; revise certain sales tax provisions, phase out individual income tax. Lamar. I633.

4077 - (Appropriations E) Appropriation; Department of Education for Oxford School District's 3-K pilot program. Deweese. I634.

4078 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Chanty Williams of Coahoma County. James-Jones. I634. CR963. CU1086. V1086.

4079 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Felisha Turner of DeSoto County. James-Jones. I634. CR963. CU1087. V1087.

4080 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I664. CR962. CU1084. V1085. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2174.

4081 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668.

4082 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Kenneth Almons of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668.

4083 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668. CR961. CU1084. V1084. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2174.

4084 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Larry Mangum of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668.

4085 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County. Bell (65th). I668. CR961. CU1107. V1107. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2174.

4086 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Greer of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668. CR962. CU1107. V1107.

4087 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Rondale Hughes of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668. CR962. CU1108. V1108.

4088 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Jose Williams of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668. CR962. CU1108. V1108.

4089 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Walter Lewis of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I668. CR962. CU1109. V1109. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2174.

4090 - (Local and Private Legislation) Adams County; authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility. Johnson. I668. CR719. CU825. V825. RS1001. SS1089. AP1846.

4091 - (Ways and Means) Lauderdale County; extend repeal date on Tourism Commission and hotel/motel tax, and authorize room occupancy tax. Calvert. I669. CR880. CU931. V931.

4092 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Tamerl Hearn Johnson of DeSoto County. McCray. I669.

4093 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Kynoa Trotter of Pike County. Hulum. I669.

4094 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Hattiesburg; authorize to utilize a portion of its traffic fine money for community development initiatives. McGee. I669.

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4095 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County. Anthony. I669. CR962. CU1109. V1109. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2175.

4096 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Kunta Gates of Humphreys County. Anthony. I669.

4097 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; Hinds County for constructing a community center in Town of Pocahontas. Brown. I686.

4098 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County. Mickens. I686. CR962. CU1110. V1110. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2175.

4099 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County. Summers. I686. CR962. CU1110. V1110. RS2161. SS2166.

4100 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County. Thompson. I686. CR962. V1111. CU1111. RS1919. SS2166. AP2176.

4101 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Tony Lavell Smith of Noxubee County. Mickens. I686. CR962. V1111. CU1111. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2175.

4102 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Joseph Earl Greer of Hinds County. Summers. I686. CR962. V1111. CU1111.

4103 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County. Karriem. I687. CR962. V1111. CU1111. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2175.

4104 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County. Karriem. I687. CR962. V1111. CU1111. RS1919. SS2166.

4105 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Frederick Kenyon Clark of Leake County. Holloway (27th). I751.

4106 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Jason Terrell Carter of Madison County. Blackmon. I751.

4107 - (Local and Private Legislation) Lafayette County; authorize contributions to the Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation. Deweese. I751.

4108 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. Steverson. I751. CR963. V1111. CU1111.

4109 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Jay Jackson of Hinds County. Bell (65th). I754.

4110 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Tramaine Wagner of Walthall County. Bell (65th). I754.

4111 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County. Hulum. I764. CR963. V1111. CU1111. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2175.

4112 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize expenditure of county funds for the establishment of county-owned food pantry. Kinkade. I764.

4113 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize establishment of Chickasaw Trail Tax District and to levy special tax within the district. Massengill. I764.

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4114 - (Local and Private Legislation) Marshall County; authorize to the expenditure of county funds for the establishment of county-owned food pantry. Massengill. I764.

4115 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Durant; authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Clark. I764. CR878. CU932. V932. RS1001. SS1089. AP1846.

4116 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Lamar Sampson of Humphreys County. James-Jones. I764. CR963. V1111. CU1111.

4117 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Starkville; authorize to require the sell of certain rural water association assets under certain circumstances. Roberson. I764. CR963.

4118 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County. Hines. I764. CR963. V1111. CU1111. RS1919. SS2166. BLWS2175.

4119 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Morton; authorize tax on hotels, motels and campsites at certain state park to fund tourism, parks and recreation in. Holloway (27th). I765. CR878. CU933. V933.

4120 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Eupora; authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity. Hood. I765. CR878. CU933. V933. RS981. SS1088. AP1846.

4121 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Lasondra Bowling of Rankin County. Summers. I779.

4122 - (Local and Private Legislation) Hattiesburg Convention Commission; authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting. McGee. I779. CR878. CU934. V934. RS974. HC1141. HC1141. SS1149. AP1846.

4123 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Scotty Adam McMahan of Covington County. Sanford. I834. CR961. CU1106. V1106.

4124 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Tony Qualls of Humphreys County. Anthony. I859. CR963. V1111. CU1111. RS2161. SS2166.

4125 - (Local and Private Legislation) Union County; authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. Creekmore IV. I927. CR963. CU977. V977.

4126 - (Local and Private Legislation) Union County; authorize assessments on civil cases filed and convictions obtained in justice court to maintain law enforcement center. Creekmore IV. I927. CR964. CU978. V978.

4127 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Gautier; authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance. Read. I948. CR964. CU978. V978. RS1091. SS1148. AP1846.

4128 - (Judiciary B) Suffrage; restore to Michael Gray of Prentiss County. Arnold. I982.

4129 - (Local and Private Legislation) City of Bay St. Louis; authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation. Ladner. I1092. CR1116. CU1841. V1841. IR1841. RS1919. SS2166. AP2176.

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4130 - (Education) "Mississippi Student Funding Formula"; create to provide funding mechanism for public schools. Roberson. I1092. CR1093. CU1112. V1112. RS1151. SS1446. AP2172.

B. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

H. C. No.

1 - (CW) Joint session; provide for the inauguration of and to hear the message of Governor Tate Reeves. White. I5. CU15. V15. RS24. SS35.

2 - (CW) Governor-elect Tate Reeves; appoint a joint committee of the House and Senate to arrange inauguration of. White. I5. CU15. V15. RS24. SS35.

3 - (Rules) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Karriem. I63.

4 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. Karriem. I63.

5 - (Rules) Melissa Cookston; commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author. Creekmore IV. I63. CR266. V345. CU345. IR345. RS584. SS598.

6 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. Zuber. I63.

7 - (Rules) B.B. King or Elvis Presley; request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of Jefferson Davis with either. Banks. I82.

8 - (Rules) New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team; commend for winning the 2023-2024 4A Girls State Championship and being "back-to-back" champions. Creekmore IV. I82. CR751. V861. CU861. RS975. SS998.

9 - (Constitution) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district to number of current congressional districts. Johnson. I82.

10 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. Banks. I82.

11 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes. Wallace. CR89. I98. CU99. MPIL99. F105. MR105. MRT106.

12 - (Rules) Senator Hiram Revels and Fannie Lou Hamer; request joint committee on Library of Congress to approve replacement of current statues with statues of. Johnson. I98.

13 - (Constitution) Constitution; signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed fractional portion of number of signatures required for initiative petition. Arnold. I98.

14 - (Rules) Joint Rules; amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2025. Arnold. I98.

15 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to revise the Legislature's authority to limit a county's right to levy taxes on nuclear-powered electrical generating plants. Harness. I113.

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16 - (Rules) Jimmy Buffett; commend and celebrate the life and legacy of iconic song writer and businessman and express sympathy upon his passing. Fondren. I128. CR266. V345. CU345. IR345. RS584. SS598.

17 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to conform initiative signature requirements to current congressional districts. McCray. I142.

18 - (Apportionment and Elections) Constitution; amend to require early voting 10 days before every election. McCray. I142.

19 - (Rules) State of Mississippi; declare as "Second Amendment Sanctuary" state. Eubanks. I142.

20 - (Rules) States' rights; reaffirm and offer support to Texas in defending its southern border. Eubanks. I142.

21 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that members of the Legislature for the first time after January 1, 2025, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. Evans. I142.

22 - (Constitution) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements to be from each congressional district for initiative petition. Rosebud. I142.

23 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. Turner. I142. CR236. CU277. RC277. RC277. CR282. CU459. PO460.

24 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide for the right to personal reproductive decisions. Banks. I142.

25 - (Rules) Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term. Shanks. I147.

26 - (Rules) Joint Rules; adopt for 2024-2028 term. Shanks. I152. CR160. CU160. MR161. V161. R166. F167. IR167. RS170. SS182.

27 - (Rules) Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead; commend for philanthropic work and leadership. Carpenter. I153. CR654. CU684. V684. R684. AD684. CU684. RS778. SS836.

28 - (Rules) Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone; commend life and legacy of service upon his passing. Lott. I168. CR266. V345. CU345. IR345. RS584. SS598.

29 - (Rules) State of the State address of Governor Reeves; call joint session. Shanks. I179. CR189. CU189. V189. RS253. SS253.

30 - (Rules) National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary in 2025. Shanks. I180.

31 - (Rules) Pamela D. C. Junior; commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums. Banks. I180. CR266. V345. CU345. IR345. RS584. SS598.

32 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. Anderson (110th). I187.

33 - (Rules) Women's Rights; reaffirm regarding biological differences and protections for women. McLean. I222.

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34 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that only U.S. citizens are allowed the opportunity to vote. Powell. I222.

35 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes. Taylor. I222.

36 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. Blackwell. I222.

37 - (Constitution) Constitution; conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current districts. McCray. I222.

38 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that only U.S. citizens are allowed the opportunity to vote. McLean. I222.

39 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that a person convicted of embezzlement in the amount of \$5,000 or more shall not be a qualified elector. Karriem. I223.

40 - (Constitution) Constitution; amend to provide that an individual who has been convicted of a felony is not a qualified elector. Arnold. I223.

41 - (Rules) Northwest MS Community College Cheer Team; commend for winning 2024 UCA/UDA College Cheerleading National Championship, Open All-Girl Division. Lamar. I223. CR654. CU666. V666. RS778. SS836.

42 - (Rules) Hilda Moore Turner; commend her life upon her passing. Scott. I262. CR676. V719. CU719. RS849. SS918.

43 - (Rules) Bobby Rush; commend and congratulate on winning his 3rd Grammy. Nelson. I262. CR676. V719. CU719. RS849. SS918.

44 - (Rules) Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team; commend on winning NCJAA Region 23 Championship. Lamar. I280. CR654. CU666. V666. RS778. SS836.

45 - (Rules) George County High School; commend upon winning first ever MHSAA Class 5A Fast Pitch Softball State Championship. Lott. I280. CR676. V719. CU719. RS849. SS919.

46 - (Rules) John D. Roberts; commend upon receiving Legion of Honor for valiant and heroic service during World War II. Creekmore IV. I321. CR676. V719. CU719. RS849. SS919.

47 - (Rules) Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). Bell (21st). I328. CR377. CU377. V377. RS584. SS598.

48 - (Rules) Article V Convention; provide for selection and authority of commissioners. Eubanks. I328. CR654.

49 - (Rules) Locke Ward; commend for efforts to revitalize our capital city and honor for galvanizing others to do the same. Yates. I546. CR602. CU666. V666. RS778. SS836.

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50 - (Rules) Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir; commend upon winning 100th Grand Champion title. Mansell. I546. CR676. V719. CU719. RS849. SS919.

51 - (Rules) Lawrence "Bud" Young; commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement. Lamar. I546. CR654. CU666. V666. RS778. SS836.

52 - (Rules) Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; urge to extend authorization for the Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project. Barton. I587. CU603. V603. RS714. SS760.

53 - (Rules) Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week; recognize the week May 5-11, 2024, as. Fondren. I587. CR751. V861. CU861. RS975. SS998.

54 - (Rules) Circuit Judge Claiborne "Buddy" McDonald IV; commend life and legacy upon his passing. Owen. I587. CU603. V603. RS714. SS760.

55 - (Rules) Mississippi Juneteenth Homecoming Weekend 2024; recognize June 13-16, 2024 as. Crudup. I595.

56 - (Rules) Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team; commend for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship. Lamar. I602. CR654. CU666. V666. RS778. SS836.

57 - (Rules) Mississippi Juneteenth Homecoming weekend 2024; recognize June 13-16, 2024 as. James-Jones. I610.

58 - (Rules) Republic of China (Taiwan); commend friendship with State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Byrd. I751.

59 - (Rules) Swetman Security Service; commend upon 50th anniversary. Grady. I780. CR780. V861. CU861. RS975. SS998.

60 - (Rules) Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of. Denton. I780. CR927. V958. CU958. RS1091. SS1148.

61 - (Rules) Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan; commend upon winning NCAA Division I national title in shot put. Deweese. I780. CR927. V958. CU958. RS1091. SS1148.

62 - (Rules) Jalani Davis; recognize and commend for winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Women's Weight Throw. Deweese. I780. CR927. V958. CU958. RS1091. SS1148.

63 - (Rules) Neshoba Central High School "Lady Rockets" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. Bounds. I859. CR927. V958. CU958. RS1091. SS1148.

64 - (Rules) Legislature; extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. White. RS1177. I1178. CR1179. CU1260. V1260. IR1261. CE1305. SS1446.

65 - (Rules) Suspend deadline for introduction; governmental buildings; regulate. Hood. I1451. CR1452. CU1840. V1840. IR1840.

66 - (Rules) Suspend deadlines for further consideration of Senate Bill 2753; revisions to the SAFER ACT. Sanford. I1451.

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C. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

H. R. No.

- 1 - (CW) House Rules; adopt temporary rules. White. I5. CU5. AD5. SS23.
- 2 - (CW) House officers; provide method and manner of election. White. I5. CU5. AD5. SS23.
- 3 - (CW) Management and Rules Committees; provide method and manner of electing members. White. I5. CU14. AD14. SS23.
- 4 - (CW) House members; provide for selection of desks and parking spaces. White. I5. CU14. AD14. SS23.
- 5 - (Rules) House Rules; amend Temporary Rules to revise provisions relating to membership on standing committees. White. I24. CR25. CU25. AD25. SS25.
- 6 - (Rules) Colonel Randy C. Ginn; commend upon retirement from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Aguirre. I24. CR27. CU28. AD28. SS33.
- 7 - (Rules) Emmett Till murder; issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. Karriem. I63.
- 8 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. Karriem. I63.
- 9 - (Rules) Sam Mosley; commend upon musical success as member of famed blues band, Mosley and Johnson. Creekmore IV. I67. CR266. CU343. CU343. AD343. IR344. SS372.
- 10 - (Rules) Mississippi Fire Association; commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. Ford (54th). I67. CR266. CU305. CU305. AD305. SS323.
- 11 - (Rules) Jimi Jamison; commend musical legacy of Mississippi native and lead singer of Survivor. Creekmore IV. I67. CR267. CU343. CU343. AD343. IR344. SS372.
- 12 - (Rules) Sepsis Awareness Month; recognize September 2024 as. Yancey. I67. CR267. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR344. SS372.
- 13 - (Rules) Chief Peggy Sealy; commend upon retirement as Police Chief of the Hattiesburg Police Department. McGee. I82. CR106. CU114. AD114.
- 14 - (Rules) Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves Softball Team; commend for winning the 2023 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championships. Mangold. I98. CR377. CU378. AD378. SS447.
- 15 - (Rules) Sheriff Troy J. Peterson; commend upon the occasion of his retirement. Felsher. I99. CR267. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR344. SS372.
- 16 - (Rules) James Harold "Jim" Butler; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing. Ford (73rd). I99. CR268. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR344. SS372.
- 17 - (Rules) Texas state sovereignty and the Mexican boarders; express Mississippi's support of Governor Abbott. Oliver. I128.

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18 - (Rules) Emma Cameron; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2024. Pigott. I128. CR144. CU148. SS154.

19 - (Rules) Emma Watts; commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Dixie National 2024. Pigott. I128. CR144. CU148. SS155.

20 - (Rules) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated; commend and congratulate on the occasion of Delta Days at the Capitol. James-Jones. I142. CR144. CU148. SS155.

21 - (Rules) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2024. Cockerham. I142. CR144. CU148. AD148. SS155.

22 - (Rules) Nita P. Martin; commend upon being named the first African-American Chief Executive Officer of Central Mississippi Realtors and contributions to real estate industry. Nelson. I142.

23 - (Rules) Miss Vivian O'Neal; commend upon winning Miss Mississippi 2023. McGee. I148. CR677. CU721. SS757.

24 - (Rules) Florence High School Varsity Dance Team; commend upon winning 3A-5A State Championships in Hip Hop and Pom. Varner. I159. CR223. CU224. AD224. SS233.

25 - (Rules) Dr. Portia E. Ellis; commend service as State Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Thompson. I166. CR677. CU721. SS759.

26 - (Rules) Ripley High School Golf Team; commend upon winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Steverson. I166. CR654. SS711.

27 - (Rules) National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer; commend on election to lead American Legion and welcome to Gautier, MS. Read. I166. CR224. CU224. AD224. SS233.

28 - (Rules) Jack and Jill of America's Legislative Day at the Capitol; recognize February 19, 2024. Gibbs (72nd). I187. CR189. CU189. AD189. SS193.

29 - (Rules) Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team; congratulate upon winning the 2023 Class 4A State Championship. Mickens. I187. CR189. CU190. AD190. SS193.

30 - (Rules) House Rules; amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. Anderson (110th). I187.

31 - (Rules) Logan Aaron Butler; commend upon being awarded Eagle Scout honor by the Boy Scouts of America. Byrd. I223. CR267. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR344. SS372.

32 - (Rules) Parker A. Howard; commend and congratulate upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America. Byrd. I223. CR267. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR344. SS372.

33 - (Rules) Hayden Charles Morgan; commend upon being named an Eagle Scout. Byrd. I223. CR267. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR344. SS372.

34 - (Rules) Suffrage bills; require the Rules Committee to establish factors for passage of. Summers. I223.

35 - (Rules) Mississippi TRIO Day at the State Capitol; declare February 21, 2024 as, for observance. Foster. I223. CR236. CU238. SS251.

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36 - (Rules) Recovery Davy 2024 at the Mississippi State Capitol; observe on February 22, 2024. Nelson. I223. CR236. CU238. SS252.

37 - (Rules) Ameshya Williams Holliday; commend for being the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the WNBA. Hulum. I223. CR267. CU286. CU286. AD286. IR286. SS294.

38 - (Rules) Phil Pinstein; commend life and legacy of. Lamar. I223. CR654. CU666. CU666. AD666. SS710.

39 - (Rules) Zauria Clark; commend upon being named 2023 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. Calvert. I223. CR267. CU305. CU305. AD305. SS323.

40 - (Rules) Sheryl West; commend for being named the 2023 State Gamer of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year. Calvert. I262. CR267. CU305. CU305. AD305. SS323.

41 - (Rules) Justin Strickler; commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year". Calvert. I262. CR267. CU305. CU305. AD305. SS323.

42 - (Rules) Christopher Brown; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. Scott. I262. CR677. CU721. SS757.

43 - (Rules) Mical Cook; commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. Scott. I262. CR677. CU721. SS757.

44 - (Rules) Bessie Nell Jones; honor life and legacy upon her passing. Holloway (27th). I262. CR267. CU286. CU286. AD286. IR286. SS294.

45 - (Rules) Stennis Space Center Capitol Day; recognize February 29, 2024, as and commend senior leadership team. Hobgood-Wilkes. I280. CR285. CU286. CU286. AD286. IR286. SS294.

46 - (Rules) Michael E. "Mike" Griffin; honor life and service of retired officer who died while helping fellowman in vehicle accident. Steverson. I281. CR677. CU721. SS759.

47 - (Rules) Sedric Scott; commend upon service to the community as Mississippi State Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Thompson. I281. CR751. CU754. CU755. CU755. AD755. SS828.

48 - (Rules) William Jarrell; commend upon 100th birthday celebration and for his World War II service. Lott. I281. CR677. CU720. SS757.

49 - (Rules) Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas; commend and congratulate upon being named recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. McGee. I321. CR338. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR345. SS373.

50 - (Rules) Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr.; commend for many years educating children and congratulate upon retirement. Summers. I321. CU603. AD603. SS610.

51 - (Rules) George A. Schloegel; commend life upon his passing. Haney. I321. CR677. CU721. SS759.

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52 - (Rules) Charles Wilson Dismukes; commend for outstanding service to the foresting industry. Oliver. I321. CR337. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR345. SS373.

53 - (Rules) American Red Cross; encourage recognition of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month. Hines. I328. CR338. CU343. CU344. AD344. IR344. SS373.

54 - (Rules) Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2024; commend and honor for outstanding service. Johnson. I328. CR338. CU343. AD343. IR343. SS372.

55 - (Rules) Rust College; commend historical significance and academic excellence of. Faulkner. I328. CU603. AD603. SS610.

56 - (Rules) Rust College; designate March 26, 2024, as Rust College Day at the Capitol. Faulkner. I328. CU604. AD604. SS610.

57 - (Rules) Former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr.; mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. Smith. I328. CR677. CU754. CU755. AD755. SS828.

58 - (Rules) West Point High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Gibbs (36th). I342. CR377. CU378. AD378. SS447.

59 - (Rules) Luther Cunningham "L.C." Sims; commend extraordinary service in World War II and contributions to his community. Thompson. I377. CR677. CU721. SS757.

60 - (Rules) Stamps Super Burgers; commend upon being named one of the 2024 USA Today Restaurants of the Year. Summers. I377. CU604. AD604. SS610.

61 - (Rules) Ryan Miller; commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). Bell (21st). I444. CR444. CU444. AD444. IR444. SS494.

62 - (Rules) Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team; commend upon winning MAIS AAAAAA State Championship. Powell. I454. CR677. CU721. SS759.

63 - (Rules) Hartfield Academy Hawkettes Dance Team; commend for winning the MAIS Spirit Competition. Powell. I454. CR678. CU721. SS757.

64 - (Rules) Hartfield Academy Softball Team; congratulate on winning MAIS State Championship. Powell. I454. CR678. CU721. SS758.

65 - (Rules) Hartfield Academy Varsity Cheerleaders; commend and congratulate. Powell. I454. CR678. CU721. SS758.

66 - (Rules) Jake "Moffitt the Medalist" Moffitt; commend and congratulate upon winning back-to-back medalist honors. Steverson. I454. CR678. CU721. SS760.

67 - (Rules) House Rules; adopt permanent rules for the 2024-2028 term. Shanks. I454. CR502. CU502. AD502. SS581.

68 - (Rules) Head Coach Craig Dailey; commend for earning sixteen basketball championship titles. Carpenter. I546. CR678. CU721. SS758.

69 - (Rules) Delta Academy "Lady Raiders" Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. Carpenter. I546. CR678. CU721. SS758.

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70 - (Rules) Theo Carouthers; commend upon being named 2023 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. Massengill. I546. CR677. CU720. SS758.

71 - (Rules) L.C. Gladney; commend extraordinary service in World War II and many contributions to his community. Thompson. I546. CR654. CU666. CU666. AD666. SS710.

72 - (Rules) Meridian High School Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 7A State Championship. Young. I546. CR677. CU721. SS758.

73 - (Rules) The Piney Woods School; designate April 10, 2024, as Piney Woods Day at the Capitol. Blackmon. I546. CR678. CU721. SS758.

74 - (Rules) Canton Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. Blackmon. I546. CR678. CU721. SS758.

75 - (Rules) Blue Mountain High School "Lady Cougars" Girls Basketball Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Girls Basketball State Championship. Steverson. I546. CR678. CU721. SS758.

76 - (Rules) Charleston High School Tigers Football Team; commend for winning the 2023 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Rosebud. I572. CR678. CU722. SS758.

77 - (Rules) Raymond High School Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. Foster. I587. CU604. AD604. SS610.

78 - (Rules) Lt. Colonel Malachi Sanders; commend upon occasion of retirement as Deputy Director of the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Young. I587. CR677. CU721. SS758.

79 - (Rules) Simpson County; commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. Wallace. I587. CR678. CU722. SS758.

80 - (Rules) Florence High School "Eagles" Boys Soccer Team; commend upon winning 2024 MHSAA Class 5A Boys Soccer State Championship. Varner. I587. CR654. CU666. CU666. AD666. SS710.

81 - (Rules) Ken Evans, Jr.; commend and congratulate upon being named 2024 SWAC Player of the Year. Bell (65th). I587. CR678. CU722. SS758.

82 - (Rules) Brooke O'Hair; commend and congratulate upon 500th career head coaching win. Varner. I587. CR654. CU666. CU666. AD666. SS710.

83 - (Rules) Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre; commend esteemed service as 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Taylor. I587. CR678. CU722. SS758.

84 - (Rules) Mildred "Madea" Fields Cassidy; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. Holloway (76th). I587. CR678. CU722. SS758.

85 - (Rules) Tomorrow's 25; commend individuals selected for inclusion in Mississippi Excellence in Coaching Fellowship. Roberson. I587. CU604. AD604. SS610.

86 - (Rules) "Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month"; acknowledge month of May 2024 as for observance. McCray. I587. CR679. CU722. SS760.

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87 - (Rules) Piney Woods School; commend on HULU documentary and upon celebrating the 115th anniversary of its founding. Blackmon. I595. CR679. CU722. SS759.

88 - (Rules) "Recover Reconnect and Rebuild"; commend Sharkey County on occasion of and honor the lives of those lost during the March 2023 storms. James-Jones. I595. CR602. CU666. AD666. SS710.

89 - (Rules) 100 Raveno Boys; commend service in WWII and designate June 6-7, 2024, as "Eternal Heroes Memorial Days" in Mississippi. Shanks. I595. CR679. CU722. SS759.

90 - (Rules) Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A Soccer State Championship. Varner. I595. CR654. CU666. AD666. SS710.

91 - (Rules) Lillian Lilly; commend upon the production of her first music video and recognize years of service in gospel music industry. Crudup. I595. CR679. CU722. SS760.

92 - (Rules) Alfred Williams; commend for being the first African American inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. Tullos. I602. CR679. CU722. SS759.

93 - (Rules) Charlestien Harris; commend and congratulate upon being named "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year". Paden. I602. CR679. CU722. SS759.

94 - (Rules) "Wait for It..." Robotics Team; commend for winning Inspire Award at the MS FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship. Yancey. I610. CR679. CU722. SS759.

95 - (Rules) South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band; commend upon successful championship season of competition. Scoggin. I610. CR655. CU666. AD667. SS710.

96 - (Rules) Workers' Memorial Day; recognize upon occasion of 25th anniversary. Thompson. I634. CR1002. CU1175. AD1175. SS1446.

97 - (Rules) West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights; commend for winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Softball Championship. Calvert. I634. CR679. CU722. SS759.

98 - (Rules) Olive Branch High School "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball State Championship. Keen. I634. CR679. CU722. SS760.

99 - (Rules) Brock Mosley; commend for winning the Folds of Honor Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River. Calvert. I634. CR679. CU722. SS759.

100 - (Rules) Chief Warrant Officer 4s Derek Abbott and Bryan Zemek; commend distinguished life of service upon their passing. Hall. I634. CR679. CU754. CU755. AD755. SS828.

101 - (Rules) Debra Boswell; commend work with Mississippi Animal Rescue League. Hurst. I634. CR679. CU722. SS759.

102 - (Rules) Beulah Baptist Church, in Myrtle, MS; commend and congratulate on the occasion of its 175th anniversary. Massengill. I634. CR677. CU721. SS759.

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103 - (Rules) Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. Carpenter. I634. CR679. CU722. SS759.

104 - (Rules) K.T. Robbins; honor extraordinary service to the United States during WWII. Remak. I664. CR752. CU754. CU755. AD755. SS828.

105 - (Rules) Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry; commend life and legacy upon her passing. Calvert. I669. CR752. CU754. CU755. AD755. SS828.

106 - (Rules) Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MAIS Division I Championship. Powell. I687. CR752. CU754. CU755. AD755. SS828.

107 - (Rules) Chief William Anthony Anderson, Sr.; honor life and legacy upon his passing. Creekmore IV. I687. CR752. CU754. CU755. AD755. SS828.

108 - (Rules) Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Basketball Team; commend on winning class 4A State Championship. Carpenter. I687. CR752. CU755. CU755. AD755. SS829.

109 - (Rules) Former State Trooper Felicia Breland; mourn loss and commemorate life, legacy and service of. Bell (65th). I687. CR752. CU755. CU755. AD755. SS829.

110 - (Rules) City of Ridgeland; commend upon the 125th anniversary of its founding. Ford (73rd). I714. CR780. CU862. SS919.

111 - (Rules) Angel Jackson; commend and congratulate upon being named SWAC's Women's Defensive Player of the Year. Bell (65th). I751. CR780. CU862. SS919.

112 - (Rules) Winona High School Football Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 3A State Football Championship. Oliver. I751. CR752. CU755. CU755. AD755. SS829.

113 - (Rules) Coach Tomekia Reed; commend upon being named SWAC Coach of the Year and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of the Year. Bell (65th). I754. CR781. CU861. SS919.

114 - (Rules) Ellis "Scott" Slater; commend life upon his passing. Bell (65th). I754. CR781. CU861. SS919.

115 - (Rules) Scott Griffith; commend upon occasion of his retirement as Elementary Principal of Presbyterian Christian School. McGee. I765. CR781. CU861. SS919.

116 - (Rules) Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft; commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. Holloway (27th). I765. CR781. CU977. CU977. AD977. SS1088.

117 - (Rules) Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball Team; commend for outstanding 2023-2024 season. Harness. I765. CR781. CU861. SS919.

118 - (Rules) Jefferson County High School Football Team; commend upon outstanding football season. Harness. I765. CR781. CU862. SS919.

119 - (Rules) Jordan O'Neal; commend upon being named 2024 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year. Bell (65th). I780. CR833. CU862. SS919.

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120 - (Rules) 2023 Keath Killebrew Memorial Rodeo; commend upon winning awards from the International Pro Rodeo Association. Boyd (19th). I780. CR833. CU862. SS919.

121 - (Rules) Jackson State University Tigers Women's Basketball Team; commend for winning the 2024 SWAC Women's Basketball Championship. Bell (65th). I780. CR860. CU884. AD884.

122 - (Rules) Arthur "Mr. D" Davis; commend legacy and success of as owner of the "Old Country Store" in Lorman, MS. Harness. I780. CR927. CU949. SS972.

123 - (Rules) "Don't Sugarcoat It Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol; designate April 15, 2024 as. Gibbs (72nd). I780. CR880. CU949. SS972.

124 - (Rules) Republic of China (Taiwan); commend friendship with State of Mississippi and encourage further economic ties. Byrd. CR834. I834.

125 - (Rules) Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon his passing as the founder of American Family Association. Bell (21st). I834. CR880. CU949. SS972.

126 - (Rules) Mr. Kierre Rimmer; acknowledge and commend contributions as founder of FlyZone. Anthony. I859. CR860. CU884. AD884.

127 - (Rules) West Jones High School Mustangs Football Team; commend for many outstanding achievements during the 2023 MHSAA season. Scoggin. I859. CR860. CU884. AD884.

128 - (Rules) The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation; commend on occasion of its fifth symposium. Blackmon. I859. CR860. CU884. AD884.

129 - (Rules) West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team; commend on winning Class 2A State Championship. Scoggin. I859. CR860. CU884. AD884.

130 - (Rules) Hair for Her Day in Mississippi; observe April 20, 2024. Ford (73rd). I859. CR860. CU884. AD884.

131 - (Rules) Northwest Jackson Middle School; commend upon being the #1 rated school in the state. Brown. I860. CR860. CU884. AD884.

132 - (Rules) Alan Hunter; commend Millsaps graduate upon being the first VJ on MTV and upon his contributions to film and television. Creekmore IV. I860. CR880. CU949. SS972.

133 - (Rules) Madison Clare (M.C.) Stewart; commend upon being named the first female Angler of the Year. McGee. I860. CR880. CU949. SS972.

134 - (Rules) Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders; commend for placing first at the 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship. Owen. I877. CR880. CU949. SS972. CU977. AD977.

135 - (Rules) SFC Clyde Williams; commend upon winning 2023 Army National Guard Director's 54 Award for State of Mississippi. Carpenter. I948. CR1093. CU1175. AD1175. SS1446.

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136 - (Rules) Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team; commend upon winning MAIS 6A State Soccer Championship. Yates. I957. CR976. CU1059. AD1059. SS1148.

137 - (Rules) Craig Newton; commend upon his induction into Delta State University's 2024 Sports Hall of Fame. Ford (54th). I957. CR976. CU1059. AD1059. SS1148.

138 - (Rules) Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team; commend for winning MAIS Class 6A Boys State Championship. Yates. I961. CR976. CU1059. AD1059. SS1149.

139 - (Rules) Southern Soul music genre; acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of. Nelson. I961.

140 - (Rules) St. Andrews Boys Soccer Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Soccer State Championship. Ford (73rd). I961. CR976. CU1059. AD1059. SS1149.

141 - (Rules) Peter and Mireille DeBeukelaer; commend upon success as founders of world-renowned Pirouline wafer cookie and upon community service. McMillan. I961. CR977. CU1059. AD1059. SS1149.

142 - (Rules) Bridgette Whiting; commend upon being named 2023-2024 Star Teacher for the Ocean Springs School District for the second nine weeks. Zuber. I976. CR1093. CU1175. AD1175. SS1446.

143 - (Rules) Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team; commend and congratulate upon winning Class 5A State Championship. Scott. I982. CR1002. CU1175. AD1175. SS1446.

144 - (Rules) South Panola High School Varsity Cheerleaders; commend on winning MHSAA Game Day Cheer Division. Hawkins. I982. CR1093. CU1175. AD1175. SS1447.

145 - (Rules) Greater Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) USA; commend on 160th anniversary. Holloway (76th). I982. CR1093. CU1175. AD1175. SS1447.

146 - (Rules) Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant; commend upon becoming the first African-American woman to attain the rank of admiral. Bell (65th). I1002. CR1093. CU1175. AD1175. SS1447.

147 - (Rules) Eris T. Sims; commend upon being the NAACP Chief of Staff and for numerous accomplishments with the NAACP. Bell (65th). I1092. CR1850. CU2048. AD2048. IR2049. SS2167.

148 - (Rules) Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc.; commend in honor of Women's History Month. Butler-Washington. I1092. CR1178. CU1320. AD1320. SS1914.

149 - (Rules) Joe Trotter Dockins; mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing. Bell (65th). I1092. CU1260. AD1260. SS1447.

150 - (Rules) Madison Central High School Tennis Team; commend upon winning Class 7A State Championship. Ford (73rd). I1152. CR1179. CU1260. AD1260. IR1260. SS1447.

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151 - (Rules) Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. Hawkins. I1152. CR1178. CU1320. CU1320. AD1320. SS1914.

152 - (Rules) Lisa McGhee Davis; commend esteemed career with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon the occasion of her retirement. Hulum. I1178. CR1178. CU1320. CU1320. AD1320. SS1914.

153 - (Rules) Rockford (Rocky) Vaughn; commend for designing the new Mississippi State Flag. Hood. I1266. CR1850. CU2048. AD2048. IR2049. SS2167.

154 - (Rules) Lafayette High School Tennis Team; commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. Hawkins. I1451. CR1850. CU2048. AD2048. IR2049. SS2167.

155 - (Rules) Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon; commend life and legacy upon the passing of. Boyd (19th). I1451. CR1850. CU2048. AD2048. IR2049. SS2167.

156 - (Rules) West Union Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team; commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A Cross Country State Championship. Creekmore IV. I1850. CR1920. CU2161. CU2161. AD2161. IR2162. SS2167.

157 - (Rules) Myrtle High School Girls Cross Country Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I1850. CR1920. CU2161. CU2161. AD2161. IR2162. SS2167.

158 - (Rules) Ingomar Attendance Center Boys Basketball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA 2023-2024 Class 2A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I1850. CR1920. CU2161. CU2161. AD2161. IR2162. SS2167.

159 - (Rules) Ingomar Attendance Center Girls Volleyball Team; commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championship. Creekmore IV. I1851. CR1920. CU2161. CU2161. AD2161. IR2162. SS2167.

160 - (Rules) Ingomar High School Lady Falcons Basketball Team; commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. Creekmore IV. I1851. CR1920. CU2161. CU2162. AD2162. IR2162. SS2167.

161 - (Rules) East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team; commend on winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. Creekmore IV. I1851. CR1920. CU2161. CU2162. AD2162. IR2162. SS2168.

162 - (Rules) Germantown High School Robotics Team; commend for winning Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship. Ford (73rd). I1851. CR1920. CU2161. CU2162. AD2162. IR2162. SS2168.

D. SENATE BILLS

S. B. No.

2001 - (Local and Private) City of Houston; extend repeal date for tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks and recreation. Suber. RS840. RF841. CR878. CU934. V934. SS959.

2004 - (Agriculture) Grain grading; require state or federal certification and compliance with Federal Grain Inspection Service standards. Johnson. RS569. RF576. CR670.

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2016 - (Judiciary, Division B) Illegal dumping; increase penalties for. Horhn. RS374. RF440.

2022 - (Judiciary, Division B) Juvenile offenders; provide alternative sentencing and parole options. Fillingane. RS540. RF577. CR636. CU702. V702. SRC853. CRO1747. CRA1750. SCRA1848. SS2166.

2037 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support award; cost of health insurance coverage obtained by noncustodial parent considered in determining. McCaughn. RS570. RF576. CR673.

2038 - (Judiciary, Division A) Adoption petitions; clarify that attached certificate may be executed by any physician. McCaughn. RS374. RF440. CR673.

2058 - (Elections) Nonpartisan Judicial Election Act; amend to include justice court judges. Fillingane. RS570. RF576.

2059 - (Forestry) Biomass and Bioenergy with carbon capture technology; define. McCaughn. RS248. RF253. CR331. CU471. V471. SS582.

2060 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial bridge; dedicate the Little Biloxi Bridge to World War II Infantryman Willie Edward King. Seymour. RS422. RF440. CR655. CU728. V728. SRC777. SCRA1001. CRO1029. CRA1029.

2062 - (Technology) Artificial Intelligence in Education Task Force Act; enact. Johnson. RS496. RF541. CR635.

2072 - (Public Health and Welfare) Physical therapy practice laws; revise various provisions of. Blackwell. RS421. RF440. CR614. CU656. V657. SS685.

2084 - (Local and Private) DeSoto County; authorize the contribution of funds for membership to the Chamber of Commerce. Parker. RS840. RF841. CR878. CU935. V935. SS959.

2125 - (Insurance) State employees; require the state to offer health savings accounts to. Johnson. RS375. RF440. CR673. CU699. V699. MRT769. SS836.

2130 - (Judiciary, Division A) Homeowners' insurance; prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's age. Johnson. RS573. RF580. CR673. CU771. LTSC771. CU789. V789. SRC853. SRFC1264. CRO1322. HRFC1322. CRO1769. CRA1770. SCRA1848. SS2166.

2131 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support; create presumption that support continues past the age of majority for a disabled child. Parker. RS374. RF440.

2132 - (Gaming) Child support; withhold gaming prizes of persons who have outstanding child support arrearages. Michel. RS573. RF580.

2135 - (Judiciary, Division B) Shoplifting; delete finding required before imposing a sentence of imprisonment. McLendon. RS496. RF541.

2138 - (Local and Private) DeSoto County Regional Utility Authority; increase borrowing/bonding authority from \$40 Million to \$80 Million. Blackwell. RS840. RF841. CR878. CU935. V935. SS959.

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2140 - (Insurance) Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Michel. RS123. RF130. CR153. CU161. V162. IR163. SC235. SS254.

2142 - (Tourism) Designate American Quarter Horse as the "Official State Horse of the State of Mississippi." Hickman. RS421. RF577. CR680. CU772. V772. SC849. SS944.

2143 - (County Affairs) Ad valorem tax; designate the authority of certain counties to levy up to seven mills for garbage collection. Blount. RS649. RF662.

2144 - (Elections) Runoff elections; amend to lengthen the timing requirement. England. RS421. RF440. CR650. CU734. V734. SRC853. CRO1048. CRA1055. R1247. HRFC1247. SRFC1263. CRO1882. CRA1887. SCRA1918. SS2168.

2145 - (Public Health and Welfare) Defending Affordable Prescription Drug Costs Act; enact to prohibit discriminating against 340B drug discount program entities. Wiggins. RS540. RF577.

2152 - (Public Health and Welfare) Department of Human Services; authorize to enter into lease with counties and to appoint certain county directors. Fillingane. RS374. RF440.

2156 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council; create at UMMC. Blackwell. RS568. RF575. CR614. CU657. V657. SS685.

2157 - (Public Health and Welfare) Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact; enact. Fillingane. RS438. RF450. CR614. CU657. V657. SS710.

2159 - (Public Health and Welfare) Marriage and family therapists; revise certain requirements for licensure. Fillingane. RS568. RF575. CR651. CU745. V745. SS756.

2161 - (Public Health and Welfare) Medicaid reimbursements; revise certain provisions relating to a psychiatric residential treatment facility in DeSoto County. Blackwell. RS540. RF577.

2169 - (Education) Local supplement for assistant teachers; prohibit school districts from reducing when given state minimum raise. DeBar. RS374. RF440. CR672.

2170 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to Department of Health. Blackwell. RS421. RF440. CR766. CU812. V812. SRC855. CRO1164. CRA1165. SS1842.

2174 - (Judiciary, Division B) Motor vehicle theft; revise penalty for. Fillingane. RS374. RF440. CR636. CU703. V703. SRC847. SCRA1115. CRO1142. CRA1143. SS1447.

2175 - (Judiciary, Division B) Receiving stolen property; revise the crime of. Fillingane. RS374. RF440. CR636. CU704. V704. SRC853.

2177 - (Judiciary, Division B) Bail; make certain amendments to provisions related to. Fillingane. RS439. RF541. CR675.

2179 - (Judiciary, Division B) Department of Public Safety; revise certain provisions of. Fillingane. RS497. RF541. CR670. CU798. V798. SRC874. CRO1094. CRA1096. SCRA1115.

2180 - (Judiciary, Division B) Department of Public Safety; remove prior written approval for certain events. Fillingane. RS569. RF580. CR674. CU802. V802. SRC874. SCRA1265. CRO1770. CRA1773. SS2156.

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2186 - (Judiciary, Division B) Sale of seized weapons; authorize use of proceeds to purchase equipment. England. RS374. RF440. CR675.

2196 - (Judiciary, Division B) Mississippi Terroristic Threats Law; provide enhanced penalty for threat against airport. Thompson. RS438. RF450. CR636. CU702. V703. SRC854. SCRA961. CRO1106. HRFC1106.

2218 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Ireland Trade Commission; establish. Harkins. RS497. RF541. CR680.

2226 - (Finance) Israel Support Act of 2019; extend repealer on. Harkins. RS570. RF575. CR634. CU700. V700. SC849. SS943.

2232 - (Education) Newton Municipal School District; require election of board of trustees by population of the school district. McCaughn. RS420. RF440. CR672. CU724. V725. SRC854. CRO1436. CRA1440. SS1916.

2240 - (Public Health and Welfare) Board of Medical Licensure; revise licensure status, definitions, procedure, fines and temporary practice authority. Blackwell. RS567. RF576.

2244 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Foster care children; allow free access to museums and state parks, allow free transcripts from colleges and junior colleges. Hickman. RS569. RF576. CR683. CU743. V744. SC832. SS845.

2245 - (Education) Education data; authorize the Department of Education to report aggregate data in compliance with federal standards. DeBar. RS374. RF440. CR635.

2246 - (Education) Preschool reporting requirements; revise technical provisions related thereto. DeBar. RS374. RF441. CR635. CU722. V722. SS756.

2248 - (Local and Private) City of Amory; reenact and extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax, and authorize election for additional 1%. Bryan. RS278. RF286. CR343. CU647. V647. IR647. SS661.

2250 - (Highways and Transportation) Squatted vehicles; ban. Barrett. RS421. RF441. CR655.

2261 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support; make certain amendments to provision concerning recovery from delinquent noncustodial parents. Wiggins. RS570. RF575.

2262 - (Judiciary, Division A) Child support; revise provision related to in order to mirror current DHS practice and federal requirements. Wiggins. RS570. RF577. CR683. CU743. V743. SS756.

2266 - (Judiciary, Division A) Mississippi Electronic Court System; require free access for public defenders. Barrett. RS374. RF441. CR673.

2268 - (Judiciary, Division A) Missing or unidentified persons; provide procedures regarding investigation of. Wiggins. RS540. RF572. CR674.

2272 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Charities; amend the initial registration process. Polk. RS421. RF441.

2275 - (Public Property) MDOT; authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to the Board of Supervisors of Greene County. DeBar. RS573. RF580.

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2276 - (Public Property) Clinic building at 1308 Belk Boulevard; transfer to Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Suber. RS173. RF174. CR225. CU227. V227. IR227. SS247.

2279 - (Drug Policy) Uniform Controlled Substances Act; revise schedules. Turner-Ford. RS439. RF579. CR671.

2283 - (Energy) Public Service Commission; extend date of repeal on. Carter. RS421. RF441. CR653. CU727. V727. SRC838. SCRA961. CRO970. CRA972. SS998.

2285 - (Appropriations) Department of Public Safety; revise salary scale. Wiggins. RS375. RF441. CR613. CU620. V620. SRC855. SRFC1263. CRO1321. HRFC1322. CRO1900. CRA1904. SCRA1918. SS2168.

2288 - (Judiciary, Division B) Images or audio altered or created by digitization; criminalize dissemination of in certain circumstances. Johnson. RS375. RF441. CR674.

2298 - (Finance) Bonds; raise maximum fee paid to state's bond attorney from \$500.00 to \$750.00 for validation and issuance of. Johnson. RS497. RF543. CR682. CU687. V687. SRC874. CRO1267. CRA1268. SS2155.

2300 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Occupational Licensing Review Board; revise membership. Hill. RS376. RF444.

2302 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State agencies; notify Legislature of proposed rule adoption. Hill. RS569. RF577.

2304 - (Finance) Income tax refunds; provide procedures for MDOR to set off debts owed to MDHS against, and for hearings and appeals. Fillingane. RS421. RF441. CR682. CU688. V688.

2307 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Compensation of elected state & district officers; extend repealer on. Parker. RS374. RF441.

2308 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Public Records Act; extend date of repeal on. Parker. RS374. RF441. CR650. CU735. V736. SR736. SS756.

2309 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Trip optimizer for state employee travel reimbursement; extend moratorium on application to certain state agencies. Parker. RS374. RF441.

2310 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) County authorization to assess emergency telecommunications service charge; extend date of repeal on. Parker. RS375. RF441. CR653. CU708. V708. SS756.

2311 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Sheriffs; remove cap on annual salary supplement. Wiggins. RS573. RF580. CR671. CU796. V796. MR800. MRWD827. SS844.

2318 - (Finance) Ad valorem taxes; authorize local governments to grant exemptions for raw materials and work in progress inventory. Parker. RS649. RF662.

2320 - (Finance) Motor vehicles; require proof of liability insurance before license tag or decal may be issued or renewed. Blackwell. RS497. RF541.

2325 - (Forestry) Forestry Facility Grant Program; bring forward. McCaughn. RS570. RF579.

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2332 - (Education) MAEP; revise funding formula. DeBar. RS421. RF577. RF599. CR602. CU604. V604. D2847.

2339 - (Education) High school graduation requirements; allow sign language to be counted as a foreign language. Hill. RS375. RF441. CR635. CU723. V723. SS756.

2340 - (Public Health and Welfare) Harper Grace's Law; extend repealer on authority to research and dispense cannabidiol (CBD oil) for medical purposes. Bryan. RS375. RF441. CR614. CU658. V658. SS685.

2341 - (Public Health and Welfare) Physician grant funding from Qualified Health Center Grant Program; extend date of funding. Bryan. RS540. RF576.

2343 - (Education) Mississippi Modified School Calendar Grant Program; establish and provide eligibility criteria. DeBar. RS421. RF441.

2348 - (Education) State Workforce Investment Board; make technical changes to provisions related thereto. DeBar. RS540. RF572.

2349 - (Education) Cardiac emergency response plans; require schools to implement and provide procedures and certain immunity related thereto. Boyd. RS375. RF441. CR635. CU723. V724. SC832. SS844.

2355 - (Judiciary, Division B) Walker's Law; enact to criminalize sexual extortion. Williams. RS438. RF541. CR674.

2367 - (Elections) Ranked-choice voting; prohibit in Mississippi elections. England. RS421. RF441.

2381 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Pawnbrokers; remove the requirement of on-premises retention of purchased goods. McMahan. RS439. RF541.

2382 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Pawnbrokers; allow to pass credit or debit card processing charges to customers. McMahan. RS439. RF541. CR634. CU701. V701. SS756.

2386 - (Judiciary, Division A) Appointed counsel; increase maximum compensation for. Wiggins. RS375. RF442.

2404 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) State Bond Attorney; authorize interim appointment in case of conflict of interest. Hopson. RS421. RF578. CR669.

2405 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; revise certain geographic and entity restrictions. Harkins. RS439. RF578. CR680. CU773. V773. MR776. R826. V827. SRC982. CRO1357. CRA1365. SCRA1846. SS2168.

2406 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) MS Public Records Act; exempt certain private information of persons conducting in-state operations. England. RS540. RF576. CR669.

2407 - (Education) Assistant teachers; revise certain licensure requirements. DeBar. RS439. RF541. CR636.

2408 - (Universities and Colleges) Identification cards and driver's licenses; require to have 988 Crisis Lifeline information. DeLano. RS569. RF580. CR637. CU659. V659. SRC777. CRO1042. CRA1045. SS1843.

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2417 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Act and the Mississippi Uniform Agents Act; bring forward sections. Boyd. RS570. RF575. CR665. CU737. V737. SC833. SS844.

2422 - (Elections) Election disputes; specify judges with jurisdiction to hear. England. RS570. RF576.

2424 - (Elections) Absentee ballots; voters can cure ballots declared defective due to signature issues. Tate. RS439. RF542. CR650. CU742. V742. SRC854. CRO1055. CRA1059. MR1088. SRFC1449.

2425 - (Elections) Ballot harvesting; define terms. Tate. RS421. RF442. CR651. CU735. V735. SC872. SS944.

2441 - (Judiciary, Division B) Alternative nicotine products; prohibit distribution or sale of certain products. Hill. RS573. RF580. CR651. CU733. PO733. V737. SRC854.

2444 - (Corrections) Central Mississippi Pilot Prison Industries program; expand to all state, regional and private correctional facilities. Barnett. RS375. RF578.

2445 - (Corrections) Correctional system programs; extend repealers. Barnett. RS376. RF579. CR635. CU697. V697. SRC854. SCRA1001. CRO1063. CRA1075.

2448 - (Corrections) "Mississippi Earned Parole Eligibility Act"; delete repealer. Barnett. RS422. RF579. CR635. CU696. V696. SRC854. SCRA980. CRO1075. CRA1082.

2451 - (Corrections) Corrections; require implementation of improved model for projecting inmate population growth. Younger. RS376. RF578.

2453 - (Energy) Inadequacy of service; authorizing the commission to cancel a municipality's certificate to provide service upon findings of. Whaley. RS421. RF442. CR587. CU596. T596. V597. R616. PO;4:POINTS OF ORDER617. SR626. V627. IR627. SC668. SS710.

2454 - (Energy) Mississippi Gulf Coast Region Utility Act; set to repeal on July 1, 2024. DeLano. RS421. RF442. CR675. CU709. V709. SS828.

2457 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. Williams. RS497. RF542. CR680. CU774. LTSC774. CU818. V819. SC849. SS943.

2465 - (Public Property) Public property; direct MDOT to convey certain land used as a park to the City of Marks. Jackson. RS574. RF580.

2466 - (Finance) Alcoholic beverages; revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21. Fillingane. RS497. RF542. CR682. CU790. V790. SRC982. CRO1841. HRFC1841.

2468 - (Appropriations) Budget; bring forward code sections related to and provide for transfers. Hopson. RS375. RF442. CR612. CU621. V621. SRC855. SRFC1263. CRO1321. HRFC1322. CRO2072. CRA2096. CE2096. SCRA2164. SS2169.

2470 - (Finance) Sales tax; move the back-to-school sales tax holiday to the second Friday in July. Michel. RS375. RF442. CR683. CU695. V695. SC849. SS943.

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2476 - (Finance) Tax credits for qualified charitable and qualified foster care charitable organizations; extend repealer on. Harkins. RS421. RF442. CR682. CU688. V688. SC946. SS959.

2477 - (Finance) Income tax; reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures. Harkins. RS421. RF442.

2486 - (Government Structure) Proposals and requests for qualifications; simplify the receipt and registration process. Johnson. RS540. RF578. CR669. CU739. V739. SRC874. CRO1004. CRA1026. SCRA1091.

2487 - (Appropriations) The Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Death Benefits Trust Fund; bring forward provision related to. DeLano. RS376. RF442. CR612. CU623. V623. SRC856. SRFC1263. CRO1321. HRFC1322. CRO1905. CRA1907. SCRA1918. SS2169.

2492 - (Finance) Use tax; allow municipalities to use revenue for personal property or equipment to be used for certain authorized purposes. Branning. RS375. RF442. CR682. CU689. V689. SC946. SS959.

2493 - (Finance) Bonds; repeal authorization for unissued bonds, and replace with cash funds. Harkins. RS439. RF542. CR682. CU689. V689. SRC874. SRFC1151. CRO1223. HRFC1223.

2494 - (Public Property) State agency property; authorize DFA as central leasing agent for all state agencies. Blount. RS570. RF579.

2495 - (County Affairs) County boards of supervisors; may designate board attorney to serve as hearing officer in disputes regarding delinquent solid waste fees. Kirby. RS439. RF542.

2500 - (Municipalities) Homeless encampments; prohibit on public property and define as public nuisance on private property. McMahan. RS567. RF576. RF591.

2502 - (County Affairs) Counties; shorten notice requirement for special meetings from five days to 24 hours. Parks. RS571. RF579. CR671.

2509 - (Highways and Transportation) Motor Carrier Regulatory Law; extend repeal on voluntary inspection program. Branning. RS375. RF442. CR655. CU731. V731. SS756.

2510 - (Local and Private) Neshoba County; authorize board to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit. Branning. RS840. RF841. CR878. CU936. V936. SC980. SS1088.

2514 - (Government Structure) State Veterans Affairs Board; revise composition of. Tate. RS497. RF542. CR652. CU747. V747. SS757.

2519 - (Judiciary, Division A) Mississippi Foreign Land Ownership Act; create. McCaughn. RS439. RF542. CR670. CU744. V744. SS757.

2526 - (Medicaid) Special Care Facility for Paroled Inmates; bring forward provisions for possible amendment. Wiggins. RS571. RF579.

2529 - (Judiciary, Division A) District attorneys; amend provision related to temporary appointments. Fillingane. RS439. RF542. CR674.

2530 - (Insurance) Peer-to-Peer Car Sharing Program Act; create. Michel. RS571. RF579. CR636. CU699. V699. SC849. SS943.

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2532 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Bonds; clarify municipalities and counties may issue serial and single term. Boyd. RS439. RF542. CR682. CU693. V693. SS757.

2535 - (Judiciary, Division A) Divorce; authorize a court to grant when it is determined that a marriage is irretrievably broken. Wiggins. RS570. RF578. CR674.

2543 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Consumer Alternative Installment Loan Act; create a cap adjustment based on the loan amount. Sparks. RS439. RF542. CR634. CU701. V701. MRT755. SS836.

2544 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Public deposit bidding; conform processes. Polk. RS571. RF579. CR635.

2545 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Auditing threshold; define monetary donations. Polk. RS421. RF442. CR651. CU745. V745. SS757.

2549 - (Judiciary, Division A) Chancery clerk; increase fees for recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. Kirby. RS568. RF575. CR674.

2550 - (Judiciary, Division A) Assistant district attorneys and criminal investigators; bring forward provisions related to. Wiggins. RS421. RF442.

2556 - (Education) Early Learning Collaborative Act; require the Department of Education to provide certain data on educational effects. Younger. RS421. RF442. CR672. CU726. V726. SS828.

2557 - (Universities and Colleges) Ground lease for solar installation at Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experimental Stations; authorize. Williams. RS568. RF575. CR637. CU660. V660. SS710.

2558 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mental Health Regional Commissions; authorize boards of supervisors to agree to board compositions. Hopson. RS375. RF442. CR653.

2567 - (Finance) On-premises tobacco permit; authorize Department of Revenue to issue. McMahan. RS540. RF576. CR682. CU690. V690. SC849. SS943.

2568 - (Finance) Native wineries; authorize to make sales at one satellite location in same county. McMahan. RS540. RF578.

2569 - (Economic and Workforce Development) State employee telework policies; amend. Sparks. RS375. RF442. CR669.

2570 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Office of Workforce Development; extend exemption from PPRB provisions on rental/leasing of real property for agency business. Sparks. RS422. RF443. CR656. CU707. V707. SRC854.

2572 - (Economic and Workforce Development) State Workforce Investment Board; amend to allow for proxy participation in meetings to meet quorum. Sparks. RS375. RF442. CR656. CU707. V708. SS828.

2575 - (Elections) Campaign finance; reform. England. RS583. RF585. CR680.

2576 - (Elections) Voter ID; allow Secretary of State to promulgate rules regarding. England. RS567. RF576. CR670. CU741. V741. SS757.

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2577 - (Elections) Digitizations; create a criminal penalty for the wrongful dissemination of. England. RS574. RF580. CR651. CU742. V742. SRC854. CRO996. CRA997. SCRA1115.

2579 - (Elections) Absentee ballots; change receipt deadline. England. RS573. RF580.

2580 - (Elections) In-person early voting; allow. England. RS571. RF578.

2599 - (Corrections) Alternative Incarceration Methodology (AIM); bring forward statutes. Sparks. RS570. RF577.

2600 - (Corrections) Parole and probation officers' study committee; study transferring authority and functions to DPS. Sparks. RS438. RF579.

2601 - (Energy) Utility Service; prevent government restrictions based on energy source required. Chassaniol. RS439. RF578. CR653.

2602 - (Energy) PSC and Public Utilities Staff; clarify ability to receive campaign contributions or participate in political activity. Carter. RS571. RF575.

2603 - (Energy) Excavation; revise procedures and required white lining in certain stances. Carter. RS571. RF579. CR653. CU708. V709. SS757.

2604 - (Energy) Public utilities contracts; allow certain bids to be submitted electronically. Carter. RS570. RF577.

2606 - (Judiciary, Division B) DUI suspension; clarify how the 120 days are counted. Barrett. RS570. RF577.

2613 - (Judiciary, Division B) Police chiefs and officers; require certain continuing education. Sparks. RS375. RF443.

2614 - (Judiciary, Division B) Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act; amend certain provisions related to the filing of motions under. Sparks. RS376. RF443. CR674.

2627 - (Judiciary, Division B) Firearms; criminalize manufacture, possession and use of machine gun conversion devices. DeLano. RS422. RF443.

2628 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Mississippi Capitol Region Utility Act; create. Parker. RS540. RF578.

2631 - (Agriculture) State property; amend MDAC ability to expend funding for the Ag Museum and clarify the location of state fairgrounds. Whaley. RS569. RF578.

2634 - (Highways and Transportation) Memorial highways; designate segment in Shannon, Lee County, as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway." Bryan. RS376. RF443. CR655. CU729. V730. MR748. R769. V770. SRC874. CRO1030. CRA1031. SCRA1265. SS1842.

2635 - (Highways and Transportation) Nonconsensual towing; regulate towing and charges for commercial vehicles. Branning. RS573. RF580. CR655. CU732. V732. MRT769. SC841. SS869.

2639 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; bring forward certain code sections regarding. Michel. RS568. RF575.

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2643 - (Highways and Transportation) Highways; dedicate a section of Highway 8 to William Forrest Winter. Chassaniol. RS376. RF443. CR655. CU730. V730. SS757.

2644 - (Highways and Transportation) Harvest permit license tag; increase weight category for. Branning. RS569. RF580. CR681. CU733. V733. SS757.

2645 - (Highways and Transportation) Mississippi Department of Transportation; design-build requirement revisions. Branning. RS571. RF579. CR655. CU731. V732. MRT769. SS836.

2647 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Mississippi Comprehensive Coastal Conservation and Restoration Act of 2024; enact. Thompson. RS570. RF577. CR675.

2648 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; authorize oyster lease reconfiguration and make technical amendments. Thompson. RS541. RF577. CR637. CU700. V700. SRC850. CRO1305. CRA1313. CE1313. SCRA1448. SS2168.

2649 - (Environment Prot, Cons and Water Res) Department of Environmental Quality; provide additional powers to Executive Director. DeLano. RS569. RF581. CR669. CU739. V740. MR748. MRT769. SC841. SS869.

2651 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Trespass to hunt, fish, shoot or trap; revise offense description, and impose penalties and fees. Suber. RS574. RF584.

2652 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Wild turkey stamps; require for wild turkey hunters 16 years of age or older. Suber. RS583. RF585. CR683. CU747. V747. SRC855.

2653 - (Ports and Marine Resources) Design-build method of contracting; extend repealer for use by State Port Authority. Thompson. RS422. RF579.

2662 - (Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks) Johnny Kakales Act; enact to allow use of drones for hunting, trapping and taking wild hogs. Suber. RS422. RF579.

2663 - (Local and Private) City of Carthage; extend repeal date on hotel, motel and restaurant tax. Branning. RS840. RF842. CR878. CU936. V937. SC980. SS1088.

2681 - (Education) Certified Academic Language Therapists; allow to help instruct students with dyslexia in schools. England. RS571. RF579. CR636. CU771. V771. SS844.

2682 - (Education) MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act of 1998; extend repealer on. DeBar. RS569. RF580. CR672. CU796. V797. SRC854.

2684 - (Education) Department of Education; to require to study and develop guidance on technology, nutrition and transportation. DeBar. RS439. RF542. CR672.

2685 - (Education) Retired teachers; authorize to receive PERS benefits and work full-time in certain critical shortage areas. Parker. RS422. RF443.

2689 - (Education) State subject area tests and accountability standards; replace with college prep test and revise provisions. DeBar. RS571. RF579. CR672. CU726. V726. SRC854. SCA946.

2690 - (Education) Charter schools; set certain school accreditation rating requirements for renewal of charter. DeBar. RS541. RF577. CR672.

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2693 - (Education) Failing schools and districts of transformation; revise certain provisions related thereto. Hopson. RS571. RF575. CR672. CU819. V819. IR820.

2695 - (Education) Driver's education; revise certain provisions related thereto. DeBar. RS569. RF581. CR672. CU727. V727. MR748. R770. V770. SRC854. CRO1441. CRA1444. SS2155.

2696 - (Tourism) Mississippi Main Street; bring forth code sections. McCaughn. RS573. RF581. CR682. CU691. V691. SRC924. CRO1103. CRA1105. SCRA1265. SS1842.

2697 - (County Affairs) Property exemption; property used exclusively and directly for certain purposes belongs to the foundation using it. Simmons (12th). RS574. RF581. CR683. CU694. V694. SS973.

2698 - (Technology) Cyber Safety Review Board; create. Williams. RS497. RF542. CR655. CU660. V660. SS685.

2699 - (County Affairs) Purchasing law; raise expenditure triggering requirements for competitive bids. Simmons (12th). RS574. RF584. CR669. CU740. V740. SRC854.

2700 - (Corrections) State offenders serving sentences in county jails; repeal repealer. Simmons (12th). RS439. RF579. CR635. CU696. V696. SRC854.

2703 - (Technology) Cybersecurity; require state agencies to report ransomware incidents and prohibit agencies from paying ransoms. Williams. RS571. RF575. CR681.

2707 - (Municipalities) Business Improvement District Act; technical amendments. Blount. RS497. RF542. CR614. CU704. V704. SS828.

2708 - (Public Property) Department of Public Safety Headquarters; authorize DPS to sell or lease the land. Suber. RS438. RF542.

2713 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Regional health authorities; create the Delta Regional Health Authority and authorize creation of additional regional authorities. Parker. RS583. RF585.

2714 - (Public Health and Welfare) Qualified residential treatment programs; authorize as alternative placements for children and youth in CPS custody. Bryan. RS568. RF575.

2717 - (Economic and Workforce Development) Mississippi Prison Industries Corporation; clarify conflicts in laws concerning leadership. Sparks. RS568. RF575. CR656. CU706. V706. SRC854. CRO1135. CRA1140. CE1140. SCRA1265. MR1318. SS1916.

2724 - (Universities and Colleges) Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance and Promise Grant Program; create to provide financial assistance to students. Boyd. RS571. RF579.

2725 - (Universities and Colleges) University System Efficiency Task Force; create to examine the efficiency of the state public university system. Boyd. RS541. RF578.

2727 - (Public Health and Welfare) Mississippi Youth Mental Health Task Force; create and provide membership and duties. Boyd. RS574. RF584. CR665. CU793. V795. MR800. MRT835. SC872. SS944.

2728 - (Universities and Colleges) University of Mississippi; authorize to enter long-term lease with approval of I.H.L. Boyd. RS571. RF579. CR681. CU738. V738. SRC854.

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2729 - (Universities and Colleges) Rural Physician Scholarship Program and Rural Dentist Scholarship Program; bring forward provisions related thereto. Boyd. RS574. RF584. CR681. CU755. V756. SRC855. CRO1097. CRA1102. SS1915.

2733 - (Medicaid) Pharmaceuticals; authorize the Division of Medicaid to establish a wholesale prescription drug importation program. Wiggins. RS541. RF578.

2740 - (Insurance) Insurance; authorize counties, municipalities, school districts and other political subdivisions to pool risk. Michel. RS570. RF577. CR636. CU698. V698. SS757.

2744 - (Judiciary, Division A) Community mental health centers; rename and require certain oversight measures by Department of Mental Health. Boyd. RS567. RF581.

2753 - (Judiciary, Division A) SAFER Act; enact. Harkins. RS571. RF578. CR674. CU799. V800. MRT835. SRC855. CRO1910. CRA1914. SCRA1918. SS2169.

2755 - (Insurance) Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act; enact. Michel. MR800.

2761 - (Judiciary, Division A) Judicial support staff; bring forward provision related to. Barrett. RS375. RF443.

2762 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Retainage; further define and outline the process related to. Williams. RS569. RF581. CR652. CU705. V706. SC841. SS869.

2764 - (Judiciary, Division A) Manufactured homes; create affidavit of ownership. Fillingane. RS570. RF577. CR674. CU801. V801. SRC855. SCRA1265. CRO1774. CRA1774. SS2157.

2771 - (Judiciary, Division A) Judicial redistricting; bring forward code sections related to. Wiggins. RS422. RF443. CR636. CU702. LTSC702. CU788. V788. SRC855.

2776 - (Judiciary, Division A) Immediate possession; authorize for certain public agencies for roads & public utilities for an economic development project. Michel. RS568. RF578. CR673. CU801. V801. SS844.

2780 - (Gaming) Authority of Secretary of State to approve leases located on Public Trust Tidelands; clarify. Blount. RS574. RF581. CR673. CU799. V799. SRC855.

2788 - (Business and Financial Institutions) Mississippi Real Estate Commission; remove Home Inspector Board. Sparks. RS422. RF443. CR651. CU734. V734. SS828.

2792 - (Judiciary, Division A) Foster care and adoption; revise provisions related to per recommendations of task force. Wiggins. RS541. RF578. CR674. CU771. V771. SRC855. SCRA1265. CRO1774. CRA1798. MR1914. MRT2065. SS2168.

2799 - (Government Structure) Public official appointments; revise terms of office and appointment procedures on certain state boards, districts and agencies. Sparks. RS568. RF575. CR680. CU774. V775. MR776. MRT784. SRC981. CRO1817. CRA1839. SS2155.

2801 - (Finance) Distinctive motor vehicle license tag; authorize for supporters of Clarkdale High School in Lauderdale County. Tate. RS376. RF443. CR682. CU691. V691. SRC874. CRO1269. CRA1286. SS2157.

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2803 - (Finance) Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law; revise definition of "qualified resort area." DeBar. RS376. RF443. CR682. CU692. V692. SRC874. CRO1287. CRA1305. SRFC1451. CE1839. R1840. HRFC1841. CRO1863. CRA1881. SCRA1918. SS2168.

2822 - (Judiciary, Division A) Administrative Office of Courts; bring forward code sections related to. Sparks. RS583. RF585. RF649. CR674.

2823 - (Medicaid) Medicaid; revise various technical provisions related thereto, including reimbursement levels and facility eligibility. Blackwell. RS569. RF581. CR637. CU705. V705. SRC855. SRFC1264. CRO1314. HRFC1314.

2825 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; revise certain FY2024 appropriations, fund authority and transfers. Hopson. RS422. RF450. CR612. CU621. V621. SRC856. SRFC1263. CRO1321. HRFC1322.

2830 - (Finance) Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act; revise definition and annual report due date, and correct agency reference. Parker. RS497. RF542. CR682. CU692. V692. SS757.

2840 - (Appropriations) Building Fund for the Arts; authorize Mississippi Arts Commission to retain monies for administrative costs. McLendon. RS376. RF443. CR614. CU619. V619. SS661.

2841 - (Appropriations) State Treasury Efficiency Act; enact. Polk. RS376. RF443.

2844 - (Appropriations) Variable Compensation Plan; make certain amendments. Hopson. RS422. RF443. CR613. CU620. V620.

2846 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; make technical revisions to certain transfers and provisions related to local projects. Hopson. RS450. RF542. CR612. CU622. V622. SRC856. SRFC1263. CRO1322. HRFC1322.

2848 - (Appropriations) ARPA programs; revise related fund and bring forward provisions related to. Hopson. RS376. RF443. CR614. CU619. V619. SRC856. SRFC1263. CRO1322. HRFC1322. CRO1853. CRA1858. SCRA1918. SS2169.

2849 - (Finance) ATVs & UTVs; require titling, and exempt from ad valorem tax when held by retailers on consignment or floor plan basis. Barrett. RS571. RF580.

2851 - (Insurance) Nonprofit agricultural membership organization; authorize to issue health insurance and exempt from insurance regulation. Michel. RS296. RF321. CR636. CU698. V698. SS828.

2853 - (Finance) Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Corporation; create. Johnson. RS541. RF580. CR680. CU775. V775. SRC874.

2856 - (Municipalities) Cleaning dilapidated property; bring forward code sections related to. England. RS439. RF542.

2857 - (Public Health and Welfare) Medical cannabis act; set additional provisions related to background checks, department investigations, fees and appeals. Blackwell. RS570. RF577. CR652. CU746. V746. SRC872. CRO1168. CRA1174. SCRA1266. SS1915.

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2858 - (Public Health and Welfare) Patients with life-threatening or debilitating illness; authorize to receive individualized investigative treatment. Harkins. RS568. RF575. CR653. CU791. V792. SC872. SS944.

2860 - (Public Health and Welfare) Medication Aide Act; enact to allow aides to assist in the administration of medication in personal care homes. Bryan. RS568. RF575.

2862 - (Public Health and Welfare) Radiological health services; authorize Board of Health to collect fees in congruence with certain federal regulation. Bryan. RS568. RF576. CR675. CU795. V795. SS844.

2871 - (Public Health and Welfare) The Mississippi Juvenile Tobacco Access Prevention Act of 1997; amend to provide consistent reference to age. Suber. RS568. RF578. CR653.

2873 - (Public Health and Welfare) Medical records retention requirements; provide for. Parker. RS568. RF576. CR651. CU745. V746. SRC872. CRO1445. CRA1445. MR1841. SCRA1848. MRT1887. SS2168.

2874 - (Public Health and Welfare) State Board of Funeral Service; require certain continuing education courses for licensees. McCaughn. RS568. RF576.

2883 - (Public Health and Welfare) Community health workers; revise provisions of. Boyd. RS568. RF576. CR653.

2886 - (Public Health and Welfare) Nicotine vapor device directory; require manufacturers to provide certification, set penalties and other provisions. Boyd. RS569. RF576. CR671. CU741. V741. SRC872.

2888 - (Public Health and Welfare) Medical Cannabis Research Advisory Board; enact and create the Center for Mississippi Medical Cannabis Research. Blackwell. RS574. RF585. CR615. CU658. V658. SS710.

2897 - (Finance) Ad valorem tax on home; allow credit or rebate for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses of military members. Harkins. RS649. RF662.

2903 - (Finance) MS Deferred Comp; allow Roth and other after-tax accounts, and comply with qualified domestic relations orders. Blount. RS439. RF542. CR682. CU693. LTSC693. CU784. V788.

2904 - (Finance) PERS; require any terminated plan to pay unfunded actuarial accrued liability to board in a lump sum before termination. Blount. RS496. RF542.

2907 - (Finance) PERS optional retirement program for IHL employees; revise remittance of employer's contribution based on start date. Harkins. RS571. RF578. CR680.

2916 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Lobbying; require lobbyists with a material financial interest in an issue or bill to register with legislative officers. Thompson. RS571. RF580.

2917 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) Capitol Complex Improvement District; define authority. Michel. RS497. RF542. CR682. CU693. V693. SRC926.

2925 - (Local and Private) Bolivar County; authorize contributions to Bolivar County Community Action Agency and Fannie Lou Hamer Breast Cancer Foundation. Simmons (13th). RS840. RF842. CR878. CU937. V937. MR943. R948. V949. SC980. SS1089.

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2926 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional appropriations for various state agencies for FY2024 & FY2025. Hopson. RS320. RF321. CR328. CU393. V393. IR394. SC438. SS539.

2983 - (Local and Private) City of Philadelphia; authorize governing authorities to donate funds to support Philadelphia Transit. Branning. RS840. RF842. CR878.

2984 - (Local and Private) Jackson County & City of Pascagoula; extend repealer on LaPointe-Krebs Foundation, & authorize increased contribution. Wiggins. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU938. V938. SS959.

2990 - (Finance) Taxation of oilfield services; restructure. Carter. RS649. RF662. CR880. CU910. V918. SRC982.

3006 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - General support. Hopson. RS589. RF591. CR717. CU815. V815. SRC856. SCRA1918. CRO1939. CRA1948. SS2169.

3007 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Subsidiary programs. Hopson. RS589. RF591. CR718. CU814. F814. SRC856. CRO1697. CRA1701. SCRA1848. SS2158.

3008 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Alcorn State - Agricultural programs. Hopson. RS589. RF591. CR717. CU813. F814. SRC856. CRO1701. CRA1703. SCRA1848. SS2158.

3009 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station. Hopson. RS589. RF591. CR717. CU813. F814. SRC856. CRO1703. CRA1705. SCRA1848. SS2157.

3010 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Cooperative Extension Service. Hopson. RS589. RF591. CR717. CU813. F814. SRC856. CRO1705. CRA1707. SCRA1848. SS2157.

3011 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Forest and Wildlife Research Center. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR717. CU814. F814. SRC856. CRO1708. CRA1709. SCRA1848. SS2160.

3012 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Mississippi State University - Veterinary Medicine, College of. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR717. CU814. F814. SRC856. SRFC1263. CRO1321. HRFC1321. SCRA1918. CRO1948. CRA1951. SS2169.

3013 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - Student Financial Aid. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR717. CU814. F814. SRC856. SRFC1448. CRO1840. HRFC1840. CRO1894. CRA1896. SCRA1918. SS2169.

3014 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; IHL - University of Mississippi Medical Center. Hopson. RS589. RF592. RF599. CR715. CU806. V806. SRC856. CRO1557. CRA1560. SCRA1848. SS2158.

3015 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Administrative expenses. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR717. CU813. F814. SRC856. SCRA1918. CRO1951. CRA1954. SS2169.

3016 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Community and Junior Colleges Board - Support for community and junior colleges. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR717. CU813. F814. SRC856. SCRA1918. CRO1954. CRA1960. SS2169.

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3017 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Employment Security, Department of. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR717. CU813. F814. SRC856. CRO1710. CRA1713. SCRA1848. SS2166.

3018 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Ethics Commission. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR716. CU809. F810. SRC856. CRO1627. CRA1628. SCRA1848. SS2158.

3019 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Judicial Performance Commission. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR716. CU809. F810. SRC857. CRO1629. CRA1630. SCRA1848. SS2157.

3020 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Public Safety, Department of. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR715. CU805. F805. SRC857. SRFC1263. CRO1321. HRFC1321. CRO1560. CRA1567. SCRA1849. SS2157.

3021 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Mental Health, Department of. Hopson. RS589. RF592. CR715. CU804. F805. SRC857. CRO1568. CRA1574. SCRA1849. SS2160.

3022 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Transportation, Department of - State Aid Road Construction, Office of. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR718. CU814. V814. SRC857. SCRA1450. CRO1897. CRA1900. SS2168.

3023 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR715. CU803. V803. SRC857.

3024 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Architecture, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR766. CU810. F810. SRC857. SCRA1450. CRO1630. CRA1632. SS2160.

3025 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Funeral Services Board. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR766. CU810. V810. SRC857. SCRA1450. CRO1632. CRA1634. SS2168.

3026 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Geologists, Board of Registered Professional. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR765. CU803. V804. SRC857. SCRA1450. CRO1490. CRA1492. SS2168.

3027 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Massage Therapy, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR766. CU808. V808. SC841. SS870.

3028 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Motor Vehicle Commission. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR766. CU813. V813. SRC857. SCRA1450. CRO1634. CRA1636. SS2157.

3029 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Counselors, Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR765. CU807. V807. SRC857. SCRA1450. CRO1574. CRA1576. SS2157.

3030 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Accountancy, Board of Public. Hopson. RS590. RF592. CR766. CU810. F810. SRC857. SCRA1451. CRO1637. CRA1638. SS2157.

3031 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Contractors, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR766. CU810. F810. SRC857. SCRA1451. CRO1639. CRA1640. SS2160.

3032 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Veterinary Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR765. CU804. V804. SS844.

3033 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Chiropractic Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR765. CU806. V806. SC841. SS870.

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3034 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Dental Examiners, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR766. CU808. V808. SRC857. SCRA1451. CRO1576. CRA1578. SS2158.

3035 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Pharmacy, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR715. CU805. F805. SRC857. SCRA1451. CRO1578. CRA1580. SS2159.

3036 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Agriculture and Commerce, Department of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR714. CU802. V802. SRC857. CRO1492. CRA1497. SCRA1849. SS2159.

3037 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Fair and Coliseum Commission - Livestock shows. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR715. CU803. F803. SRC857. CRO1497. CRA1500. SCRA1849. SS2158.

3038 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Animal Health, Board of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR715. CU803. F803. SRC857. CRO1501. CRA1503. SCRA1849. SS2157.

3039 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Corrections, Department of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR715. CU805. V805. MRT843. SRC871. CRO1581. CRA1589. MR1840. SCRA1849. MRT1887. SS2168.

3040 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Emergency Management Agency. Hopson. RS599. RF599. CR715. CU804. F805. SRC857. CRO1589. CRA1593. SCRA1849. SS2158.

3041 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Gaming Commission. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR715. CU803. F803. SRC858. CRO1503. CRA1505. SCRA1849. SS2167.

3042 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Information Technology Services, Department of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR716. CU809. F810. SRC858. CRO1641. CRA1644. SCRA1849. SS2159.

3043 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Personnel Board. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR716. CU809. F810. SRC858. CRO1644. CRA1646. SCRA1849. SS2160.

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3046 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Audit, Department of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR716. CU809. F810. SRC858. CRO1647. CRA1649. SCRA1849. SS2167.

3047 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Revenue, Department of. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR716. CU809. F810. SRC858. CRO1650. CRA1654. SCRA1849. SS2167.

3048 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Secretary of State. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR716. CU810. F810. SRC858. SRFC1263. CRO1321. HRFC1321. CRO1655. CRA1658. SCRA1849. SS2167.

3049 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Tax Appeals Board. Hopson. RS590. RF593. CR716. CU810. F810. SRC858. CRO1658. CRA1660. SCRA1849. SS2160.

3050 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Workers' Compensation Commission. Hopson. RS591. RF593. CR717. CU810. F810. SRC858. CRO1660. CRA1663. SCRA1849. SS2159.

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3051 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Treasurer's Office. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR716. CU810. F810. SRC858. SCRA1451. CRO1663. CRA1666. SS2160.

3052 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Debt Service-Gen. Obli. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR717. CU810. F810. SRC858. CRO1666. CRA1667. SCRA1849. SS2158.

3053 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Banking and Consumer Finance, Department of. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR716. CU810. V811. SRC847. SCRA1451. CRO1668. CRA1669. SS2159.

3054 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Finance and Administration, Department of. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR716. CU811. V811. SRC858. CRO1926. CRA1933. SCRA2164. SS2169.

3055 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Governor's Office and Mansion. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR716. CU812. V812. SRC847. CRO1670. CRA1671. SCRA1849. SS2158.

3056 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Development Authority, Mississippi. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR718. CU814. V814. SRC858. CRO1961. CRA1966. CE2049. SCRA2164. SS2169.

3057 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; Gulf Coast Restoration Funds to the Mississippi Development Authority. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR716. CU809. F810. SRC858. CRO1672. CRA1677. SCRA1849. SS2158.

3058 - (Appropriations) Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund; FY2025 reappropriate to certain agencies. Hopson. RS591. RF594. CR767. CU815. V816. SRC858. SRFC1151. CRO1152. HRFC1152. CRO1241. CRA1246. IR1247. SCRA1266. SS2160.

3059 - (Appropriations) Appropriations; additional for various state agencies for FY2024 and FY2025. Hopson. RS599. RF600. CR766. CU809. V809. SRC858. CRO1166. CRA1168. SS1447.

3060 - (Local and Private) City of Pearl & Rankin County; authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000.00 in the aggregate. Kirby. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU938. V938. SS959.

3062 - (Local and Private) Marshall County; authorize contributions to various organizations. Whaley. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU939. V939. SS959.

3070 - (Finance) Income tax and insurance premium tax; authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities. Johnson. RS649. RF662. CR860. CU885. V905. SRC982. SRFC1151. CRO1223. HRFC1223. SCRA2164.

3081 - (Local and Private) City of Florence; extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax. Rhodes. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU939. V939. SS959.

3082 - (Local and Private) Lowndes County; increase amount that may be contributed annually to the United Way. Younger. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU940. V940. SS959.

3083 - (Judiciary, Division B) Suffrage; restore to Larry Sills. McCaughn. RS1001. RF1002. CR1452. CU1908. V1908. SS2167.

3099 - (Finance) Income tax; authorize a credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees. Wiggins. RS649. RF662. CR881. CU885. V885. SS944.

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3100 - (Local and Private) Leake County; authorize lease between county economic development authority and East Central CC for workforce training center. Branning. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU940. V940. SS959.

3101 - (Local and Private) Sunflower County; increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. Simmons (13th). RS840. RF842. CR879. CU941. V941. SS973.

3102 - (Local and Private) Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission; authorize to contribute to Pearl River Community College County Tuition Assistance Program. Thompson. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU941. V941. SS959.

3103 - (Local and Private) Lauderdale County; extend authorization of assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications. Tate. RS841. RF859. CR879. CU942. V942. SS960.

3105 - (Finance) Tobacco excise tax; provide rate for heated tobacco products. Sparks. RS649. RF662. CR861. CU906. V910. SC980. SS998.

3106 - (Finance) Tax exemptions; revise qualifying standards for business enterprises operating data centers. Harkins. RS649. RF662.

3158 - (Local and Private) City of Winona; extend repealer on authority to levy tax on restaurants. Chassaniol. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU942. V942. SS959.

3161 - (Finance) Ad valorem tax; authorize a tax credit for certain refineries of oil, gas and petroleum products. Harkins. RS649. RF663.

3162 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DMH-Children & Youth PRTF, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS664. RF664. CR767. CU816. V816. SRC858. CRO1851. CRA1852. SCRA1918. SS2169.

3163 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA-Administration, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS648. RF650. CR767. CU817. V817. SRC859. CRO1158. CRA1159. SS1447.

3164 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to DFA-Bureau of Buildings, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS649. RF663. CR767. CU817. V817. SRC859. CRO1160. CRA1162. SS1447.

3165 - (Appropriations) Appropriation; additional to MDOT-Surface Transportation Projects, ARPA funds. Hopson. RS649. RF663. CR767. CU818. V818. SRC859. CRO1162. CRA1164. SS1447.

3215 - (Local and Private) Lafayette County; authorize to provide funding to Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development Foundation. Boyd. RS956. RF957. CR964. CU1318. V1318. SS1915.

3216 - (Local and Private) Town of Walnut; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels and to issue bonds for parks and recreation. Parks. RS872. RF877. CR964. CU1318. V1318. SS1915.

3218 - (Local and Private) Hinds County; authorize to enter 30-year lease and finance 30-year certificates of participation for public safety facility. Frazier. RS840. RF842. CR879. CU943. V943. SS973.

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3219 - (Local and Private) Town of Vaiden; authorize tax on restaurants, hotels and motels for tourism and parks & recreation. Chassaniol. RS975. RF976.

3221 - (Local and Private) City of Ridgeland; authorize to levy tax on restaurants, hotels, and motels to promote tourism, parks and recreation. Michel. RS975. RF976. CR982. CU1319. V1319. SS1915.

3222 - (Judiciary, Division B) Suffrage; restore suffrage to Robert Maxwell. Turner-Ford. RS1001. RF1002. CR1452. CU1909. V1909. SS2167.

3223 - (Judiciary, Division B) Suffrage; restore suffrage to Dewitt Cooperwood. Turner-Ford. RS1001. RF1002. CR1452. CU1909. V1909. SS2167.

3228 - (Judiciary, Division B) Suffrage; restore Kenneth Edward Barnes. Fillingane. RS1001. RF1002. CR1452. CU1910. V1910. SS2179. SC2179.

3230 - (Local and Private) Alcorn, Benton, Marshall, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo Counties; extend authority to contribute to NE MS Comm. Servs. Parks. RS975. RF976. CR982. CU1319. V1319. SS1915.

3231 - (Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency) PERS; revise employer contribution rate increase, and redefine responsibilities of board and Legislature. Parker. RS1091. RF1092. CR1116. CU1141. V1141. MR1141. MRT1175. SS1261.

E. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

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501 - (Rules) Joint assembly to inaugurate Lieutenant Governor and state officials. Kirby. RS4. RF4. CR18. CU19. V19. SS26.

504 - (Rules) Mourning the passing of former Natchez Mayor and MDOT Executive Director Larry "Butch" Brown and recognizing his public service. Butler. RS130. RF143. CR267. V345. CU346. SS495.

505 - (Rules) Extend sympathy of the Legislature to the family of George County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Malone who was lost in the line of duty. DeBar. RS130. RF143. CR267. V345. CU346. SS448.

506 - (Rules) Extend sincerest sympathy of Mississippi Senate to surviving family of former Senator John G. Corlew. Blount. RS130. RF143. CR267. V345. CU346. SS448.

507 - (Rules) "Omega Psi Phi Day"; designate March 9, 2024, in Mississippi. Butler. RS130. RF143. CR268. CU602. V603. SC628. SS661.

508 - (Rules) Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of legendary Mississippi Blues-Rock Musician Greg "Fingers" Taylor. Fillingane. RS130. RF143. CR268. V345. CU346. SS448.

509 - (Rules) Extend recognition to United States Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith as first woman elected to represent Mississippi in Washington, D.C. Kirby. RS134. RF143. CR268. CU665. V665. SS710.

510 - (Rules) Mourn the loss and commend the life of Luster Bayless, legendary Costumer to John Wayne. Chassaniol. RS130. RF144. CR268. V345. CU346. SS495.

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515 - (Rules) Mourn the passing and recognize legal career of former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice James L. Robertson. Simmons (12th). RS170. RF173. CR268. V345. CU346. SS448.

516 - (Rules) Recognize Mississippi Supreme Court Presiding Justice Leslie D. King for "60 Courageous Judges Award." Simmons (12th). RS170. RF173. CR268. V345. CU346. SS448.

517 - (Rules) Extend sympathy of the Legislature on the passing of Margaret Allen-Bingham first female superintendent of correctional facility in MS. Norwood. RS170. RF173. CR268. V345. CU346. SS448.

518 - (Rules) Mourn the loss and celebrate the contributions and career of Mississippi music icon and Tropical Rock legend Jimmy Buffett. Wiggins. RS170. RF173. CR268. V345. CU346. SS448.

519 - (Rules) Congratulate Ole Miss "Rebels" 2023 Football Team for historic season and dominating Peach Bowl victory. Michel. RS170. RF173. CR268. V345. CU346. SS448.

520 - (Rules) Designate "Family Medicine Appreciation Day" in Mississippi. Kirby. RS439. RF450. CR676. V720. CU720. SS827.

530 - (Rules) Designate March 2024 as "American Red Cross Month in Mississippi." Frazier. RS439. RF450. CR676. V720. CU720. SS827.

531 - (Rules) Declare that March 21, 2024, is "World Down Syndrome in Mississippi." Kirby. RS440. RF450. CR676. V720. CU720. SS827.

532 - (Rules) Commend the life of U.S. Marine Sergeant Harold Hammett of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, lost in World War II Battle Tarawa. Johnson. RS440. RF450. CR676. V720. CU720. SS827.

533 - (Rules) Recognize legislative members of Kappa Alpha Psi and designate March 12, 2024, as "Kappa Day at the State Capitol." Simmons (12th). RS584. RF585. CR833. V862. CU862. SS944.

534 - (Rules) Commemorate the 125th Anniversary of Ridgeland, Mississippi. Michel. RS584. RF585. CR676. V720. CU720. SS827.

536 - (Rules) Extend congratulations of Legislature to Blues Legend Bobby Rush for winning 3rd Grammy Award for "Best Traditional Blues Album." Norwood. RS584. RF585. CR676. V720. CU720. SS828.

537 - (Rules) Recognize outstanding accomplishments of Athletic Program at William Carey University. Johnson. RS606. RF612. CR676. V720. CU720. SS828.

538 - (Rules) Request the Governor to Declare a State of Emergency in areas impacted by the ongoing drought and pine beetle outbreak. McCaughn. RS606. RF612. CR752.

539 - (Rules) Designate March 2024 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month in Mississippi." Michel. RS714. RF750. CR1178. V1320. CU1320. SS1915.

540 - (Rules) Recognize legacy of Rosie S. Simmons as the first African American since Reconstruction to serve as Bolivar County Circuit Clerk. Simmons (13th). RS712. RF714. CR1178. V1320. CU1320. SS1915.

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541 - (Rules) Encourage further economic ties between Mississippi and Taiwan. Chassaniol. RS778. RF779. CR833. V862. CU862. SS944.

542 - (Rules) Extend condolences of the Legislature on the passing of Elbert Riley Hilliard, Director Emeritus of the MDAH. Chassaniol. RS778. RF779. CR834. V862. CU862. SS944.

543 - (Rules) Commend Phi Theta Kappa's All-Mississippi Academic Team. Boyd. RS778. RF779. CR1093. CU1174. V1174. SS1843.

545 - (Rules) Recognize Jessica Banahan McNeel as MDE "2024 Mississippi Parent of the Year." Wiggins. RS849. RF877. CR1179. V1320. CU1320. SS1915.

546 - (Rules) Designate April 11, 2024, as "Reman Day" in Mississippi. Parks. RS849. RF877. CR1179. V1320. CU1320. SS1915.

547 - (Rules) Extend the condolences of the Legislature on the passing of the first female Mayor of Meridian Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry. Tate. RS1091. RF1092. CR1179. V1320. CU1320. SS1915.

548 - (Rules) Suspend rules for introduction; revisions to PERS and public education funding. Harkins. RS1000. RF1092. CR1093. CU1111. V1111. IR1112. SS1113.

549 - (Rules) Legislature; suspend deadlines for Senate Bill No. 2753, 2024 Regular Session. Harkins. RS1846. RF1849. CR1850. CU1907. V1907. SS2156.

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ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY

911 calls

Require a public body to transcribe and release to the public if certain information redacted. HB138

Administrative Procedures Act

Amend to require proposed agency rules to be approved by the State Auditor. HB132

Agencies, departments and institutions

Require each to post organizational structure on official websites of. HB1517

Ambulance services providers

Contracts with to provide exclusively in county or city must allow other providers to respond when necessary. **HB1644**

Ban-the-Box Act

Create to prohibit public employers from using criminal history as a bar to employment. HB135

Board of Dental Examiners

Provide that the state-at-large position shall be appointed from nominations by the Mississippi Dental Society. HB1293

Charitable organizations

Revise the registration renewal period of certain from every year to every 3 to 5 years. HB134

Child Care Advisory Council

Require child care providers to recommend names of persons to serve on. HB126

Children's services and programs

Require all state agencies to provide information relating to such in a list to the Legislature. HB139

Countywide elected officials, certain

Prohibit from receiving additional compensation outside of what is statutorily permitted. HB1551

Department of Archives and History

Revise board of trustees of. HB1491

Department of Human Services

Create a board of directors to assist and oversee the executive director in governing the department. HB926

Department of Public Safety

Revise various provisions relating to. HB1273

Employees terminated from certain agencies, departments, institutions or nonprofits

Prohibit from receiving similar employment. HB556

Employment

Prohibit denial of solely because a person has been convicted of a felony. HB137

Federal funds

Governor can not return to federal government as long as there is still a demonstrable need for those funds in Mississippi. HB1115

Grand Gulf Military Monument Commission

Revise composition of. HB1666

Interlocal agreements concerning the use of services or facilities of certain county officials
Require approval by officials before enforcement of. HB180

Legal summons, orders and citations
Revise procedure for publishing. HB1339

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Revise. HB1011

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Lobbying law
Require registration statement to include information about foreign adversaries and foreign principals. HB1327

Lobbying
Prohibit legislator from engaging in for one year after leaving office. HB131

Local governments
Provide option to publish notices on their websites in addition to newspapers. HB1348

Local governments:
Authorize to publish notices on their websites in addition to newspaper notices. HB1360
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Mississippi Commission on Wage Review
Create. HB296

MS Accountability and Transparency Act
Revise to include certain counties and municipalities. HB133

MS Management and Reporting System Revolving Fund
Require administration to report purchasing needs to legislative committees. HB1031

MS Whistleblower Reward Act
Create. HB1066

Office of Independent State Hearing Officers
Create to hear and decide matters for persons as alternative to agency hearing officers. HB645

Public procurement laws
Exempt certain contracts for museums. HB1420

Public purchasing law
Revise to increase the threshold required for competitive purchasing on certain purchases. HB1321

Public purchasing:
Increase threshold for bidding and revise provisions related to reverse auctions. HB1421
Increase threshold for bidding to \$15,000.00. HB673
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Public Records Act
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Public records:
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Extend repealer on statute granting persons public right of access to. HB628

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Reverse auction
Revise method of receiving bids through for agencies and governing
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State auditor
Require to perform 50-year review comparing appropriations to Alcorn and
Mississippi State University. HB670

State Board of Cosmetology and Board of Barbering
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State employees:
Authorize to use major medical leave for their mental health care or treatment.
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Trip Optimizer System
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Gold and silver

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Require to evaluate toxic air pollutants and contaminants and revise air quality standards. HB1486
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Establish for students in Lee and Monroe Counties. HB186
Solid waste
Increase fines for illegal dumping of. HB520
Water Quality Accountability Act
Create. HB795
Water well contractors
Exempt from continuing education if 65 or older or with at least 20 years experience. HB786

CONSTITUTION

Constitution:
Amend to conform initiative signature requirements to current congressional districts. HC17
Amend to provide automatic restoration of suffrage for persons convicted of nonviolent crimes. HC4
Amend to provide for the right to personal reproductive decisions. HC24
Amend to provide that a person convicted of embezzlement in the amount of \$5,000 or more shall not be a qualified elector. HC39
Amend to provide that an individual who has been convicted of a felony is not a qualified elector. HC40
Amend to provide that members of the Legislature for the first time after January 1, 2025, not eligible to serve again in that office after serving three terms. HC21
Amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. HC23
Amend to provide that only citizens of the United States are allowed the opportunity to vote. HC36
Amend to provide that only U.S. citizens are allowed the opportunity to vote. HC34
Amend to provide that only U.S. citizens are allowed the opportunity to vote. HC38
Amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes. HC11
Amend to provide that the people have the right to propose new statutes and amend or repeal existing statutes. HC35

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Amend to restore voting rights to certain qualified electors once sentencing requirements are met. HC32

Amend to restore voting rights to qualified electors who have committed a felony once sentencing requirements are met. HC10

Amend to revise the Legislature's authority to limit a county's right to levy taxes on nuclear-powered electrical generating plants. HC15

Conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district for an initiative petition to the number of current districts. HC37

Conform initiative signature requirements from each congressional district to number of current congressional districts. HC9

Conform initiative signature requirements to be from each congressional district for initiative petition. HC22

Signatures from any congressional district cannot exceed fractional portion of number of signatures required for initiative petition. HC13

Disenfranchising crimes

Clarify those that qualify as. HB57

Elected official

Prohibit from holding more than one elected office at the same time. HB443

Expungement and voting rights

Bring forward sections regulating. HB1445

Expungement:

Authorize for all nonviolent crimes after five years. HB58

Remove certain types of embezzlement from list of excluded crimes. HB59

Revise list of eligible crimes. HB62

Initiative process

Revise certain provisions relating to the. HB1501

Right to vote

Restore automatically once a person has completed all sentencing requirements. HB179

Voter registration and suffrage restoration

Authorize upon sentence completion and five years. HB358

Voter registration

Authorize upon completion of sentence. HB362

Voting rights and felony expungement

Person may have voting rights restored and certain felony records expunged after five years. HB1609

Voting rights:

Restore to all felons after satisfying all of the sentencing requirements of the conviction. HB1289

Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction. HB1184

Restore upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements of a conviction including parole but not probation. HB1480

CORRECTIONS

Case plans for inmates who committed capital offenses

Require certain programs be placed within. HB392

Case plans for inmates who committed violent offenses

Require certain programs be placed within. HB394

Case plans for nonviolent inmates

Require certain programs be placed within. HB395

Commutation of sentences

Require for certain nonviolent offenders. HB580

Conditions for parole eligibility and State Parole Board

Revise repealers regarding. HB357

Conditions for state offenders to serve sentences in county jails

Delete repealer on. HB1259
Criminal justice omnibus bill
Enact. HB1263
Department of Corrections:
 Authorize to create a statewide work release program at facilities that house state inmates. HB1291
 Authorize to establish Reentry Housing Program. HB1393
 Eliminate executive deputy commissioner from. HB1025
 Require to procure data collection and reporting system for certain prison, probation and post release info. HB1599
Dignity and Safety for Incarcerated Women Act
Enact. HB585
DOC discharge plans
 Require explanation of disenfranchising crimes and opportunity for certain offenders to register to vote. HB930
DOC payments made to regional facilities for the housing of state offenders
 Require rate paid to be the same at each facility. HB590
DOC
 Convert restitution centers to post-release reentry centers. HB717
Earned-discharge credits
 Authorize offenders on probation/parole to earn for participation in faith-based activities. HB5
Housing of state offenders in regional facilities and county jails
 Increase amounts paid by DOC to counties for. HB808
Inmate Welfare Fund
 Authorize profits from inmate hobbycraft activities to be deposited into. HB1027
Joint state-county work programs:
 Require DOC to reimburse counties for offenders participating in. HB824
 Require DOC to utilize under certain circumstances. HB6
Mandatory 85% sentencing rule
 Repeal. HB573
Mandatory minimum sentences for crimes committed by offenders
 Revise which offenders are eligible for. HB396
Mississippi Prison Industries Act of 1990
 Extend repealer on. HB759
Mississippi Prison Industries
 Require to pay inmates federal minimum wage for inmate labor. HB410
Nonviolent offenders, certain
 Require Department of Corrections to house within a 100 mile radius of offenders' release residences. HB1113
Parole Board hearings
 Provide that required notification be sent via certified mail to crime victim and immediate family members of homicide victim. HB112
Parole eligibility:
 Authorize for certain youth who committed offense while under age 18 and received life or life without parole sentence. HB1554
 Revise for certain offenders and require Parole Board hearing before release of certain inmates. HB710
 Revise for minors who committed offenses while under the age of 18. HB1065
Parole
 Extend repealer on statute prescribing conditions for eligibility. HB755
Parolees who participate in faith-based or faith-based sponsored activities
 Authorize reduction of time spent on probation. HB4
Pilot Work Initiative at Central MS Correctional Facility
 Extend repealer on. HB758
Post-Release Reentry Services Pilot Program
 Authorize the establishment of. HB1600

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Prison Industry Enhancement Program:
 Extend repealer on. HB626
 Extend repealer on. HB756
 Private prisons that house state offenders
 Provide moratorium on the expansion of. HB535
 Regional correctional facilities
 Require Department of Corrections to utilize for housing of state offenders
 before utilizing private facilities. HB1109
 Sheriff designated as chief corrections officer for housing state offenders
 Increase supplement to salary of. HB825
 Solitary Confinement Reform Act
 Enact. HB1122
 State Correctional Facilities Monitoring Unit
 Establish. HB929
 State Grand Jury Act
 Codify and extend repealer. HB750
 State offenders
 Extend repealer on authority to house in county jails when space is unavailable.
 HB757
 State Parole Board:
 Dissolve and reconstitute membership of. HB114
 Require to solicit recommendations from and provide notification to certain
 individuals before parole hearing. **HB844**
 Use of restitution centers by DOC
 Repeal and convert centers into post-release reentry centers. HB709
 Workforce training, certain
 Provide for nonviolent offenders in regional correctional facilities. HB1110

COUNTY AFFAIRS

Annual supplement that may be added to salaries of sheriffs
 Remove cap on. HB1049
 Budget of county sheriff, tax assessor and tax collector
 Remove certain obsolete reporting requirements concerning. HB1
 Counties and municipalities:
 Authorize establishment of summer youth work programs. HB3
 Authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a
 condition to construction. HB331
 Counties:
 Authorize to choose not to be subject to requirement for permitting as a
 condition to construction. HB1033
 Authorize to only maintain electronic format of law books in county courtrooms
 and public county law libraries. HB1149
 Authorize to pay poll workers certain mileage. HB2
 County and Municipal owned equipment
 Authorize use on private property during emergencies under certain
 circumstances. HB629
 County board of supervisors
 Authorize to be employed by community college districts while serving as.
 HB550
 County boards of supervisors
 May designate board attorney to serve as hearing officer in disputes regarding
 delinquent solid waste fees. HB935
 Emergency license and registration procedure when a state of emergency is declared
 Authorize counties and municipalities to establish. HB1611
 Land banks

Authorize counties and municipalities to create to convert certain property to productive use. HB351

Legal holidays

Increase number of days counties and municipalities may declare as in lieu of certain other holidays. HB347

Municipal annexation/deannexation

Require election be held on the question of in the subject territory to be annexed/deannexed. HB814

Municipal annexation

Require an election be held on the question of. HB1133

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program

Revise to remove eight rounds requirement. HB308

Sheriffs and district attorneys

Authorize clothing allowance for investigators and victim assistance coordinators. HB723

CW

Governor-elect Tate Reeves

Appoint a joint committee of the House and Senate to arrange inauguration of. HC2

House members

Provide for selection of desks and parking spaces. HR4

House officers

Provide method and manner of election. HR2

House Rules

Adopt temporary rules. HR1

Joint session

Provide for the inauguration of and to hear the message of Governor Tate Reeves. HC1

Management and Rules Committees

Provide method and manner of electing members. HR3

DRUG POLICY

Canadian Prescription Drugs Importation Program

Require State Department of Health to establish. HB817

Kratom Consumer Protection Act

Create. HB1437

Kratom products

Prohibit persons under 21 from purchasing, and prohibit entering premises of retailer who sells. HB1594

Kratom

Add to Schedule III of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act. HB1038

Mississippi Kratom Consumer Protection Act

Create. HB816

Mississippi Retail Marijuana Act

Create to authorize and regulate the personal use of marijuana. HB615

MS Medical Cannabis Act

Extend exemption to MDITS requirements for Departments of Health & Revenue. HB678

Paraphernalia

Revise definition under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law. HB1090

Pharmacy Benefit Managers

Provide rules for those who administer the State Health Plan. HB1708

Prescription drugs:

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Authorize to be imported into the State of Mississippi to provide highest potential for cost savings to the state. HB1132

Prohibit discriminating actions against 340B drug discount program entities.

HB728

Require pharmacists to dispense to patients unless certain circumstances exist.
HB1069

Uniform Controlled Substances Act:

Revise schedules. HB1467

Revise schedules. **HB1685**

EDUCATION

16th section land

Authorize local school board to grant an extension to holder of a long-term lease in good standing. HB1258

Accountability rating system

Abolish assignment of letter grades and replace with numerical scoring system.
HB639

African-American Male Success Academy

Require State Dept. of Ed. to establish to cultivate diversity of social skills and academic success. HB1022

African-American Studies and Racial Diversity:

Require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school.
HB65

Require SDE to develop curriculum for implementation in public high school.
HB534

Assistant Teacher Salary Waiver Grant Program

Create to help assistant teachers become licensed. HB603

Assistant teachers:

Provide "C," "D" and "F" districts with additional positions. HB954

Provide \$5,000.00 salary increase to minimum annual salary for. HB1564

Provide annual salary supplement to those in "C," "D" and "F" school districts.
HB432

Revise qualifications for employment. **HB1669**

Boys Scouts and Girl Scouts

Allow to speak to students regarding civic involvement with principal's approval.
HB595

CapABLE curriculum

Implement in public schools to provide instruction on disability inclusion and character education. HB1565

Cardiac emergency response plan

Require local school district to implement. HB1548

Charter School Act of 2013

Revise to expand opportunity for establishment of charter school. HB1683

Charter school payments

Require school districts to pay local funds due on a monthly basis. HB719

Charter schools:

Authorize state universities and community colleges to charter and revise various other provisions. HB1076

Require MAEP funds to be transferred to student's home school district when student disenrolls. HB460

Children with disabilities

Require LEAs to provide services to private schools and home schooled students at the place of enrollment. HB1251

Civics

Require State Board of Education to develop curriculum for public middle and high school students. HB537

College and Career Readiness Planning Program:
Create for administration of pre-ACT assessments in public schools. HB250
Create. HB260

Community Eligibility Provision of National School Lunch Program
Require certain school districts to apply for. HB1396

Community school
Authorize implementation under the administration of a district of innovation and
establish grant fund. HB1398

Comprehensive sex education
Require teaching of in Grades K-12. HB235

Compulsory school age
Revise definition to include children who attain the age of five years before
September 1. HB887

Compulsory school attendance
Require youth court petition after third unlawful absence and authorize
community service for violations. HB239

Compulsory-school-age child
Revise definition of by increasing required age to 18 years. HB191

Corporal punishment:
Prohibit in public and charter schools. HB70
Require school districts that allow to adopt a policy allowing parents to opt in.
HB1514

Dating violence
Require school districts to adopt a policy and educate students on. HB252

Disruptive students
Prescribe procedures for alternative placement and eventual reintegration into
traditional school setting. HB1385

Districts of Innovation and MS Virtual Public School Program
Bring forward. HB1192

Districts of Innovation
Bring forward. HB1191

Donation of leave by school employees
Include certain pregnancy related complications as eligible conditions for.
HB1633

Dream Makers Program
Create as an after-school program for students in Grades 7 and 8. HB256

Dropout Prevention and Student Re-engagement Act
Create. HB246

Dyslexia screenings
Reimburse parents and school districts for comprehensive psycho-educational
evaluations. HB1177

Early Commitment to College Program
Establish in schools and districts assigned an "F" accountability rating. HB245

Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013
Require study of by MDE to include certain effects.(PEER bill). HB1042

Early Learning Collaboratives
Expand to provide in every school district by the start of the 2028-2029 school
year. HB1671

Elementary professional school counselors
Allocate funds under Mississippi Adequate Education Program for. HB234

Eleventh Grade students
Require to take GED or High School Equivalency Test for senior early release
privilege eligibility. HB238

Equal Opportunity for Students with Special Needs Act:
Bring forward statutes creating ESA Program. **HB1229**
Extend repealers on education scholarship accounts (ESAs). HB679
Revise definition of "eligible student" and "eligible school. HB1179

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ESA

Authorize use of a diagnosis of dyslexia as a qualifier to determine eligibility for receipt of. HB1178

Excused absence

Permit for students participating in roping or barrel horse events. HB1318

Expert citizen teachers

Provide rate of compensation for those employed in critical teacher shortage areas. HB1019

Expulsions

Authorize aggregate reporting by State Department of Education of data relating to. **HB1194**

Face masks

Prohibit public schools and universities and colleges from requiring students to wear. HB1464

Failing schools

Revise processes relating to being placed into a District of Transformation and abolishing the MS Achievement School District. **HB1696**

Families' Bill of Rights Act

Create. HB1605

Financial literacy curriculum

Require State Board of Education to create for all MS students in Grades 6-12. HB1094

First grade enrollment

Allow child who turns six on or before December 31 to start at beginning of that school year. HB237

Gender dysphoria

Require school personnel to notify parents of student who request to be referred to as different gender or nonhuman. HB176

Health Careers Academy

Create for students in Grades 9 through 12. HB569

High school curriculum

Require SBE to develop for instruction in civics and home economics. HB66

Homeschooled students

Authorize participation in therapy services available through local school district. HB683

Homework

Require teachers to incorporate daily and weekly assignments into their curriculum. HB258

Hope Program

Establish and develop system to re-enroll high school dropouts in programs leading to a high school diploma. HB263

Increasing Reading Efficiency and Accountability Development (iREAD) Pilot Program

Establish to increase literacy achievement outcomes. HB988

Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact

Authorize entrance for purpose of facilitating mobility of teachers married to service members. **HB1450**

Investing in the Needs of Students to Prioritize, Impact and Reform Education (INSPIRE) Act of 2024

Create. HB1453

MAEP:

Clarify classification of exceptional children in preschool for reporting and purposes of funding teacher units. HB1670

Define "at-risk pupil" and include a child diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. HB243

Determine cost of using Average Daily Membership (ADM) in lieu of ADA with 90% threshold attendance trigger. HB1686

Increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. HB434

Increase adjustment to base student cost for at-risk students. HB953
Mathematic and science instruction
Enhance through new middle school programs. HB262
MHSA
Prohibit from requiring member school from charging more than \$2.00 for admission into athletic events. HB695
Mississippi Delta Medical Apprenticeship Program" (MS DMAP)
Establish to provide career pathways for students in the Delta. HB1328
Mississippi Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Scholarship Program
Revise certain provisions. HB1283
Mississippi Education Supports for Schools Grant Program
Establish to provide funds to eligible school districts for classroom resources. HB1397
Mississippi Eyes on Smiling Students Health Act
Enact to require vision screening and oral health assessments for certain students. HB253
Mississippi High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2024
Create. HB266
Mississippi History and United States Government
Require to be included in curriculum for all students in Grades 9-12. HB190
Mississippi Law Enforcement Interaction Course Act
Enact for implementation in public school curriculum. HB637
Mississippi Save Our Children Act
Create. HB257
Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act
Create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies. HB194
Mississippi School Safety Task Force
Create. HB1446
Mississippi Senior Cadets Program
Require State Department of Education to establish. HB267
Mississippi Student Funding Formula
Create to provide funding mechanism for public schools. **HB4130**
Mississippi Students Voicing Opinions in Today's Elections (VOTE) Act
Create. HB1050
Mississippi Universal Prekindergarten Program Act of 2024:
Create. HB473
Create. HB938
Mississippi Virtual Public School Program
Bring forward. HB1195
Motivating Parents and Children (M.P.A.C.) Pilot Program
Establish within the State Department of Education. HB608
MS Critical Teacher Shortage Act
Extend repealer on. **HB765**
MS Dyslexia Therapy Scholarship for Students with Dyslexia
Revise eligibility beginning with kindergarten. HB1204
National board certified occupational therapists
Require salary supplement for public education employees. HB1106
National Board certified teachers
Provide \$4,000 annual salary supplement for those employed in certain geographical areas. HB1674
Noninstructional and hourly school employees
Compensate at usual rate whenever district temporarily closes schools. HB843
Payment of teacher salaries
Payable in equal installments as determined by the local school board based upon terms of contract. HB1563
PEER

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Change reporting requirement on charter schools from annually to biennially.

HB233

Physical education curriculum

Require full implementation in all K-12 schools. HB532

Prekindergarten

Require State Department of Education to create the "ABC Program" to provide instruction via Internet. HB254

Professional School Counselors Pilot Program

Establish in certain school districts with high incidences of teen pregnancy or violence. HB601

Public publishing

Exempt the purchase of any textbook from requirements of. HB1164

Public purchasing law

Revise certain provisions related to schools and school districts. HB1616

Public school curriculum

Require instruction in mental illness as part of Health Education. HB249

Public schools:

Allow to employ or accept the service of chaplains. HB1016

Clarify authority of local law enforcement agencies to prevent and investigate crimes on property of. HB393

Require a brief period of quiet reflection at the opening of every school day. HB1181

Public special purpose schools

Exempt from certain audit requirements. HB259

Released-Time Moral Instruction Act of 2024:

Enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. HB1475

Enact to permit students to receive religious instruction during the school day. HB1499

SAVED: create study committee to determine establishing model school for failing schools in the Mississippi Delta HB1447

School accountability model

Bring forward provisions related. HB1434

School athletic events

Require local school boards to adopt policy granting free admission to veterans of U.S. Armed Forces. HB647

School attendance officers:

Require to receive training on IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. HB885

Transfer responsibility of employment from MDE to local school districts. HB73

School attendance

Require for children unable to score a 21 or higher on ACT until the child reaches 18 years of age. HB270

School board members:

Authorize excused absences from board meetings in the event of family emergencies. HB240

Require all to be elected for term of four years at the statewide general election or presidential election. HB327

School Boards

Authorize to enter into long-term contract for sale of timber on 16th section lands. HB111

School boards

Prohibit from adopting policies requiring students to conceal identity of outside commercial food and beverages. HB264

School breakfast and lunch program

Authorize districts to provide at no cost to students. HB1182

School bus drivers

Require to be trained and certified in first aid and CPR. HB356

School buses
Prohibit from stopping in areas of low visibility when receiving and discharging school children. HB1402

School choice
Establish opportunity scholarships and open enrollment for public school students. HB1452

School classrooms
Authorize Christian Bible to be kept in and enforce daily recitation of pledge. HB1250

School counselors:
Exclude from ASCA requirements. HB612
Exclude from ASCA requirements. HB1295

School curriculum:
Require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. HB244
Require comprehensive Mississippi History course for public school students in Grade 9. HB838
Require students to receive additional instruction in healthy living. HB248
Require teaching of certain high school subjects in "C", "D" and "F" rated districts. HB269

School districts:
Require all schools to have epinephrine auto-injectors in every building and cafeteria. HB251
Require certain policies and alternative curriculum for those with the three lowest accountability ratings. HB232
Require each school to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building and cafeteria. HB423

School employees
Revise rate for payment for unused leave to unlicensed employees upon retirement. HB1310

School nurses
Direct the Office of Healthy Schools to develop salary schedule for that all school districts shall use when employing. HB654

School prayer
Require school boards to designate a period of reflection for students at the beginning of each school day. HB781

School social workers and psychologists:
Authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. HB433
Authorize districts to employ and receive partial state reimbursement for salaries of. HB839

School transportation
Authorize motor vehicles other than buses for small groups of students traveling to school activities. HB1307

Schools in district transformation
Prohibit mandatory consolidation if progressing toward termination of district transformation status. HB1136

Social workers
Provide in schools having high incidences of crime and via video conferencing means. HB247

Special education funds
Require separate appropriation to the State Board of Education for. HB1507

State Board of Education
Require to develop curriculum and implement programs of conflict resolution. HB454

State JROTC Coordinator

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Exempt from qualification requirements of the State Personnel Board. HB1692
 State Public School Building Fund
 Reenact. HB1562
 State school and school district accountability system
 Eliminate certain criteria for measuring performance under. HB1368
 Statewide testing program
 Require tests to be translated and print into primary spoken language of ELL students. HB193
 STEM Pilot Program
 Require SDE to create in certain school districts for students in Grades 4-8. HB1157
 Student absenteeism
 Excuse those related to an exceptional student's disability. HB1071
 Student residency requirements
 Require State Board of Education to adopt uniform policy to be implemented by school boards. HB192
 Student transfers
 Remove requirement for current district of attendance to approve release. HB867
 Students of active duty service members and civilian personnel:
 Revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. HB905
 Revise residency requirements to allow transfers to another district of choice. **HB1341**
 Students Safe at School Act
 Create to provide procedures for active shooter drills and simulations. HB1379
 Summer Youth Training Employment Program
 Authorize school districts to establish. HB265
 Teacher and administrator license:
 Deny or revoke for those who physically abuse a student. HB798
 Revise certain provision regarding application fees and disciplinary matters. HB1668
 Teacher Loan Repayment Program
 Extend repealer on. HB766
 Teacher salaries
 Authorize supplement for teachers in critical shortage subject areas in "D" and "F" school districts. HB605
 Teacher salary supplement
 Provide to those with five or more years experience in successful districts willing to relocate to an "F" designated school. HB829
 Teacher strikes
 Repeal prohibition of. HB388
 Teachers, retired
 Authorize to be employed full time and continue receiving retirement allowance. HB737
 Teachers:
 Allow to participate in strikes in any year during which no legislative raise is given. HB387
 Authorize SBE to impose a fine for breach of contract by appointed superintendents, principals and licensed employees. HB1193
 Provide \$2,000 annual salary supplement to those employed in designated geographically critical teacher shortage area. HB1702
 Provide \$4,000 increase to minimum annual salary for. HB1566
 Textbooks
 Revise provisions related to adoption and procurement of by school districts and the inclusion of open resource material. HB1391
 The "Mississippi Student Freedom Act"

Create to establish Magnolia Scholarship Accounts for certain eligible students.
HB1449

Tim Tebow act
Create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school
extracurricular activities. HB524

Tim Tebow Act:
Create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school
extracurricular activities. HB1248
Create to authorize homeschool students to participate in public school
extracurricular activities. HB1448

Trimester School Year Pilot Program
Establish. HB242

U.S. History end-of-course subject area test
Remove requirement for the purpose of graduation. HB1107

Video surveillance cameras
Require in certain areas of school facilities for protection of exceptional children.
HB797

Vision 2030: An Education Blueprint for Two Thousand Thirty
Create. HB261

Vocational and home economics
Require curriculum for all middle, high and alternative school students. HB533

Vocational education programs
Require to be established in every school district or shared operation between
multiple districts. HB826

Volunteer and Parents Incentive Program
Create under State Department of Education. HB268

Water safety
Require public schools to provide parents and student information on
importance of and availability of local courses. HB316

William F. Winter and Jack Reed, Sr., Teacher Loan Repayment Program
Revise to expand eligibility. HB1672

Wireless devices
Restrict use of by students during instructional time and prohibit social media
access. HB925

Youth and Community Safety Act
Create. HB241

ENERGY

Consumer Freedom of Choice in Appliances Act
Create. **HB1583**

Public contracts for energy efficient services
Bring forward section of law relating to. HB1643

FORESTRY

Bioenergy
Considered carbon neutral when produced from biomass. HB1533

Mississippi Forestry Commission
Authorize to electronically accept bids for timber sales. **HB299**

Sixteenth section lands:
Authorize additional means of providing notice of sale of timber products and
electronic bidding. HB1120
Authorize long-term supply agreement for sale of certain forest products other
than timber. HB1119

Wooden pellets
Authorize to use for fuel. HB1531

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GAMING

Bingo products
Clarify regulations for. HB1581

Casino winnings
Provide procedures for intercept of child support arrearages. HB414

Gaming Commission
Authorize to collaborate with DHS to collect child support from gaming winnings.
HB1340

Lottery and Sports wagering
Revise certain provisions regarding distribution of proceeds and revenue from.
HB1128

Lottery
Clarify liquor stores able to serve as lottery retailers. HB53

Mobile sports wagering:
Authorize. HB271
Authorize. HB635

MS Mobile Sports Wagering Act
Create to legalize "online race book" and "online sports pool" betting. HB774

Video lottery terminals
Authorize lottery board to allow with certain restrictions. HB184

HOUSING

Hometown Heroes Homeloan Guaranty Program
Establish. HB1272

Housing Loan Assistance Pilot Program
Create and authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for. HB78

Housing repair grant program
Authorize issuance of bonds to provide funds for grants to low-income
individuals for home repairs. HB79

Mississippi Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act
Establish tax credit program. HB1717

Mississippi Special Needs Housing Steering Council
Create. HB478

INSURANCE

Advanced Metastatic Cancer
Prohibit health plans from requiring step therapy before covering certain drugs
to treat. **HB1143**

Ambulance service providers
Provide for minimum rate of reimbursement under any policy of accident and
sickness insurance. HB1629

Ambulance services
Health insurance policies shall cover treatment of enrollees in place and
transporting to an alternate destination. **HB1489**

Auto insurance
Policy held by lienholder or secured party not invalidated by intentional act of
vehicle owner. HB1309

Balance billing
Exclude practice of dentistry from prohibition on. **HB871**

Clean claim
Clarify requirements for. **HB1079**

Commissioner of Insurance:

Authorize to adopt rules and regulations regarding certain provider reimbursement rates. HB1166
Repeal requirement of to publish annual statements. HB1409
Counties and municipalities
Prohibit use of automated recording equipment to enforce automobile insurance requirements. HB383
Counties, municipalities, school districts, Jr. colleges, political subdivisions
Authorize pooling of risks to purchase property insurance. HB1159
Diagnostic and supplemental breast exams
Prohibit insurers from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for. HB1144
Health insurance policies
Require coverage for certain obesity treatments. HB8
Health Insurance policies
Require coverage of certain examinations primarily related to women's health. HB13
Health insurance:
Prohibit modifications on renewal of covered and prescribed prescription drug's contracted benefit level. HB339
Require certain policies to provide coverage for physician-prescribed proton beam therapy. HB11
Health insurers:
Prohibit from denying a claim solely because person is not vaccinated. HB1512
Require to use certain standard for hospital inpatient admissions. HB7
HIV medications
Prohibit health plans and Medicaid from subjecting to protocols that restrict dispensing of. HB1527
Independent dispute resolution
Create for certain situations between large health insurers and large health systems. HB820
Insurance mitigation
Revise various provisions related to. HB888
Insurance:
Remove filing fee on auto cancellation or nonrenewal appeals and exempt life line applicants from prelicensing requirements. **HB819**
Require officer to share information on at scene of accident. HB1679
Revise the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Program, the MS First Responders Health and Safety Act and the Municipal and County Fire Funds. HB818
Revise various provisions regarding. HB1347
Licensed child care facilities
Require to purchase and maintain a certain minimum amount of liability insurance. HB1493
Life insurance
Authorize funeral services provider to obtain certain information within two business days. HB913
Living Donor Protection Act:
Create. HB1130
Create. **HB1213**
Create. HB1266
Motor vehicle liability insurance policy
Require to include medical payment coverage. HB919
Motor vehicle liability policy
Require to cover certain newly licensed persons for 60 days. HB1278
MS First Responders Health and Safety Act
Revise definition of first responders under. HB1215
Nonprofit Agricultural Membership Organizations
Exempt from insurance regulation. HB1627

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Nursing homes

Require to purchase and maintain a minimum amount of liability insurance.
HB858

Out-of-state insurers

Require to reimburse providers of certain persons the reimbursement rate of
state of issuance in certain situations. **HB1410**

Override of step therapy or fail-first protocol

Require insurer to decide within certain time. HB1602

Peer-to-peer Car Sharing Program Act

Create. HB1048

Pharmacists

Authorize reimbursement for under certain insurance policies, plans, or
contracts. HB1265

Pharmacy benefit managers:

Revise provisions relating to. HB1593

Revise provisions relating to. HB1612

Proof of motor vehicle insurance

Require before motor vehicle owner may renew registration. HB1407

Property and casualty insurance

Require blighted real property to be cleaned up before insurer pays insured
certain damages. HB307

Property insurance

Authorize appraisal panel to determine value of property and amount of loss,
including issues of causation. HB9

Residential roofing contractors:

Revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer
Protection Act. HB1118

Revise requirements under Insurance Benefits Roofing Repair Consumer
Protection Act. **HB1408**

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program

Revise to remove eight rounds requirement. HB1028

Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program

Authorize an additional round for and remove certain limiting language.
HB1151

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Authorize to determine all benefits and exclusions. HB1160

State and School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan

Revise to require state to provide 50% of cost of plan for certain dependents.
HB1694

State Health Insurance Plan

Provide coverage for proton therapy to treat cancer and certain noncancerous
tumors. HB943

State Health Plan:

Provide coverage for prosthetic teeth and dental implants for children with
oligodontia. HB12

Require co-pay for certain services under. HB1367

Strengthen Mississippi Homes Act

Create and provide fund for. HB1127

Study committee on certain first responders receiving insurance upon retirements
eligibility

Create. HB1276

Transparency and Accountability of Patient Premiums Invested in Dental Care Act

Create. HB1131

Uninsured motorist coverage:

Provide that coverage is mandatory in every automobile liability insurance
policy. HB918

Provide that limits will be equal to liability coverage unless insured selects otherwise. HB916
Workers' compensation commission
Require emergency hearing upon request of either party. HB917
Workers' Compensation Law
Increase maximum total recovery under to 520 weeks. HB255
Workers' compensation
Revise amount allowed for disability or death cases. HB10

INTERSTATE COOPERATION

Daylight saving time
Observe year-round if federal law is amended to allow it. HB189

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988 Crisis Lifeline
Require information regarding to be included on driver's licenses, permits and identification cards. HB337
Abandoned Motor Vehicle
Revise to include landowners with proper representation for tax commission inquiries. HB1217
Administrative forfeiture
Reenact section repealed on July 1, 2018, amend to provide for substitute notice requirements. HB1677
Age of majority
Revise. HB1054
Asset forfeiture
Require hearing to challenge. HB1634
Assistant district attorneys
Increase number in DeSoto County. HB1556
Balloons
Prohibit intentional releasing or discarding of. HB1045
Birth parents
Release identifying information upon agreement by. HB314
Catastrophic injury
Limit noneconomic damages for. HB950
CCID inferior court
Authorize additional judges and clarify appeals from. HB1226
Cemeteries on private property
Provide right of access to for certain persons. HB309
Chancery clerk:
Increase fees for recording deeds to land sold for taxes and redemption of such lands. **HB846**
Require to remove social security numbers from land transfer deeds. HB382
Charity Protection Act
Create. HB1314
Child support enforcement and collection
Terminate contract with private entity for and DHS shall perform. HB427
Child support for pregnant women
Provide authority to allow court to order. HB50
Child support:
Authorize certain unemancipated minors to bring suit against parents for. HB1482
Authorize DPS and CPS to share information about noncustodial parents. HB1219
Regulate retroactive child support by DHS. HB1520

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Revise factors for award of. HB805

Revise percentages for payment. HB1438

Civil commitment:

Respondent in county with a crisis stabilization unit shall be taken to and retained there if bed is available. HB1598

Respondent in proceeding not to be placed in jail except for protective custody while awaiting transportation. HB415

Commercial Driver's License

Require notice to employer when possibility of suspension for unpaid child support. HB694

Conservatorship:

Authorize court to allow petitioner seeking approval of minor settlement to perform conservator's duties. HB1394

Prioritize relatives and revise notice requirements. HB747

Contractor liens

Revise provisions relating to. HB1569

Contracts

Noncompete provisions in health care provider contracts are void and unenforceable. HB889

Court administrators

Revise manner for establishing office and revise Administrative Office of Courts to evaluate prospective hires. HB1224

Court interpreters

Technical revisions to program administered by Administrative Office of Courts. HB1223

Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program

Create state associate and standardize operations of local programs. **HB1624**

COVID-19 vaccines

Require Attorney General to investigate pharmaceutical companies' promotion and distribution. HB1515

Crimes related to public funds

Bring forward code sections related to. HB1597

Cybersecurity

Local governmental and commercial entities substantially complying with certain standards not liable for incidents connected to. HB1575

Department of Child Protection Services

Authorize to make care payments to fictive kin whom a child is placed with. HB1691

Design Professionals

Declare certain provisions in contracts for services void and establish standard of care. HB993

Divorce and alimony

Bring forward statutes relating to. HB1388

Divorce beneficiary revocation

Clarify the effective date. HB579

Divorce:

Authorize when marriage is deemed irretrievably broken. HB1389

Authorize where marriage is irretrievably broken. HB1046

Driver's license:

Authorize issuance of hardship license for those suspended due to noncompliance with an order of support. HB60

Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. HB149

Authorize issuance of hardship license to persons suspended for being out of compliance with order for support. HB967

Fireworks:

Authorize sale of year-round. HB788

Require to be located within a permanent structure. HB792
First Circuit Court District
Increase number of judges. HB422
Governmental tort immunity
Bring forward sections. HB1560
Grandparent visitation
Revise to include great-grandparents. HB849
Health care providers
Authorize lien against claims by patients and damages recovered by patients'
lawsuit or settlement. HB1147
Homeless encampments
Prohibit on public property and define as a public nuisance on private property.
HB1264
Homeowner's insurance
Prohibit insurer from refusing to issue or to renew policy solely based on roof's
age. HB1319
Insurers
Require to exchange certain information with the MS Department of Human
Services regarding delinquent child support. HB1413
Internet
Create civil liability for distribution of child pornography and obscene matter by
commercial entities. HB1363
Intestate succession
Child conceived by assisted reproduction after decedent's death is deemed to
be living at the time of death. **HB1542**
Involuntary civil commitment
Limit county's liability for cost of treatment of indigents. HB336
Justice court judges
Authorize to run as nonpartisan. HB689
Land partitions
Revise provision that regulate. HB1086
Licensure
Revise reciprocity requirements for out-of-state attorneys. HB1381
Litigation funding by third parties
Require all parties liable for costs. HB146
Marital consent
Increase age of female to same age of males for. HB1221
Marital property
Exclude intellectual property of a spouse as. HB1148
Mineral rights
Revert to surface owner after certain period of time. HB859
Mississippi Equal Pay for Equal Work Act
Revise certain provisions related to wage history. HB1141
Mississippi Law on Notarial Acts
Revise to allow notaries to perform remote online notarization. HB1168
Mississippi Women's Bill of Rights
Create. HB1607
MS Guardianship and Conservatorship Act
Bring forward. HB1317
MS Project Health Data Privacy Act
Create to prohibit unauthorized disclosure of consumers' health information.
HB1268
MS Youth Court Information Delivery System (MYCIDS)
Bring forward sections related to. **HB1315**
Officers who may administer oaths
Authorize chiefs of police and sheriffs. HB891
Open Meetings Law

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Authorize court to void certain actions taken in violation of. HB1139

Organ procurement organizations
Records and proceedings of PEER review committees are confidential and not discoverable. HB1603

Outdoor recreational premises
Include use of ATVs and off-road vehicles. HB1546

Parental consent
Require for mental and behavioral services provided to unemancipated minors notwithstanding federal regulations. HB1345

Permit Freedom Act
Create to require clear criteria and appeals process on permits to engage in constitutionally protected activity. HB1488

Perpetual care cemeteries
Require certain acreage and trust fund deposit to establish new. HB914

Personal lines residential property insurance policy
Provide option for policy that only covers unpaid principal balance on collateral. HB1687

Post-conviction collateral relief
Require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in trial court. HB1553

Public purchasing
Require competitive bidding for web-based application for MYCIDS. HB1316

Publicity rights
Authorize for persons whose images are used to sell products. HB1654

Purple Paint Notice
Authorize for trespass violations. HB1667

Real estate
Revise liability for certain provisions. **HB1271**

Real property
Right of first refusal expires on grantee's death unless specifically stated otherwise. **HB325**

Recreational landowners
Add cycling to the list of activities exempt from liability. HB342

Religious Freedom Act and Protecting Freedom of Conscience from Government Discrimination Act
Repeal. HB386

Residential Landlord and Tenant Act
Bring forward sections that regulate. HB1580

Residential subdivisions
Authorize property owners to establish and/or amend covenants, conditions and restrictions. HB48

Retired judges
Authorize to solemnize marriages. HB55

Sales of nonalcoholic beverages or lemonade by minors, certain
Prohibit certain regulation of. HB1039

Scrivener's affidavit
Revise authority for attorney who submitted but are now retired. **HB1343**

Sex
Define terms use in any Mississippi statute. HB1358

Solicitations by charitable organizations
Define term "monetary donations" for purposes of laws regulating. HB936

Squatted vehicles:
Prohibit modification to motor vehicles which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. HB902
Prohibit modifications to motor vehicle which raise front fender a certain height above the rear fender. **HB349**

Squatters rights

Clarify that such is not protected under state law. HB1508

Tax assessors
Revise certain provisions regarding authority to inspect property and demand data. HB1334

Tenancy by the entirety with rights of survivorship
Create rebuttable presumption when deed to both spouses. HB1234

Termination of parental rights
Revise various provisions relating to. HB1559

The Crown Act:
Create to include property sales. HB47
Create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. HB49
Create to prohibit discrimination based on hairstyles in workplace and schools. HB955

The Title IX Preservation Act
Enact. HB1606

Trespass
Clarify elements of. HB1370

UCC filings
Bring forward provisions of law relating to. HB1552

Unauthorized aliens
Penalize transport into state by any person and prohibit forgery of documents. HB147

Weddings
Authorize members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and Mississippi Senate to solemnize. HB148

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Abortion trafficking
Create penalties for the crime of. HB713

Abortion:
Provide for statewide referendum on question of prohibiting abortions in Mississippi. HB406
Repeal prohibition of. HB404
Repeal statutes prohibiting after 15 weeks' gestation and after detection of fetal heartbeat. HB401

Acquittals and dismissals
Require automatic expunction of records of. HB1530

Adoption
Authorize original birth certificate to be provided to certain adoptees and birth parent contact preference forms. HB1029

Aggravated DUI
Provide alternative penalty for persons under a certain age. HB1626

Aggravated trafficking
Any person trafficking in Schedule I or II controlled substances of eighty or more dosage units is guilty of. HB1072

Alternative nicotine products
Prohibit sale or distribution of if prohibited under federal law or FDA rule or regulation. HB1478

Alternative nicotine
Clarify prohibition on school property. HB1017

Amiya Braxton
Revise penalties when driver injures child who is exiting a school bus. HB293

Arrest warrants
Authorize electronic application, signatures and records for. HB335

Assault weapons

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Prohibit sale of to any person under age 21 years. HB778

Assistant district attorneys
Add to the Seventh Circuit Court District. HB1588

Automatic expungement
Authorize for certain crimes. HB801

Bail bonds
Provide when discharged. HB1384

Bail:
Make certain amendments related to the extradition of a principal. HB1383
Make certain amendments to provisions related to. HB1382

Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training
Require K-9 teams and motorcycle officers to be certified. HB1333

Body-worn cameras
Prohibit law enforcement from recreating past activities with. HB402

Certificate of Foreign Birth
Authorize without judicial proceeding under certain circumstances. HB344

Chancery and circuit judicial districts
Bring forward sections that create all. HB1712

Chancey court
Clarify authority to handle allegations of child abuse. HB230

Child abuse:
Provide that babies born who test positive for controlled substances shall be considered. HB1380
Require mandatory minimums and arrests for severe child abuse. HB1201

Child custody:
Create rebuttable presumption that equal (50-50) joint custody is in best interest of the child. HB1292
Require presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time. HB783

Child passenger restraint devices
Provide that noncompliance with requirement of shall constitute a primary traffic violation. HB1008

Child placed in foster care
Clarify that youth court must be consulted before placement is revised. HB1351

Child pornography
Replace term in Mississippi Code with "child sexual abuse material". HB734

Child sex dolls
Prohibit possession, transport and/or trafficking of. HB657

Child sexual abuse
Revise statute of limitations for claims. HB1162

Circuit courts:
Authorize jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges who may need civil commitment procedures. **HB1088**
Retain jurisdiction for persons with criminal charges. HB1585

Circuit judges
Add to seventh district. HB1587

Civil Legal Assistance Fund:
Provide for an assessment to be used for. HB912
Specify funding to from certain sources. HB911

Commercial driver's license
Remove prohibition for nonadjudication of. HB663

Concealed carry permit
Exempt members of the Mississippi Legislature from the licensing requirement for. HB661

Concealed firearm
Clarify prohibition for those declared mentally incompetent by courts. HB807

Conditions for parole eligibility
Extend date of repeal on. HB1454

Contributing to the delinquency of a minor
 Revise elements for crime of. HB1073

Controlled substances
 Bring forward sections for unlawful possession of. HB1342

Copper materials
 Prohibit transactions between certain sellers and scrap metal dealers and other purchases. HB381

Court of Appeals
 Bring forward statute establishing boundaries of districts. HB1262

Court-ordered restitution
 Require payment to victim first before court costs/fines are disbursed. HB644

Courtroom proceeding
 Authorize video conferences for certain proceedings. HB372

Courts
 Require to establish certain minimum guidelines. HB668

Crime Stoppers Programs
 Establish requirements and designate Commissioner of Public Safety as Director of Advisory Council. HB1557

Crimes of exposing another to contagious diseases and endangerment by bodily substance
 Revise elements and penalties. HB1297

Criminal investigators
 Add two to the 21st Circuit Court District. HB600

Criminal justice system
 Prohibit discrimination by certain state and local governmental entities. HB1075

Custodial Interrogations Act
 Create and authorize electric recording of. HB110

Cyberstalking
 Revise to include certain kinds of social media communications. HB280

Delinquency of a minor
 Include causing a child to violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Law as. HB284

DHS Fraud Investigators
 Allow to drive unmarked vehicles. **HB1023**

DHS
 Authorize to recover costs of fraud investigations. **HB1024**

Dog bites
 Authorize payment for actual expenses for injuries caused by. HB413

Domestic abuse court program
 Establish. HB435

Domestic violence protection order
 Authorize chancery court to issue temporary. HB800

Drag racing
 Provide that vehicles in violation shall be subject to forfeiture. HB389

Driver's license
 Restore ability to suspend for certain traffic violations. HB445

Driver's licenses or identification cards of those on probation or parole
 Indicate as such on. HB987

Drug and alcohol treatment
 Require 30-day minimum in-patient treatment. HB1018

DUI suspension
 Clarify how the 120 days are counted. HB292

DUI:
 Authorize judicial discretion to increase fines for violations of. HB229
 Bring forward all provisions regulating. HB875
 Require those convicted to pay child support. HB632

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Revise license suspension for test refusal if licensee pleads guilty. HB864

Electronic driver's license and driving permits
Remove authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to issue. HB1513

Embezzlement
Revise the list of excluded crimes for expungement. HB69

Expungement:
Authorize automatically for first-time offenders. HB857
Authorize for embezzlement by a state, county, city or town officer 14 years
after completing all terms and conditions of sentences. HB56
Clarify expungement of pardoned convictions. HB724
Remove embezzlement by officers from the list of nonexpungeable crimes.
HB54
Revise age for misdemeanor crimes for. HB279

False allegations of hate crime
Provide penalties for. HB291

Fatherhood begins at Conception Act
Create. HB318

Felony DUI
Authorize nonadjudication of. HB1613

Felony
Increase penalties for commission of with use of semi-automatic firearm.
HB1441

Fentanyl delivery resulting in death
Remove "knowledge" requirement. (PEER bill). HB1041

Fentanyl
Increase penalties for possession of. HB1036

Fifteenth Circuit Court District
Revise residency requirement. HB852

Fire trucks
Require to be marked with blue lights in addition to red and white lights.
HB1690

Firearms and weapons
Authorize nonviolent felons to possess and use in defense of residence or
motor vehicle. HB52

Firearms licensed
Require proof of mental health evaluation. HB275

Firearms
Enhance penalties when used during gang related criminal acts. HB1433

First Responders Funeral Benefits Trust Fund
Create for those killed in line of duty. HB1124

Fresh Start Act of 2019
Revise applicability of. HB872

Giglio letter
Require prosecutors to give law enforcement officers an opportunity to be heard
before sending. HB869

GPS
Authorize law enforcement to use for certain crimes. HB1411

Grand jury
Clarify procedures for recusal of district attorney. HB1390

Habitual offender law:
Authorize parole eligibility if offender served 10 years of a sentence of 40 years
or more. HB572
Exclude drug and nonviolent offenses when computing prior offenses under.
HB570

Habitual offenders:
Exclude nonviolent offenders. HB665
Revise regulations for. HB225

Hate crimes

Revise delineation of victim. HB364

Historical monuments

Counties and municipalities fined \$10,000 per month for certain violations regarding. HB1472

Hunting and fishing on lands of others

Revise provisions relating to and provide penalties for. **HB1208**

Identity theft

Establish procedure for victim to have debt forgiven and credit reports purged. HB282

Illegal aliens

Create crime of entry into the state by. HB931

Immigrants

Prohibit Mississippi agencies from assisting federal agencies transporting into Mississippi. HB231

Immunity for law enforcement officers

Authorize when claimant is convicted for resisting arrest. HB592

Implied consent laws and investigation of traffic accidents

Authorize the CTED within DPS to enforce. **HB1015**

Implied consent laws

Authorize nonadjudication for violation under certain conditions. HB1252

Implied consent

Revise suspension period during appeals for refusal to submit to chemical test. HB862

Indecent assault

Create the crime of. HB294

Indigent counsel

Increase compensation for. HB1089

Interception of communications

Authorize sheriffs to use devices for with approval of DA and circuit court judge. HB899

Interrogations

Require all to be conducted by law enforcement to be recorded. HB853

Intervention court

Require circuit courts to establish by a certain date. HB1496

Jennifer's Law

Enact to prohibit state and local agencies from establishing traffic ticket quotas. HB274

Judges

Add to the 7th judicial circuit court district. HB1095

Judicial districts

Bring forward circuit, chancery and county courts. HB1435

Judicial districts:

Bring forward chancery, circuit and county. HB1586

Bring forward for purposes of amendment. HB722

Jury duty:

Exempt members of the Legislature from. HB999

Reinstate person's name to master list once voting rights restored upon satisfaction of all sentencing requirements. HB1245

Justice court jurisdiction

Increase to \$20,000. HB1338

Justice court

Increase jurisdiction to \$5,000.00. HB1277

Justice Court

Revise filing fees. HB1403

Justice court

Revise jurisdiction and filing fees. HB688

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Justice courts

Increase limit of jurisdiction to \$15,000.00. HB1337

Juvenile offenders

Provide alternative sentencing and parole options. HB1440

Law enforcement agency

Authorize to purchase equipment with certain proceeds. HB1020

Law enforcement officers:

Entitled to certain follow-up drug testing before loss of certification. HB1056

Regulate payment for nonexempt employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act. HB1055

Require two hours of training related to crimes of hate and those committed for discriminatory reason. HB583

Law Enforcement Supplemental Pay Program:

Create. HB669

Create. HB1651

Libraries

Regulate the material that is curated for children and younger teens. HB610

Life jackets

Increase minimum age of person required to wear on certain vessels. HB281

Machine gun

Provide crime for conversion to. **HB903**

Malicious prosecution

Require officials or employees involved to pay all costs associated with. HB226

Marijuana possession:

Provide civil penalty for. HB277

Revise as civil penalty. HB1703

Marijuana:

Civil penalty for simple possession of 30 grams or less. HB968

Reduce penalties for possession of. HB997

Mattresses

Prohibit resale with certain exemptions. HB412

Medical cannabis

Prohibit possession of open container while operating a motor vehicle or in any public place. HB1572

Misdemeanor crimes

Require automatic expungement of. HB1529

Misdemeanors

Revise age of expungement for. HB278

Mississippi Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training

Revise composition of and provide with investigative authority. **HB691**

Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation Fund

Create and provide for a new fee to be deposited into. HB910

Mississippi Center for Legal Services

Require \$15.00 collected from criminal and civil actions to be remitted to. HB915

Mississippi Tobacco Minimum Legal Sale Age of 21 Act

Create. HB287

Mississippi Vapor Directory

Authorize creation of by the Attorney General. HB790

Monies from seized weapons

Authorize law enforcement agency to use to purchase equipment for the agency. HB611

MS Uniform Post-Conviction Collateral Relief Act

Bring forward. HB1459

Municipal elected officers

Authorize removal of using the same process as removal of county elected officers. HB1218

No-knock warrants
 Prohibit issuance of. HB941
Obstructing public streets and roadways
 Increase penalties for. HB1365
Offenders in trusty status who have been convicted of felony child abuse
 Make ineligible to accumulate certain additional earned time. HB333
Officer-involved deaths
 Require investigation by Mississippi Bureau of Investigations. HB1481
Pilot Work Release Program:
 Authorize sheriffs of any county to participate in and remove 25 limit on number
 of participants for. HB1373
 Extend repealer on authority of sheriff to establish for certain offenders in
 certain counties. HB763
Post-conviction collateral relief
 Require certain petitioners to obtain Supreme Court permission before filing in
 trial court. HB1253
Presumption of death
 Create for missing persons who have undergone a catastrophic event causing
 imminent peril. HB80
Pre-trial intervention
 Authorize workforce training as a condition for. HB726
Probation officers
 Limit number of caseloads that are supervised by. HB948
Public defenders:
 Increase compensation for court appointed. HB666
 Increase compensation for. HB746
Purple Alert
 Establish as additional means to aid search of missing persons with cognitive
 disabilities. **HB873**
Racial Profiling Prevention Act
 Create. HB290
Radar speed detecting equipment
 Authorize use by sheriffs and deputies. HB1134
Radar:
 Authorize DPS to authorize CTED law enforcement officers to use on public
 roadways for commercial vehicles. HB1002
 Authorize sheriff and deputies to use on county roads to enforce speed limits.
 HB886
 Authorize use by sheriff and deputies for enforcing speed limits within school
 zones. HB1346
Requests for DNA testing
 Clarify that they are excepted from bar on second or successive motions for
 post-conviction relief. HB692
Restitution
 Require first monies collected by court from defendant to be allocated to.
 HB1547
Review Board for Officer-Involved Deaths
 Create. HB1236
Right to counsel
 Authorize State Defender to provide where there is a constitutional right.
 HB1457
Safeguarding Teens From Out Of State (abortion) Procedures Act
 Create felony for assisting minors in procuring abortion. HB1005
Search warrant:
 Authorize electronic application for and issuance of. **HB295**
 Prohibit issuance of for information relating to menstrual health data. HB1375
Second Amendment Preservation Act

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Authorize to protect rights to firearms. HB1502

Secretary of State employees
Authorize certain employees to carry a firearm. HB1325

Sex offender registry
Revise definitions for provisions of law that regulate. **HB1004**

Sextortion
Create crime of. **HB1196**

Sexual acts between incarcerated persons and law enforcement
Prohibit. HB1540

Sexual Battery
Remove statute of limitations when DNA evidence is discovered. HB286

Sexual battery:
Remove the statute of limitation for the crime of. HB289
Remove the statute of limitations for. HB1466

Sexual harassment
Create a state cause of action. HB227

Sexual offense
Provide immunity for reporting. HB1537

Sheriffs and police officers
Require availability of less-lethal force option while on duty. HB301

Shoplifting:
Provide minimum penalties of imprisonment for all convictions of. HB1209
Revise penalties for crime of. **HB438**

Sidearm of retired or deceased law enforcement officer
Provide that the employing agency shall determine the amount. **HB634**

Simple assault fines and penalties
Revise for deposits in certain funds. HB870

Simple assault:
Add athletic umpires to list that elevates to aggravated. HB345
Authorize judicial discretion when assessing fines. HB228

Sixth Chancery Court District
Add a judge for the. HB1711

State identification for homeless persons
Authorize. HB96

State identification
Authorize permanent identification for permanent residents of nursing homes
and assisted living facilities. HB273

Statute of limitations
Increase for sexual battery of a vulnerable person. **HB1323**

Stolen property
Create crime for the sale of and require payment made to the owner of the
property. HB1374

Subsequent offense
Revise how a first offense is calculated. HB285

Suffrage:
Restore to Agnes Standifer of Lee County. HB4056
Restore to Chanty Williams of Coahoma County. HB4078
Restore to Chester Allen Butler of Tippah County. HB4108
Restore to Clovis Dale McGhee of Lee County. **HB4100**
Restore to Dustin Darell Mills of Rankin County. **HB4099 (Vetoed)**
Restore to Elaine Goudy of Covington County. HB4055
Restore to Evon Williams of Hinds County. HB4080
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Restore to Gerald Laird of Jefferson Davis County. HB4052
Restore to Ivory Moore of Washington County. HB4118
Restore to Jason Terrell Carter of Madison County. HB4106

Restore to Jay Jackson of Hinds County. HB4109
Restore to Jennifer Miles of Winston County. HB4098
Restore to Jose Williams of Hinds County. HB4088
Restore to Joseph Armstrong of Sunflower County. HB4095
Restore to Joseph Earl Greer of Hinds County. HB4102
Restore to Joseph Greer of Hinds County. HB4086
Restore to Kelvin Winding of Hinds County. HB4083
Restore to Kenneth Almons of Hinds County. HB4082
Restore to Kunta Gates of Humphreys County. HB4096
Restore to Kynoa Trotter of Pike County. HB4093
Restore to Lamar Sampson of Humphreys County. HB4116
Restore to Larry Mangum of Hinds County. HB4084
Restore to Lasondra Bowling of Rankin County. HB4121
Restore to Lawrence Daniels of Lowndes County. **HB4104 (Vetoed)**
Restore to Leon Coleman of Jackson County. HB4111
Restore to Mary Smith Brandon of Lowndes County. HB4103
Restore to Mattie Hardiman of DeSoto County. HB4057
Restore to Michael Gray of Prentiss County. HB4128
Restore to Omar Eugene Magee of Covington County. **HB4053 (Vetoed)**
Restore to Omar Travis of Hinds County. HB4081
Restore to Quintin Purnell of Grenada County. HB4085
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Clarify crime and penalties for. HB405
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Provide penalties for. HB901
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Create a felony for those who have sexual contact with patients. HB1541
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Towing of vehicles
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Require Department of Public Safety to create public database on officer
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Unnatural intercourse law
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violations. HB620
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Authorize an additional coordinator for the Seventh Circuit Court District.
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Restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction.
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Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction.
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Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction.
HB400
Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction.
HB660
Restore upon satisfaction of all of the sentencing requirements of a conviction.
HB927
Restore upon satisfaction of all the sentencing requirements of a conviction.
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Window tint regulation
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Wiretapping
Authorize state and local law enforcement to use for human trafficking. HB593
Work initiative
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reporting requirements for. HB1455
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Adams County

Authorize to enter into a certain lease purchase agreement for a jail facility.

HB4090

City of Amory

Reenact and extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurant tourism tax and authorize election for additional 1%. HB1718

City of Bay St. Louis

Authorize to administer and expend certain federal funds to assist in flood mitigation. **HB4129**

City of Durant

Authorize a tax on restaurants to promote tourism, parks and recreation. **HB4115**

City of Eupora

Authorize conveyance of certain real property located in City of Eupora Industrial Park back to a certain entity. **HB4120**

City of Florence

Extend repealer on bar and restaurant tax. HB1945

City of Fulton

Extend date of repeal on hotel/motel tourism tax. **HB1752**

City of Gautier

Authorize to contract with and make contributions to the Mississippi Songwriters Alliance. **HB4127**

City of Hattiesburg

Authorize to utilize a portion of its traffic fine money for community development initiatives. HB4094

City of Houston

Extend repealer on hotel/motel and restaurants tax for tourism, parks and recreation. HB1719

City of Lucedale

Authorize election for tax on hotels/motels to fund parks and recreational capital improvement projects. **HB1744**

City of Morton

Authorize tax on hotels, motels and campsites at certain state park to fund tourism, parks and recreation in. HB4119

City of Olive Branch

Authorize expenditure of funds to establish industrial, technological or educational park or parks within. **HB1948**

City of Pearl and Rankin County

Authorize annual contributions to Trustmark Park not to exceed \$1,500,000 in aggregate. HB1891

City of Philadelphia

Authorize a contribution to Philadelphia Transit. HB1746

City of Pontotoc

Extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants. **HB1720**

City of Ridgeland

Authorize additional tax on motels and hotels to promote tourism, parks and recreation. HB1994

City of Starkville

Authorize to require the sell of certain rural water association assets under certain circumstances. HB4117

City of West Point

Extend repealer on authority to levy tax on hotels, motels and restaurants for tourism and parks and recreation. **HB1646**

Greene County

Extend repeal date on assessments in justice court. **HB1931**

Grenada County

Expand certain authority concerning Greater Grenada Partnership. **HB1880**

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Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission

Authorize contributions to Pearl River Community College for scholarships.
HB1890

Harrison County

Authorize assessments on convictions for improvements to courthouses and
pretrial detention facilities. **HB1854**

Hattiesburg Convention Commission

Authorize to use design-build method of construction contracting. **HB4122**

Hinds County

Authorize to enter into lease agreement/lease purchase arrangement to acquire
funds to attain public safety facility. HB1728

Humphreys County:

Authorize a contribution to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. **HB1743**

Authorize contributions to Belzoni, Louise and Isola for parks and recreation.
HB1968

Jackson County

Authorize contributions to various organizations. **HB1716**

Jefferson Davis County

Increase portion of oil and gas severance tax that may be utilized for garbage
collection and disposal. **HB1758**

Lafayette County

Authorize contributions to the Oxford-Lafayette County Economic Development
Foundation. HB4107

Lowndes County

Increase amount that may be contributed annually to United Way. HB1917

Marshall County:

Authorize a contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter.
HB1762

Authorize a contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter.
HB1852

Authorize contribution to Abandoned to Adored, which is an animal shelter.
HB1873

Authorize contribution to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc.
HB1765

Authorize contribution to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc.
HB1851

Authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. HB1763

Authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. HB1850

Authorize contributions to ICS Head Start. HB1874

Authorize contributions to Northeast Mississippi Community Services, Inc.
HB1872

Authorize contributions to the Byhalia Area Arts Council. HB1869

Authorize establishment of Chickasaw Trail Tax District and to levy special tax
within the district. HB4113

Authorize expenditure of county funds for the establishment of county-owned
food pantry. HB4112

Authorize hiring of additional part-time county prosecuting attorneys. HB1868

Authorize to the expenditure of county funds for the establishment of county-
owned food pantry. HB4114

Neshoba County

Increase contribution amount made to Philadelphia Transit. HB1721

Pike County

Authorize to construct or acquire county jail anywhere in county and authorize
certain lease-purchase arrangement. **HB1723**

Rankin County Stormwater Management Agency

Authorize the establishment of. HB1903

Sunflower County

Increase authority to contribute funds to the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation. HB4058

Town of Walnut

Authorize tax on hotels/motels, restaurants for parks and recreational facilities. HB1722

Union County:

Authorize assessments on civil cases filed and convictions obtained in justice court to maintain law enforcement center. HB4126

Authorize assessments on misdemeanor convictions and nonadjudications for capital improvements. HB4125

MARINE RESOURCES

Department of Marine Resources

Revise administrative hearing procedure for. HB1200

Oyster tags

Authorize the printing of by the catcher. **HB1007**

Public Trust Tidelands

Revise various provisions related to. HB1659

Recreation crab licenses

Limit to license holders rather than households. **HB1006**

Shrimp trawling

Provide that certain waters shall be permanently closed to. **HB1279**

State-owned riparian rights

Revise and provide for leases for on bottom oyster fishing for commercial purposes on. **HB1439**

MEDICAID

Community health workers

Provide for certification of by Health Department and for Medicaid reimbursement for services of. HB1688

Division of Medicaid

Apply for waivers to eliminate waiting period for certain services. HB959

Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act

Repeal. HB546

Medicaid eligibility

Provide coverage of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. HB960

Medicaid estate recovery

Prohibit application of to obtain funds from ABLE accounts. HB1302

Medicaid expansion

Provide for statewide referendum on question of. HB379

Medicaid:

Allow reimbursement for services provided to developmentally disabled child by qualified nurse who is guardian of the child. HB1189

Create Medicaid Commission to administer program and abolish Division of Medicaid. HB538

Delete prohibition on participation in for psychiatric residential treatment facility in Desoto County. HB517

Direct Division of Medicaid to apply for federal waivers to expand Medicaid eligibility. HB1146

Expand eligibility to include individuals entitled to benefits under federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. HB958

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act and under CHIP. HB464

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB368

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB436

Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB479

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Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB708
 Expand eligibility under federal Affordable Care Act. HB909
 Extend date of repealers on the services and managed care provisions and the provider assessment provisions. **HB970**
 Extend repealers on list of covered services and assessments on certain health care facilities. HB762
 Make various technical amendments to the program. HB1026
 Nonopioid drugs for pain management will not be disadvantaged with respect to coverage on preferred drug list. HB1468
 Provide coverage for neonatal circumcision procedures. HB1539
 Provide for presumptive eligibility for pregnant women. **HB539**
 Provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. HB102
 Provide increased reimbursement rate for hospitals in counties with high unemployment and doctor shortage. HB961
 Require Governor and Division of Medicaid to negotiate to obtain federal waiver to expand Medicaid coverage. HB103
 Require managed care organizations to use certain level of care guidelines in determining medical necessity. HB425
 Restrict frequency of managed care organizations transferring enrollees to other organizations. HB105
 Revise calculation of reimbursement for durable medical equipment (DME). HB477
 Revise certain provisions regarding managed care providers and payments during appeals. HB104
 Seek federal waiver for plan to allow Medicaid coverage for persons described in the federal Affordable Care Act. HB1725
 Suspend eligibility of incarcerated persons instead of terminating it. HB367
 Telehealth services provided by FQHCs, rural health clinics and community mental health centers reimbursed at same rate as face-to-face encounters. HB586

Mental health facilities

Provide for licensure of certain, and provide for Medicaid coverage for services provided by the facilities. HB1044

MILITARY AFFAIRS

Airport authorities

Require transportation network companies to obtain pass from military facility to transport passengers to facility. HB304

Civil Air Patrol members

Authorize granting of administrative leave and leave of absence for certain emergency services. HB638

Disabled veterans

Establish right to appeal in forma pauperis in certain cases. HB181

Municipal Veterans Treatment Court

Authorize in municipalities that have a municipal drug court. HB182

State Veterans Affairs Board:

Revise composition of and transfer powers of Veterans' Home Purchase Board to. HB371

Revise provisions regarding processing of claims. **HB978**

Veterans benefits and services

Require certain employers to display poster created and distributed by State Veterans Affairs Board regarding. HB1630

Veterans cemeteries

Authorize interments in under federal Burial Equity for Guards and Reserves Act. **HB1001**

MUNICIPALITIES

Aldermen and councilmen
Increase the maximum amount of surety bond that may be given by. HB1014

Body-worn cameras
Require cities and counties to provide to police officers and deputy sheriffs.
HB61

Counties and municipalities
Require to update zoning ordinances every 10 years. HB827

Mississippi Joint Municipal Law Enforcement Act
Create. HB99

Municipal annexation
Require an election to be held in the proposed annexed territory. HB1040

Municipal ordinance for granting of utility franchise or use of streets
Remove municipal electorate approval of. HB841

Municipalities
Authorize waiver of liens, under certain circumstances, for costs associated
with cleaning menaced property. HB1174

Property Cleanup Revolving Fund
Establish. HB868

Tax forfeited property
Authorize Secretary of State to reimburse local governments for tree removal
and cleanup costs. HB1220

Urban renewal project powers
Revise definition of. HB564

Veterans parks
Create grant program to assist municipalities and counties with improvement
to. HB1477

PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS

Jackson Metropolitan Area Airport Authority
Repeal. HB353

Mississippi Airport Critical Needs Grant Program
Create. HB1451

State Port Authority and other ports:
Extend repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. **HB652**
Extend repealer on authority to use design-build method of contracting. HB754

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Abortion:
Prohibit advertisement for. HB31
Prohibit mail order medicines to procure an. HB641
Prohibit mail orders for medicines for. HB735

Advance practice registered nurses
Revise certain provisions relating to, including the collaborative agreement
requirement. HB1490

Advanced practice registered nurses:
Revise certain provisions related to, including collaboration requirement.
HB821
Revise provisions relating to the collaborative relationship requirement.
HB1652

African American Resident Physician Scholarship Program
Establish. HB952

Ambulance services:

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Health insurance policies shall cover treatment of enrollees in place and transporting to an alternate destination. HB1632

Provide for payment for treatment in place and provide for minimum reimbursement rate in health insurance policies. HB1631

Anesthesiologist assistants

Provide for licensure and regulations by Board of Medical Licensure. HB1649

Appropriation:

Department of Health for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. HB455

Health Department for MAGnet Community Health Disparity Program. HB456

Health Department to provide funding to federally qualified health centers. HB461

Autopsies

Create "Jenna's Law" to require autopsies to include inquiry about whether death was a result of seizure or epilepsy. HB1305

Baby safety devices:

Create grant program to assist hospitals with cost of purchasing. HB650

Require to be inspected and approved by Health Department before use by emergency medical services provider. HB1678

Board of Medical Licensure

Revise licensure status, definitions, procedures, fines and temporary practice authority. HB1419

Certificate of need

Direct issuance for an existing ambulatory surgical center. HB956

Certified nurse aides (CNAs)

Transfer administration of certification from Health Department to Board of Nursing. HB1682

Certified nurse midwives

Not required to have written collaborative agreement with physician to practice as. HB680

Child care facilities

Require licensing agency to disclose names of persons filing complaints against. HB20

Child care services

Provide eligibility for certain persons under the Child Care Payment Program (CCPP). HB359

Child care:

Create exemption to State Department of Health licensure for certain church facilities. HB1573

DHS shall transfer to CCDF the first \$40 Million of unspent TANF funds from prior FY to be used for child care vouchers. HB355

Children's Advocacy Commission

Create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. HB30

Children's Resource Commission

Create to coordinate and streamline the state's efforts to provide services to children. HB429

Chronic diseases

Direct Health Department to establish WISEWOMAN and WISEMAN programs in certain counties. HB35

CON law

Remove certain health care facilities and services from. HB322

CON:

Authorize for nursing home in Jones County. HB23

Capital expenditures in any amount made by hospitals shall not require issuance of. HB992

Certain health care facilities that relinquished CON for inpatient psych services may have those beds licensed as separate entity. HB1436
Exempt acute care hospitals in rural medically underserved areas from CON requirement to expand services to certain areas. HB1412
Health Department shall issue for beds in a community living program for developmentally adults in Madison County. HB1422
Health Department shall issue for construction of an acute care hospital in Tunica County. HB1524
Increase minimum dollar amounts of capital expenditures that require issuance of. HB1414
Provide for exception to home health agency moratorium for certain hospice licensees. HB27
Remove chemical dependency services and facilities and psychiatric residential treatment facilities from CON law. HB848
Remove chemical dependency services and facilities from requirements of the CON law. HB323
Remove end-stage renal disease facilities from application of law. HB36
Remove health services and all facilities except nursing homes, home health and long-term care hospitals from requirement for. HB1657
County health departments:
Require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide contraceptive supplies. HB32
Require nurse practitioner to be present weekly to provide free contraceptive supplies. HB1538
County medical examiners
Require to enter information electronically. **HB1068**
COVID-19 mRNA vaccinations
Prohibit until Health Department conducts study and determines they are safe. HB1497
COVID-19
Require notice to family when death may have been caused by vaccine and authorize autopsy. HB1516
Dental hygienists
Authorize to work under the general supervision of a dentist in nursing homes. HB334
Department of Child Protection Services
Require to create a transition-aged youth aftercare housing program for young adults who were in foster care. HB1392
Department of Human Services
Create a board of directors for. HB18
Department of Mental Health and community health centers
Expand outpatient services for certain formerly incarcerated state inmates. HB536
Department of Mental Health
Establish grant program to assist with crisis stabilization unit expenses. HB1695
DHS:
Authorize to enter into lease with counties having local offices to maximize federal funds. **HB1030**
Authorize to use a combination of reporting systems to lower the department's error rate and avoid federal fines. HB1142
Develop process to ensure that subgrantees reflect the demographic makeup of the eligible population for the grants. HB26
Direct to reinstate program of providing meals to older individuals in community setting. HB607
Dietician Licensure Compact
Create. HB177

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Disabilities, persons with
Modernize terminology used to refer to. HB98

DPS
Require to establish training component relating to autism spectrum disorder.
HB17

EMS Memorial
Health Dept. shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who died in
line of duty. **HB317**

Essential health care workers premium pay
Department of Health to create program with Coronavirus Recovery Funds.
HB577

Food Deserts
Require State Department of Health to track in Mississippi. HB877

Food labeling:
Require any food and mRNA vaccines to be clearly and conspicuously labeled.
HB643
Require any food containing an mRNA vaccines to be clearly and conspicuously
labeled. HB736

Genetic counselors
Provide for licensure and regulation of by State Board of Health. HB1067

Harper Grace's Law
Extend repealer on authority to research and dispense CBD oil for medical
purposes. HB761

Health and human services agencies
Require to prepare video with nutrition and healthy eating information for benefit
recipients. HB39

Health benefit plans
Prohibit from providing coverage or related services for clinician-administered
drugs. HB320

Health care and education shortage assistance program
Establish to help attract professionals to work in certain counties. HB554

Health care certificate of need law
Bring forward code sections related to. HB419

Health Care Facility Right to Visit Act
Create. HB40

Health plans
Prohibit from imposing fees on health care providers for electronic fund
transfers. HB174

Health
State Health Officer shall develop program to close the gap in health status of
gender and racial groups. HB33

Healthcare Coordinating Council
Reconstitute and require to make report on specific health goals for the state.
HB29

Hospitals
Require to examine persons at ER with sickle cell disease symptoms within four
hours after admission. HB397

Immunization and vaccination of preventable disease requirements for school children
Exempt based on religious tenets. HB1510

Ivermectin
Authorize pharmacists to provide to adults pursuant to collaborative pharmacy
practice agreement. HB1511

Laser hair removal
Restrict the practice of to certain health professionals. HB1222

Licensed professional counselors
Revise qualifications for licensure for applicants who meet certain
requirements. HB19

Licensing boards

Prohibit from disciplinary or threatening discipline of health care providers for exercising free speech rights. HB1610

Long-term care facilities

Require residents of certain to obtain a preneed contract within 6 months after admission. HB38

Medical records

Persons seeking disability benefits may obtain at no charge until determination of disability. HB34

Medication aides

Provide for certification of by State Department of Health. HB1635

Mental health screenings and assessments

Require in all public schools. HB928

Mental health:

Authorize Department of Mental Health to establish minimum standards and services for privately-owned providers. HB1526

Require DMH to convert unused IDD beds to be used for alcohol and drug use services. HB21

Mental Health

Revise procedures for screening, evaluation and commitments for those with issues of. **HB1640**

Midwifery

Provide for licensure and regulation of. HB1535

Minors

Prohibit health care providers and institutions from providing health care to without parental consent. HB1100

Mississippi Adult Health and Privacy Act

Create. HB686

Mississippi Board of Human Services

Create. HB22

Mississippi Child Poverty Task Force

Create. HB744

Mississippi Coach Safely Act

Create to require certain youth coaches to take injury mitigation and information course. HB1173

Mississippi Code:

Modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". **HB315**

Modernize terminology by replacing "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability". HB799

Mississippi Department of Human Services employees

Remove prohibition on participating in political campaigns for. HB28

Mississippi Enhanced Hospital Sustainability Grant Program

Establish. HB1101

Mississippi Hospital Recovery Trust Program

Create to provide grants to public hospitals at high financial risk. HB563

Mississippi Intoxicating Hemp Regulation Act and Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act

Revise certain provisions of. HB1676

Mississippi Prior Authorization Reform Act

Create. HB420

Mississippi Rare Disease Advisory Council:

Create at UMMC. HB616

Create at UMMC. HB1078

Mississippi Smoke-Free Air Act of 2024

Create. HB46

Mississippi Tele-emergency Services Grant Program

Create. HB957

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Mississippi Tobacco Harm Reduction Act of 2024

Create. HB1415

MRNA vaccinations

Prohibit use of in food products and livestock intended for human consumption.

HB714

MS Adult Health and Privacy Act

Create. HB840

MS Emergency Drinking Water Network Act

Create. HB1150

MS Hospital Emergency Grant Program

Create to provide grants to hospitals having financial difficulties. HB578

MS Qualified Health Center Grant Program

Extend date for Department of Health Grants for increased services and physicians. **HB760**

MS Rural Dentists Scholarship Program

Increase number of students who may be admitted into annually. HB42

Newborn screening program

Include cytomegalvirus (CMV) in conditions tested for. HB946

Nuclear generating plants

Revise distribution of payments made in-lieu of ad valorem taxes. HB672

Nurses

Allow nurse practitioners and RNs to administer vitamins through IV therapy in a clinical setting. HB648

Nursing education

Unspent TANF funds shall be spent to pay expenses of persons enrolled as part of workforce training. HB24

Office of Mississippi Physician Workforce:

Transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. HB933

Transfer from UMMC to the State Department of Health. **HB1129**

Opioid antagonists

Authorize community organization to receive and administer. **HB1137**

Parental consent for medical treatment and instruction in human sexuality

Require for students in K-12 notwithstanding federal regulations. HB1169

Patient's Right to Informed Health Care Choices Act

Extend repealer and make certain changes in. HB1203

Pharmacists

Authorize to test for and administer treatment for minor, nonchronic health conditions. HB791

Physical therapists:

Delete requirement for physician's referral before performing services. HB37

Not required to have prior work experience to work at PPEC center. HB44

Require referral for services to remain valid for one year. HB45

Revise circumstances and criteria under which they may implement treatment without a referral. HB76

Physician records

Require to be retained for minimum period of time. HB1329

Podiatric medicine and podiatrist

Revise definition of. HB976

Podiatrist

Authorize to perform ankle surgery when meet certain requirements. HB41

Practice of medicine or dentistry

Allow persons convicted of certain crimes to practice after license reinstatement. HB1114

Preeclampsia

Health Department prepare materials about complications of pregnancy due to, which providers shall provide to pregnant women. HB1470

Prescriptions drugs

Prohibit licensing boards from prohibiting practitioners from prescribing for off-label use. HB1601

Prior authorization:
Bring forward code sections related to. HB421
Impose certain requirements on health insurance issuers regarding. HB775

Professional music therapists
Provide for licensure by State Department of Health. HB906

Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact
Enact. HB1202

Qualified residential treatment programs
Authorize certain youth in Child Protection Services to be placed in. **HB1376**

Radiological health services
Revise fees charged by State Board of Health for providing. HB1637

Regional health authorities
Create the Delta Regional Health Authority and authorize creation of additional regional authorities. HB1639

Regional mental health commissions
Revise the membership of certain. HB1270

Registry identification card
Establish electronic format of and provide certain designation for on driver's license upon request. HB1335

Rural hospital transfer to major hospital
Prescribe certain conditions on such transfer when doctor deems medically necessary. HB951

Screening and approval program for retail sale of products containing certain substances
Establish. HB1534

Seizure Safe Schools Act
Establish. **HB346**

SNAP and TANF recipients
Require those unemployed to take Test of Adult Basic Education. HB25

Specialty Doctors to Rural Hospitals Grant Program
Establish and provide eligibility. HB962

State Board of Cosmetology
Extend repealer on. HB753

State Board of Dental Examiners
Clarify powers and duties relating to practice of dentistry and dental hygiene. HB1104

State Department of Health and State Board of Health
Extend repealer on. **HB764**

State Health Officer:
Require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. HB684
Require certain orders issued by to be approved by the Governor. HB1509

Students with disabilities
Require school district to provide written notification to parents regarding any modification or access to benefits. HB1680

TANF benefits:
Provide child care and transportation for applicants during initial orientation meetings. HB711
Remove certain restrictions and penalties for applicants and recipients. HB582

TANF block grant
DHS shall transfer 30% of each year to CCDF for child care vouchers. HB716

TANF funds:
Prohibit providing to any person whose income is more than 200% of poverty level. HB718
Prohibit use of for college scholarships for persons not receiving TANF benefits. HB715

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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
Increase monthly benefit amount for. HB574

The Mississippi Fatherhood Initiative Fund
Create. HB338

The Right to Contraception Act
Create. HB1154

Tobacco tax
Tax vapor products and use revenue for certain mental health purposes.
HB990

Trauma care system
Increase certain assessments and fees to fund. HB1628

Trauma Care Systems Fund
Revise composition of and eliminate Escrow Fund. HB1636

Vaccinations
Provide for standard procedures for obtaining medical exemption from any
required. HB1650

Vaccine exemption
Authorize for religious, philosophical or conscientious reasons. HB1506

Water Quality Accountability Act
Create. HB1416

PUBLIC PROPERTY

Alcorn University Extension Annex
Rename the "Dr. Jesse Harness, Sr., Extension and Research Center".
HB1207

Department of Public Safety Headquarters
Transfer facility in Jackson, MS to UMMC. HB1261

EMS Memorial
Health Department shall design and construct to honor EMS personnel who
died in line of duty. HB995

Historic Courthouse Fund
Create to provide grants to counties for maintenance/restoration of historic
courthouses. HB566

Mississippi Development Authority
Authorize to sell certain real property for less than fair market value. HB1545

Public procurement laws
Exempt certain purchases and contracts for landmark buildings from. HB1615

SAFER Act
Create to regulate public buildings. HB1428

Satanic displays and symbols
Prohibit on public property. HB1282

State Board of Mental Health:
Authorize DFA to purchase certain real property in Tupelo, MS, on behalf of.
HB975
Authorize DFA to sell and convey certain real property on behalf of to City of
Water Valley, MS. **HB974**

Universal Changing Tables Installation Incentive Grant Program Act
Create to provide incentives for installation of changing tables in restrooms.
HB881

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Acceptance or offer of gifts
Revise provisions relating to. **HB1664**

Applications for certificate of public convenience and necessity for new transmission
facilities

Bring forward provisions of law relating to. HB1503

BEAM
Prohibit from accepting gifts or other benefits from any broadband service provider, vendor, or contractor. **HB1471**

Broadband equipment speed
Increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. HB618

Broadband
Revise the definition of "equipment used in the deployment of broadband technologies" for certain purposes. HB1322

Electric Power Association Law
Bring forward entirely and amend election provisions of. HB187

Electronic bids
Authorize public utilities to provide system for submittal of as additional option.
HB1648

Emergency communications districts
Require to implement text-to-911 services by a certain date. HB360

Excavation
Revise procedures and require white lining in certain stances. HB1063

Municipally owned or operated electric utility
Revise provisions relating to adequacy of service and receivership. HB1484

Office of Broadband Expansion and Accessibility of Mississippi
Require director to appoint administrator to establish local technology planning teams. HB662

Power lines
Prohibit a person from placing objects on. HB945

Public Service Commission:
Extend repealer on its creation and powers and duties. HB752
Revise jurisdiction for municipal owned utilities for rate increases for customers more than a mile from municipal boundary. HB594

Public Service Commission
Remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. HB1116

Public Utilities Staff
Remove from the provisions of the MS Budget Transparency and Simplification Act. HB1117

Public utilities
Require owners or operators of to be responsible for maintaining underground lines up to the meter. HB1522

Telephone solicitors:
Prohibit calls regarding Medicare supplements and to consumers opting out of all calls. HB1352
Prohibit from making any solicitation regarding Medicare Advantage Plans.
HB1350

Utility Service
Prohibit governmental entity from enacting any regulation that restricts the use of any appliance based on the type of. HB947

Utility shutoffs
Revise Governor's authority regarding. HB540

RULES

100 Raveno Boys
Commend service in WWII and designate June 6-7, 2024, as "Eternal Heroes Memorial Days" in Mississippi. HR89

2023 Keath Killebrew Memorial Rodeo
Commend upon winning awards from the International Pro Rodeo Association.
HR120

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Alan Hunter

Commend Millsaps graduate upon being the first VJ on MTV and upon his contributions to film and television. HR132

Alfred Williams

Commend for being the first African American inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame. HR92

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Commemorate observance of AKA Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2024. HR21

American Red Cross

Encourage recognition of March 2024 as American Red Cross Month. HR53

Ameshya Williams Holliday

Commend for being the first Mississippi HBCU player drafted by the WNBA. HR37

Angel Jackson

Commend and congratulate upon being named SWAC's Women's Defensive Player of the Year. HR111

Arthur "Mr. D" Davis

Commend legacy and success of as owner of the "Old Country Store" in Lorman, MS. HR122

Article V Convention

Provide for selection and authority of commissioners. HC48

B.B. King or Elvis Presley

Request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of Jefferson Davis with either. HC7

Belmont High School Lady Cardinals Basketball Team

Commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 3A State Championship. HR103

Bessie Nell Jones

Honor life and legacy upon her passing. HR44

Beulah Baptist Church, in Myrtle, MS

Commend and congratulate on the occasion of its 175th anniversary. HR102

Blue Mountain High School "Lady Cougars" Girls Basketball Team

Commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Girls Basketball State Championship. HR75

Blue

Designate as the state color of Mississippi. HB699

Bobbie Gentry Day

Declare June 3 as. HB312

Bobby Rush

Commend and congratulate on winning his 3rd Grammy. HC43

Bridgette Whiting

Commend upon being named 2023-2024 Star Teacher for the Ocean Springs School District for the second nine weeks. HR142

Brock Mosley

Commend for winning the Folds of Honor Bassmaster Elite at Sabine River. HR99

Brooke O'Hair

Commend and congratulate upon 500th career head coaching win. HR82

Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

Designate the month of October as. HB614

Canton Tigers Varsity Boys Basketball Team

Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. HR74

Charles "Smarty Pants" King, Jr.

Commend for many years educating children and congratulate upon retirement. HR50

Charles Wilson Dismukes

Commend for outstanding service to the foresting industry. HR52

Charleston Harris
Commend and congratulate upon being named "2023 Financial Counselor of the Year". HR93

Charleston High School Tigers Football Team
Commend for winning the 2023 MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR76

Cheryl "Cheri" Merritt Barry
Commend life and legacy upon her passing. HR105

Chief Peggy Sealy
Commend upon retirement as Police Chief of the Hattiesburg Police Department. HR13

Chief Warrant Officer 4s Derek Abbott and Bryan Zemek
Commend distinguished life of service upon their passing. HR100

Chief William Anthony Anderson, Sr.
Honor life and legacy upon his passing. HR107

Christopher Brown
Commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. HR42

Circuit Judge Claiborne "Buddy" McDonald IV
Commend life and legacy upon his passing. HC54

City of Ridgeland
Commend upon the 125th anniversary of its founding. HR110

Civil Rights Memorial Day
Designate the last Monday of April as. HB391

Clinton High School Attaché Show Choir
Commend upon winning 100th Grand Champion title. HC50

Coach Tomekia Reed
Commend upon being named SWAC Coach of the Year and BOXTOROW HBCU National Coach of the Year. HR113

Colonel Randy C. Ginn
Commend upon retirement from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. HR6

Confederate flag
Remove depictions of from the rotunda of the Mississippi State Capitol building. HB1275

Connecting the Dots Foundation, Inc.
Commend in honor of Women's History Month. HR148

Copiah-Lincoln Community College Lady Wolves Softball Team
Commend for winning the 2023 NJCAA Division II Softball National Championships. HR14

Craig Newton
Commend upon his induction into Delta State University's 2024 Sports Hall of Fame. HR137

Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre
Commend esteemed service as 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. HR83

Debra Boswell
Commend work with Mississippi Animal Rescue League. HR101

Delta Academy "Lady Raiders" Basketball Team
Commend for winning MAIS Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. HR69

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Commend and congratulate on the occasion of Delta Days at the Capitol. HR20

Deputy Jeremy Todd Malone
Commend life and legacy of service upon his passing. HC28

Don't Sugarcoat It Day" at the Mississippi State Capitol
Designate April 15, 2024 as. HR123

Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas

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Commend and congratulate upon being named recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. HR49

Dr. Portia E. Ellis
Commend service as State Director of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. HR25

East Union Lady Urchins Powerlifting Team
Commend on winning MHSAA Class 2A State Championship. HR161

Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month
Acknowledge month of May 2024 as for observance. HR86

Ellis "Scott" Slater
Commend life upon his passing. HR114

Emma Cameron
Commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Rodeo America 2024. HR18

Emma Watts
Commend and congratulate upon being crowned Miss Dixie National 2024. HR19

Emmett Till murder:
Issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. HC3
Issue apology for state's role in killers' acquittals. HR7

Eris T. Sims
Commend upon being the NAACP Chief of Staff and for numerous accomplishments with the NAACP. HR147

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Urge to extend authorization for the Gulf LNG Liquefaction Project. HC52

Florence High School "Eagles" Boys Soccer Team
Commend upon winning 2024 MHSAA Class 5A Boys Soccer State Championship. HR80

Florence High School Lady Eagles Soccer Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 5A Soccer State Championship. HR90

Florence High School Varsity Dance Team
Commend upon winning 3A-5A State Championships in Hip Hop and Pom. HR24

Former Representative Benjamin Eric Robinson, Sr.
Mourn loss and commemorate laudable legislative career upon his passing. HR57

Former State Trooper Felicia Breland
Mourn loss and commemorate life, legacy and service of. HR109

Friends of Mississippi Veterans and Mr. Jack Winstead
Commend for philanthropic work and leadership. HC27

George A. Schloegel
Commend life upon his passing. HR51

George County High School
Commend upon winning first ever MHSAA Class 5A Fast Pitch Softball State Championship. HC45

Germantown High School Robotics Team
Commend for winning Sportsmanship Award at the 2024 VEX Robotics World Championship. HR162

Greater Damascus Church of Christ (Holiness) USA
Commend on 160th anniversary. HR145

Hair for Her Day in Mississippi
Observe April 20, 2024. HR130

Hartfield Academy Hawkettes Dance Team
Commend for winning the MAIS Spirit Competition. HR63

Hartfield Academy Hawks Football Team
Commend upon winning MAIS AAAAAA State Championship. HR62

Hartfield Academy Softball Team
Congratulate on winning MAIS State Championship. HR64

Hartfield Academy Varsity Cheerleaders
Commend and congratulate. HR65

Hayden Charles Morgan
Commend upon being named an Eagle Scout. HR33

Head Coach Craig Dailey
Commend for earning sixteen basketball championship titles. HR68

Hilda Moore Turner
Commend her life upon her passing. HC42

House Rules:
Adopt permanent rules for the 2024-2028 term. HR67
Amend Temporary Rules to revise provisions relating to membership on standing committees. HR5
Amend to create a new rule that requires each committee's agenda to be published 24 hours before the meeting. HR30
Amend to require a racial impact statement for all legislation to be attached to each bill. HR8

Indigenous Native American Day
Declare the second Monday in October as. HB352

Indigenous Peoples' Day
Declare second Monday in October as a day of observance. HB883

Ingomar Attendance Center Boys Basketball Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA 2023-2024 Class 2A State Championship. HR158

Ingomar Attendance Center Girls Volleyball Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championship. HR159

Ingomar High School Lady Falcons Basketball Team
Commend for winning 2024 MHSAA Class 2A Girls Basketball State Championship. HR160

Jack and Jill of America's Legislative Day at the Capitol
Recognize February 19, 2024. HR28

Jackson Academy "Raiders" Boys Basketball Team
Commend for winning MAIS Class 6A Boys State Championship. HR138

Jackson Academy Lady Raiders Soccer Team
Commend upon winning MAIS 6A State Soccer Championship. HR136

Jackson Prep "Patriots" Boys Soccer Team
Commend for winning MAIS Division I Championship. HR106

Jackson State University Tigers Women's Basketball Team
Commend for winning the 2024 SWAC Women's Basketball Championship. HR121

Jake "Moffitt the Medalist" Moffitt
Commend and congratulate upon winning back-to-back medalist honors. HR66

Jalani Davis
Recognize and commend for winning the 2024 NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, Women's Weight Throw. HC62

James Harold "Jim" Butler
Mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing. HR16

Jefferson County High School Football Team
Commend upon outstanding football season. HR118

Jimi Jamison
Commend musical legacy of Mississippi native and lead singer of Survivor. HR11

Jimmy Buffett
Commend and celebrate the life and legacy of iconic song writer and businessman and express sympathy upon his passing. HC16

Joe Trotter Dockins
Mourn loss and commemorate the life and legacy of upon his passing. HR149

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John D. Roberts

Commend upon receiving Legion of Honor for valiant and heroic service during World War II. HC46

Joint Rules:

Adopt for 2024-2028 term. HC25

Adopt for 2024-2028 term. HC26

Amend to allow legislators to participate remotely in committee meetings and floor sessions beginning in 2025. HC14

Amend to limit introduction of general bills requiring majority vote to sessions in even-numbered years. HC6

Jordan O'Neal

Commend upon being named 2024 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year. HR119

Juneteenth Freedom Day

Designate June 19 as. HB125

Juneteenth:

Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB390

Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB403

Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB803

Justin Strickler

Commend and congratulate upon being named the State Games of Mississippi "Male Athlete of the Year". HR41

K.T. Robbins

Honor extraordinary service to the United States during WWII. HR104

Ken Evans, Jr.

Commend and congratulate upon being named 2024 SWAC Player of the Year. HR81

L.C. Gladney

Commend extraordinary service in World War II and many contributions to his community. HR71

Lafayette High School Commodores Tennis Team

Commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. HR151

Lafayette High School Tennis Team

Commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A Tennis State Championship. HR154

Laurel High School Lady Golden Tornadoes Basketball Team

Commend and congratulate upon winning Class 5A State Championship. HR143

Lawrence "Bud" Young

Commend distinguished career upon the occasion of his retirement. HC51

Legal holidays

Designate June 19 as Juneteenth Freedom Day. HB963

Legislature

Extend 2024 Regular Session, suspend deadline for certain bills, and set date of sine die adjournment. HC64

Lillian Lilly

Commend upon the production of her first music video and recognize years of service in gospel music industry. HR91

Lisa McGhee Davis

Commend esteemed career with the Mississippi House of Representatives upon the occasion of her retirement. HR152

Locke Ward

Commend for efforts to revitalize our capital city and honor for galvanizing others to do the same. HC49

Logan Aaron Butler

Commend upon being awarded Eagle Scout honor by the Boy Scouts of America. HR31

Louisville High School "Wildcats" Football Team

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Congratulate upon winning the 2023 Class 4A State Championship. HR29
Lt. Colonel Malachi Sanders
Commend upon occasion of retirement as Deputy Director of the Mississippi
Highway Patrol. HR78
Luther Cunningham "L.C." Sims
Commend extraordinary service in World War II and contributions to his
community. HR59
Madison Central High School Tennis Team
Commend upon winning Class 7A State Championship. HR150
Madison Clare (M.C.) Stewart
Commend upon being named the first female Angler of the Year. HR133
Melissa Cookston
Commend success as a restaurateur, chef and author. HC5
Meridian High School Boys Basketball Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 7A State Championship. HR72
Mical Cook
Commend and congratulate upon earning Eagle Scout honor. HR43
Michael E. "Mike" Griffin
Honor life and service of retired officer who died while helping fellowman in
vehicle accident. HR46
Mildred "Madea" Fields Cassidy
Commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. HR84
Miss Vivian O'Neal
Commend upon winning Miss Mississippi 2023. HR23
Mississippi Fire Association
Commend upon occasion of 100th anniversary. HR10
Mississippi Juneteenth Homecoming Weekend 2024
Recognize June 13-16, 2024 as. HC55
Mississippi Juneteenth Homecoming weekend 2024
Recognize June 13-16, 2024 as. HC57
Mississippi Links Day at the Capitol 2024
Commend and honor for outstanding service. HR54
Mississippi Musicians Month
Designate the month of March each year as. **HB365**
Mississippi TRIO Day at the State Capitol
Declare February 21, 2024 as, for observance. HR35
Mother Lorene Gee Cockroft
Commend and congratulate upon the celebration of her 100th birthday. HR116
Mr. Kierre Rimmer
Acknowledge and commend contributions as founder of FlyZone. HR126
Myrtle High School Girls Cross Country Team
Commend on winning MHSAA Class 1A State Championship. HR157
National Commander Daniel J. Seehafer
Commend on election to lead American Legion and welcome to Gautier, MS.
HR27
National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
Commend and congratulate upon its 50th anniversary in 2025. HC30
Neshoba Central High School "Lady Rockets" Girls Basketball Team
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 6A State Championship. HC63
New Albany High School "Lady Bulldogs" Golf Team
Commend for winning the 2023-2024 4A Girls State Championship and being
"back-to-back" champions. HC8
Nita P. Martin
Commend upon being named the first African-American Chief Executive Officer
of Central Mississippi Realtors and contributions to real estate industry.
HR22
Northwest Jackson Middle School

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Commend upon being the #1 rated school in the state. HR131
Northwest Mississippi Community College Dance Team
Commend for winning the 2024 Open Hip-Hop National Championship. HC56
Northwest Mississippi Community College Women's Soccer Team
Commend on winning NCJAA Region 23 Championship. HC44
Northwest MS Community College Cheer Team
Commend for winning 2024 UCA/UDA College Cheerleading National
Championship, Open All-Girl Division. HC41
Olive Branch High School "Conquistadors" Boys Basketball Team
Commend for winning the MHSAA Class 6A Boys Basketball State
Championship. HR98
Pamela D. C. Junior
Commend upon retirement as director of Two Mississippi Museums. HC31
Parker A. Howard
Commend and congratulate upon earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy
Scouts of America. HR32
Patriot's Day
Designate September 11th of each year as. HB642
Peter and Mireille DeBeukelaer
Commend upon success as founders of world-renowned Pirouline wafer cookie
and upon community service. HR141
Phil Pinstein
Commend life and legacy of. HR38
Piney Woods School
Commend on HULU documentary and upon celebrating the 115th anniversary
of its founding. HR87
Port Gibson High School "Blue Waves" Boys Basketball Team
Commend for outstanding 2023-2024 season. HR117
Purvis High School "Tornadoes" Cheerleaders
Commend for placing first at the 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading
Championship. HR134
Raymond High School Basketball Team
Commend upon winning MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR77
Rear Admiral Zeita Merchant
Commend upon becoming the first African-American woman to attain the rank
of admiral. HR146
Recover Reconnect and Rebuild
Commend Sharkey County on occasion of and honor the lives of those lost
during the March 2023 storms. HR88
Recovery Davy 2024 at the Mississippi State Capitol
Observe on February 22, 2024. HR36
Republic of China (Taiwan):
Commend friendship with State of Mississippi and encourage further economic
ties. HC58
Commend friendship with State of Mississippi and encourage further economic
ties. HR124
Reverend Dr. Donald Ellis Wildmon:
Commend life and legacy upon his passing as the founder of American Family
Association. HR125
Commend life and legacy upon the passing of. HR155
Ripley High School Golf Team
Commend upon winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Championship. HR26
Rockford (Rocky) Vaughn
Commend for designing the new Mississippi State Flag. HR153
Rust College:
Commend historical significance and academic excellence of. HR55
Designate March 26, 2024, as Rust College Day at the Capitol. HR56

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Ryan Miller:

Commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). HC47

Commend distinguished service as Executive Director of the Office of Workforce Development (AccelerateMS). HR61

Sam Mosley

Commend upon musical success as member of famed blues band, Mosley and Johnson. HR9

Scott Griffith

Commend upon occasion of his retirement as Elementary Principal of Presbyterian Christian School. HR115

Sedric Scott

Commend upon service to the community as Mississippi State Director of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. HR47

Senator Hiram Revels and Fannie Lou Hamer

Request joint committee on Library of Congress to approve replacement of current statues with statues of. HC12

Sepsis Awareness Month

Recognize September 2024 as. HR12

SFC Clyde Williams

Commend upon winning 2023 Army National Guard Director's 54 Award for State of Mississippi. HR135

Sheriff Troy J. Peterson

Commend upon the occasion of his retirement. HR15

Sheryl West

Commend for being named the 2023 State Gamer of Mississippi Female Athlete of the Year. HR40

Simpson County

Commend upon its Bicentennial Celebration. HR79

South Jones High School "Band of Braves" Marching Band

Commend upon successful championship season of competition. HR95

South Panola High School Varsity Cheerleaders

Commend on winning MHSAA Game Day Cheer Division. HR144

Southern Soul music genre:

Acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of. HC60

Acknowledge Mississippi as the home and birthplace of. HR139

St. Andrews Boys Soccer Team

Commend for winning MHSAA Class 1A Soccer State Championship. HR140

Stamps Super Burgers

Commend upon being named one of the 2024 USA Today Restaurants of the Year. HR60

State holiday:

Exclusively recognize Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on the third Monday of January. HB51

If holiday falls on a Tuesday, then the day before such Tuesday shall also be a holiday. HB123

Observe Robert E. Lee's birthday on the same day as Confederate Memorial Day. HB68

State holidays:

Designate additional legal holidays and days of recognition and observation. HB1097

Remove Confederate Memorial Day as a legal. HB122

State of Mississippi

Declare as "Second Amendment Sanctuary" state. HC19

State of the State address of Governor Reeves

Call joint session. HC29

State vegetable

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Designate sweet potato as. HB989

States' rights
Reaffirm and offer support to Texas in defending its southern border. HC20

Tennis Space Center Capitol Day
Recognize February 29, 2024, as and commend senior leadership team. HR45

Suffrage bills
Require the Rules Committee to establish factors for passage of. HR34

Suspend deadline for introduction
Governmental buildings; regulate. HC65

Suspend deadlines for further consideration of Senate Bill 2753
Revisions to the SAFER ACT. HC66

Swetman Security Service
Commend upon 50th anniversary. HC59

Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week
Recognize the week May 5-11, 2024, as. HC53

Tarik Robinson-O'Hagan
Commend upon winning NCAA Division I national title in shot put. HC61

Texas state sovereignty and the Mexican borders
Express Mississippi's support of Governor Abbott. HR17

The Essie B. and William Earl Glenn Foundation
Commend on occasion of its fifth symposium. HR128

The Piney Woods School
Designate April 10, 2024, as Piney Woods Day at the Capitol. HR73

Theo Carouthers
Commend upon being named 2023 Mississippi Truck Driver of the Year. HR70

Tishomingo County High School Lady Braves Basketball Team
Commend on winning class 4A State Championship. HR108

Tomorrow's 25
Commend individuals selected for inclusion in Mississippi Excellence in Coaching Fellowship. HR85

Tuskegee Airmen Day
Designate the fourth Thursday in March. **HB124**

Union County Heritage Museum
Designate as the official state barbeque museum. HB1330

Wait for It..." Robotics Team
Commend for winning Inspire Award at the MS FIRST® Tech Challenge Championship. HR94

West Jones High School Mustangs Football Team
Commend for many outstanding achievements during the 2023 MHSAA season. HR127

West Jones High School Seastangs Girls Swim Team
Commend on winning Class 2A State Championship. HR129

West Lauderdale High School Lady Knights
Commend for winning 2023 MHSAA Class 4A State Softball Championship. HR97

West Point High School Football Team
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 5A State Championship. HR58

West Union Attendance Center Boys Cross Country Team
Commend upon winning the MHSAA Class 1A Cross Country State Championship. HR156

William Jarrell
Commend upon 100th birthday celebration and for his World War II service. HR48

Winona High School Football Team
Commend for winning MHSAA Class 3A State Football Championship. HR112

Women's Rights
Reaffirm regarding biological differences and protections for women. HC33

Women's Veterans' Day

Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB696

Workers' Memorial Day

Recognize upon occasion of 25th anniversary. HR96

Zauria Clark

Commend upon being named 2023 State Games of Mississippi Youth Athlete of the Year. HR39

STATE AFFAIRS

Administrative Procedures Act

Amend to require notice of proposed rule to include cost. HB1498

Alcoholic beverages:

Allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this State. HB417

Allow direct sales and shipment of certain wines to residents in this state. HB430

Allow direct sales and shipment of certain, revise certain provisions regarding package retailer's permits. HB1561

Allow direct sales and shipments of wine and distilled spirits to be made to residents in this state. HB1280

Allow holders of package retailer's permits to sell on Sunday. HB664

Authorize certain municipalities designated as qualified resort areas to regulate certain matters regarding the sale of. HB1103

Authorize local authorities of wet jurisdiction to permit package retail sales on Sunday. HB329

Authorize municipalities in dry counties vote to come out from under the dry law. **HB1161**

Increase number of package retailer's permits a person may own. HB328

Revise certain provisions regarding locations for sale of. **HB1525**

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. HB1190

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. HB1349

Revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. HB330

Revise policy of state regarding prohibition of. HB777

Revised definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. HB876

Capitol Complex Improvement District:

Extend date on which revisions to boundaries take effect. HB627

Extend date on which revisions to boundaries take effect. HB767

Revise boundaries of. HB1096

Revise boundaries of. HB1487

Capitol police

Clarify jurisdiction to include violations of municipal codes and ordinances. HB1444

Commissioner of Insurance

Authorize to implement an insurance exchange. HB411

Criminal justice agencies

Bring forward sections that regulate. HB1211

Department of Agriculture

Bring forward sections relating to. **HB1357**

Downtown Jackson Revitalization Coalition

Create with national, state and local stakeholders. HB1405

Elected State and District Officers

Extend repealer on authority to exceed salary cap for professionals employed by. HB773

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Insurance exchange:

Authorize Commissioner of Insurance to establish. HB1591

Authorize Commissioner of Insurance to establish. HB1614

Juneteenth National Independence Day

Designate as a legal holiday in the State of Mississippi. HB115

Law enforcement and certain first responders killed in line of duty

Authorize counties and municipalities to provide 30 days of pay to beneficiary.

HB1697

Law enforcement officers and firefighters

Certain shall receive one additional year of creditable services in PERS for every 5 years of service. HB1371

Legislature

Allow retired PERS members to receive a retirement allowance while serving as a member of. HB861

Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law

Authorize governing authorities of certain qualified resort areas to allow package retailer's permits. HB1081

Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Law

Bring forward section of. HB1469

Lottery tickets

Authorize alcohol package retailer's permit holders to be lottery retailers and sell. HB1592

Major medical leave

Expand authorized purposes for the use of by state employees. HB1312

Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services

Bring forward code sections related to. **HB297**

Mississippi Department of Labor:

Create. HB428

Create. HB442

Mississippi Development Authority

Require to conduct review of infrastructures in counties with high rates of poverty. HB116

Mississippi Paid Family and Medical Leave Act

Establish. HB1361

Mississippi Work and Save Program

Create. HB117

Monuments and displays

Prohibit construction of or removal from or on the State Capitol grounds unless authorized by an act of the Legislature. HB932

Parental rights:

Authorize fundamental to direct upbringing of children. HB1047

Establish fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing, education and care of their children. HB815

PERS Board

Require to make investment decisions with sole purpose of maximizing returns. HB1170

PERS:

Allow retirees to work as law enforcement officer for another employer and draw retirement allowance and work full time. HB1387

Bring forward sections relating to. HB1590

Retirees

May be employed full time in critical need or shortage position with PERS employer and draw full benefits. HB1372

Retirement

Allow certain members of PERS to purchase up to three years of creditable service. HB431

Salaries of state officers

Bring forward sections that regulate. HB1619
State agencies procurement
Bring forward code sections related to. HB516
State Auditor
Authorize to review and investigate municipalities under certain prescribed conditions. HB1225
State employees:
Authorize to buy back leave time used while taking FMLA leave. HB1070
Provide for paid leave for caregivers of child to care for child after birth, adoption or foster placement. HB1608
Remove requirement to use one day of personal leave before using major medical leave. HB446
State of Mississippi
Not required to recognize any mandates, orders or laws by any entity that is not a state or federally elected official or body. HB1418

TECHNOLOGY

Social media platforms
Require owners or operators of to regulate advertisement of tobacco and nicotine products. HB1558
Texting software providers
Require to ensure certain encryption and notification features when transmitting text messages. HB1260
Walker Montgomery Protecting Children Online Act
Establish to protect minors from harmful content. **HB1126**

TOURISM

Mississippi Gospel Music Trail
Authorize MDA Division of Tourism to establish program and historical markers for. HB1308
Tourism project sales tax incentive program
Delete prohibition against gaming establishments, bring forward sections of law. HB1523

TRANSPORTATION

Antique boats
Exempt from three year registration renewal requirement. HB1306
Application for privilege license tag for vehicles
Increase from seven to thirty working days. **HB310**
Carrol V. Hood Memorial Highway
Specify parameters of location for designation. **HB1463**
CDL
Exempt county and municipal employees who operate vehicles and equipment in the performance of their job. HB617
Commercial motor vehicles
Extend repealer on authority of Commissioner of Public Safety to create voluntary inspection program. **HB751**
Concrete trucks
Increase maximum gross weight of. HB835
Driver's license:
Prescribe information to be included on and authorize discretionary inclusion of blood type. HB118
Revise certain requirements and create certificate for driving. HB63
Harvest permit

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Authorize issuance for vehicles hauling limestone. HB649

Headlights:

Require motorist to use in adverse driving conditions due to adverse weather or other conditions. HB1185

Require to be used whenever windshield wipers necessitated. HB701

Litter

Authorize MDOT to create certain rules to identify litter owners and increase fines. HB480

Mason Wilbanks Emergency Personnel Observation Memorial Law

Designate provision requiring right-of-way observance for emergency vehicles as. HB109

MDOT

Authorize the transfer and conveyance of certain real property to Greene County Board of Supervisors. **HB1123**

Medal of Honor Trail

Designate portion of Interstate 22 and U.S. Highway 78 within the State of Mississippi as. HB991

Memorial bridge

Designate north bridge on MS Hwy 309 as the "Hubert Ingram Memorial Bridge. **HB823**

Memorial bridges

Designate bridges on U.S. Hwy 72 in Alcorn County, near Burnsville, MS, as the "Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Bridges. HB1432

Memorial highway:

Designate a segment of MS Hwy 15 in Jasper County as the "Major Samuel S. (Coach) King Memorial Highway. **HB619**

Designate a segment of U.S. Highway 45 in Macon, MS as the "Sgt. Travis S. Cooper Memorial Highway. **HB75**

Designate segment of MS Highway 30 in Prentiss County as the "Jamie Neal Guin, PCEPA Lineman, Memorial Highway. **HB1287**

Memorial Highway

Designate segment of MS Hwy 9 in Webster County as the "Corporal William H. "Bill" Seaborn, Jr., Memorial Highway. HB1584

Memorial highways:

Clarify names of certain to reflect official title of U.S. service members for whom they are named. **HB1288**

Designate segment in Marion County as the "Sheriff J.V. Polk Memorial Highway. **HB1216**

Designate segment in Noxubee County as the "Chief Petty Officer Andrew Triplett Memorial Highway". **HB74**

Designate segment in Shannon, Lee County as the "Johnny R. Patterson Memorial Highway. **HB120**

Memorial Highways

Designate segment MS Hwy 513 in Clarke County as "Lance Corporal Mac Hamburg, MSMC, Memorial Highway. **HB1681**

Mississippi Aviation Safety Act

Create. **HB697**

Mississippi Transit Corporation

Establish and create study committee. HB119

Motor vehicle license plates

Allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. HB682

Motor vehicle lien

Authorize mechanic to seek title from title loan company after nonpayment for services. HB121

MS Airport Critical Needs Grant Program

Create. HB1476

MS Transportation Commission
Revise publication and bid requirements for Design-Build projects and allow use of alternate contracting methods. HB940

Open top vehicles and carriers
Require to be covered with tarp while transporting certain items on public roadways. HB1080

Pedestrian crosswalk or skybridge
Conduct study to determine feasibility of constructing at Mississippi Valley State University. HB1543

Railroad crossings
Require MDOT to review all passive crossings to determine if any are particularly dangerous. HB700

Short-line railroad
Authorize certain towns to acquire and operate. **HB1519**

Texting while driving
Change from civil to traffic violation and increase penalty. HB178

Transportation funding
Authorize public-private partnerships to include naming rights. HB702

Utility type vehicles and side-by-sides
Authorize operation of on public nonstriped and gravel roads. HB837

Utility-type vehicles and side-by-side
Authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. HB646

Utility-type vehicles and side-by-sides
Authorize operation of on public county and municipal roads and streets. HB836

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

2024 Mississippi Youthbuild Pilot Program Act
Create with programs at Coahoma and Jones County Community Colleges. HB602

Collegiate voters
Require each public and private four-year postsecondary institution to have an on-campus voting precinct. HB1238

Community and junior colleges:
Authorize board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students. HB1311
Authorize the board of trustees to reduce or waive out-of-state tuition for certain students. HB1395
Authorize to contract or enter into interlocal agreements with local governing authorities for first responders services. **HB1163**
Waive all tuition and costs for graduates of Mississippi high schools. HB463

Continuing education training for police officers
Extend to require for public colleges and universities and PRVWSD officers. HB418

Former Collegiate Athlete Scholarship Program
Create to attract former athletes back to school for teaching degree. HB606

Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act
Establish. HB326

IHL
Continue annual deposits into Ayers Settlement Fund for 10 years and end reductions to Ayers Endowment Trust. HB604

In-state tuition
Provide that 12 months of residency in MS shall constitute eligibility for. HB982

Jackson State University

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Authorize to expand physical boundaries to promote safety on campus.

HB1568

Military education credits and certifications

Require IHL, MCCB and SWIB to develop policy for acceptance of. HB129

Mississippi Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Promise Grant Program

Create. HB1254

Mississippi Promise Scholarship Act of 2024

Establish to provide tuition assistance for tuition-free community college attendance. HB557

Mississippi University for Women

Change name of to "The W" with official nomenclature as "Wynbridge State University of Mississippi". HB1155

Mississippi University Research Authority

Revise and clarify composition of. **HB939**

MS Eminent Scholars Grant Program

Increase maximum annual award amount. HB1057

MS Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act" and "Uniform Athlete Agents Act

Bring forward. HB302

MS Resident Tuition Assistance Grant

Increase annual awards under. HB1058

MTAG Program

Revise eligibility requirements and cap on award amounts. HB994

Public universities and colleges

Require to have epinephrine auto-injectors and AEDs in every building on campus. HB424

Safe Dormitories Act

Establish. HB1521

Sororities and fraternities

Prohibit IHL Board from requiring to accept persons with gender reassignment. HB725

Spouse and children of first responders killed in the line of duty

Provide scholarship for attendance at postsecondary institutions. HB559

State-supported postsecondary educational institutions

Prohibit spending on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. HB127

Student-athletes

Revise various provisions under the Mississippi Intercollegiate Athletics Compensation Rights Act. HB1474

Task Force to Study Restoration of Adequate Funding to Alcorn State University

Create. HB739

Tuition waiver

Provide for certain foster and adopted children and wards of the state to attend a state-supported IHL. HB565

Universities and colleges:

Require to allow MS residents to register for classes before nonresident students. HB693

Require to provide mental health assessments to members of school athletic teams. HB128

WAYS AND MEANS

ABC Warehouse Construction Fund

Prohibit expenditure of monies from until cost of project is determined.(PEER bill). HB1043

Ad valorem tax levy for school districts

Provide levying authority with discretion to approve request by school board. HB596

Ad valorem tax:

Authorize a tax credit for certain refines of oil, gas and petroleum products.

HB1984

Authorize counties to establish minimum revenue amount to be produced by certain property. HB1990

Exempt certain business personal property from. HB787

Exempt certain business personal property from. HB1034

Exempt motor vehicle owned by unremarried surviving spouse of law enforcement officer/employee who died while in performance of official duties. HB640

Revise exemption for university, college, community or junior college foundation property. HB1235

Ad valorem taxation

Provide partial exemption for certain business personal property. HB785

Alcoholic Beverage Control Division warehouse

Increase amount of revenue bonds authorized for and bailment fee authorized for paying debt service on bonds. **HB1354**

Alcoholic beverages:

Revise certain provisions relating to sales to persons under the age of 21. HB659

Revise definition of "qualified resort area" under the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. **HB776**

Alternative-fuel fueling station

Impose tax on motor vehicles charged at. HB439

Bonds:

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving South Second Street. HB89

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pontotoc to with constructing a farmers market building. HB896

Authorize for Poultry Sciences Academic Research Center at Alcorn State University. HB378

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Carrollville Avenue. HB94

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving North Second Street. HB92

Authorize issuance for agricultural facilities and infrastructure upgrades at Alcorn State University. HB373

Authorize issuance for City Plaza Project in Jackson. HB207

Authorize issuance for Community Health and Wellness Center, Inc., health care facility renovations in Isola. HB1735

Authorize issuance for construction a Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture and Math Center at Alcorn State University. HB374

Authorize issuance for construction of a dormitory at Coahoma Community College. HB159

Authorize issuance for construction of a Hydroponics Research and Teaching Greenhouse at Alcorn State University. HB518

Authorize issuance for construction of a new Career and Technical Education building at Forrest County Agricultural High School. HB1175

Authorize issuance for construction of a new elementary school for the Okolona Municipal Separate School District. HB151

Authorize issuance for construction of a new student housing building at Mississippi Valley State University. HB1052

Authorize issuance for housing improvements at Alcorn State University. HB738

Authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University campuses. HB354

Authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University, Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. HB208

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Authorize issuance for improvements at Alcorn State University. HB519
 Authorize issuance for improvements at Grand Gulf Military Park. HB1730
 Authorize issuance for improvements at Mississippi Valley State University.
 HB1745
 Authorize issuance for improvements at the Mississippi Forensics Laboratory
 in Rankin County. HB1849
 Authorize issuance for improvements to Great River Railroad line in Bolivar
 County and Washington County. HB164
 Authorize issuance for improvements to the David L. Whitney Arena Complex
 and Wellness Center at Alcorn State University. HB375
 Authorize issuance for improvements to the Dr. Timothy Burrow Multipurpose
 Building in Jonestown. HB152
 Authorize issuance for improvements to the K.L. Simmons Technology Building
 at Alcorn State University. HB377
 Authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Aviation Heritage
 Museum in Gulfport. HB1898
 Authorize issuance for improvements to the Mississippi Delta Community
 College Law Enforcement Training Academy. HB1838
 Authorize issuance for improvements to Walter Washington Administration and
 Classroom Building at Alcorn State University. HB376
 Authorize issuance for repair and renovation at Mississippi Valley State
 University. HB1053
 Authorize issuance for repair and renovation of Rose E. McCoy Auditorium at
 Jackson State University. HB1831
 Authorize issuance for repair and renovation projects at Mississippi Valley State
 University. HB221
 Authorize issuance for Sharkey County and Town of Rolling Fork at assist in
 paying various disaster recovery costs. HB1734
 Authorize issuance for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund. HB1767
 Authorize issuance for traffic signal at intersection of East Metro Parkway and
 El Dorado Road in Pearl. HB440
 Authorize issuance for various projects in Bolivar County. HB740
 Authorize issuance for various purposes. **HB1983**
 Authorize issuance to assist Anguilla in paying costs of construction of museum
 and visitor center. HB1733
 Authorize issuance to assist Alcorn County with construction of the Fire
 Department Southwest Station No. 2. HB4044
 Authorize issuance to assist Bolivar County with the Terrene Landing River
 Park project. HB969
 Authorize issuance to assist Bolivar County with Town of Alligator water and
 sewer project. HB1713
 Authorize issuance to assist Chickasaw County with improvements to
 Chickasaw County Courthouse in Houston. HB1772
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with improvements to Brickyard
 Street. HB83
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin paving Cox Street. HB85
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 167 gas line
 extension project. HB91
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 170 gas line
 extension project. HB90
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with County Road 6105 water line
 replacement project. HB82
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Bluebell Street. HB86
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Poplar Street. HB95
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Ripley Road. HB84
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Smithy Drive. HB93
 Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with paving Thomas Street. HB87

Authorize issuance to assist City of Baldwin with purchase fire fighting and fire protection equipment. HB88
Authorize issuance to assist City of Belmont with replacement of sewer line. HB4048
Authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with adding a storm shelter at the VFW Club. HB4043
Authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with renovation of building for use as a small business incubator. HB4045
Authorize issuance to assist City of Booneville with sewer restoration project. HB4047
Authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Martin Luther King Park. HB163
Authorize issuance to assist City of Clarksdale with improvements to Sasse Park. HB165
Authorize issuance to assist City of Cleveland in paying costs of Airport Terminal Road extension. HB742
Authorize issuance to assist City of Cleveland with improvements to the Cleveland Municipal Airport. HB1709
Authorize issuance to assist City of Florence with establishment of a new park. HB4038
Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with improvements to its water and sewer systems. HB198
Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with repair and renovation of city parks and golf course. HB161
Authorize issuance to assist City of Greenville with transportation and sewer/water improvements. HB1947
Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with construction of a natatorium. HB1878
Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with improvements to parks and recreational facilities. HB1877
Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with the Mississippi Aquarium's Project Penguin. HB4024
Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with wastewater treatment projects. HB1875
Authorize issuance to assist City of Gulfport with widening Dedeaux Road. HB1876
Authorize issuance to assist City of Hollandale with road and water tank projects. HB1747
Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with construction of a wellness and aquatics center. HB154
Authorize issuance to assist City of Holly Springs with improvements to Mississippi Highway 178. HB219
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a new Fire Station 5. HB531
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a park. HB831
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with construction of a parking lot for the Jackson Convention Center. HB158
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with demolition and removal of blighted properties. HB1883
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Forest Hill Park. HB1882
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Livingston Park. HB1912
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to senior centers, community centers and gymnasiums. HB156
Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with improvements to Sykes Park. HB1881

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Authorize issuance to assist City of Jackson with removal and demolition of certain dilapidated and blighted properties. HB399

Authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with Concord Avenue drainage improvement project. HB551

Authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with stormwater infrastructure projects. HB1188

Authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with stormwater infrastructure projects. HB1750

Authorize issuance to assist City of Natchez with various projects. HB1751

Authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with central business district improvements. HB1494

Authorize issuance to assist City of New Albany with signage project. HB1228

Authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. HB213

Authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. HB214

Authorize issuance to assist City of Okolona with street overlay projects. HB215

Authorize issuance to assist City of Olive Branch with improvements to historic Maples Methodist Church building. HB1059

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with construction of a bridge. HB1197

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with improvements to city hall. HB441

Authorize issuance to assist City of Pearl with U.S. Highway 80 lighting project. HB1198

Authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with improvements to Chappell Hill Road. HB1727

Authorize issuance to assist City of Petal with wastewater infrastructure improvements. HB1726

Authorize issuance to assist City of Rienzi with additions to city hall. HB4046

Authorize issuance to assist City of Rienzi with replacement of two buildings over the city's wells. HB4040

Authorize issuance to assist City of Rosedale with downtown improvements. HB743

Authorize issuance to assist City of Verona with site development related to the Old Town Crossing Project. HB157

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with improvements to recreational facilities. HB1233

Authorize issuance to assist Claiborne County with road improvements. HB1231

Authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with restriping and overlay of a portion of Friars Point Road. HB153

Authorize issuance to assist Coahoma County with Town of Jonestown water and sewer project. HB1714

Authorize issuance to assist Dynamic Dyslexia Design; The 3-D School and Evaluation Center with construction of a new building. HB1180

Authorize issuance to assist Forrest County with purchasing fire trucks for volunteer fire departments in the county. HB1895

Authorize issuance to assist Franklin County with road improvements. HB1724

Authorize issuance to assist Helping Hands Food Pantry in Tupelo with repair and renovation of building. HB222

Authorize issuance to assist Holmes County with improvements to county roads and buildings. HB212

Authorize issuance to assist Jackson Municipal Airport Authority with construction of an emergency access road at Hawkins Field. HB1832

Authorize issuance to assist Marshall County with water and sewer infrastructure improvements in and along Quality Drive. HB4015

Authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Delta Community College with addition to Allied Health/Nursing Building. HB4060
Authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Delta Community College with annex to its Law Enforcement Training Academy. HB4059
Authorize issuance to assist Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance with repair of building and parking lot. HB162
Authorize issuance to assist Panola County with improvements at the Panola County Airport. HB1761
Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with construction of the New Site Community Center. HB4042
Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with purchase of a fire truck for Ingram Volunteer Fire Department. HB81
Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with repairing Wyninegar Road. HB4041
Authorize issuance to assist Prentiss County with repairing Wyninegar Road. HB4049
Authorize issuance to assist Rankin County with Florence-Byram Parkway Project. HB4039
Authorize issuance to assist Scenic Rivers Development Alliance with various projects. HB898
Authorize issuance to assist Southwest Mississippi Community College with campus improvements. HB1187
Authorize issuance to assist Summit Community Development Foundation with development of a public park in the Town of Summit. HB1996
Authorize issuance to assist Sunflower County with constructing facility to house an EOC, fire station and training center. HB4065
Authorize issuance to assist Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress Inc., with constructing an emergency storm shelter. HB4061
Authorize issuance to assist the Holmes County Consolidated School District with construction of a football stadium. HB203
Authorize issuance to assist the Old Union Water Association with system improvements. HB216
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Alligator with water and sewer project. HB199
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Bude with relocation and restoration of the Bude Depot. HB667
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with infrastructure improvements. HB523
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Byhalia with repair and renovation of the Byhalia Old School Commons. HB1760
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Duncan with extending the walking trail in the town. HB202
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Metcalfe with repair and renovation of town park. HB160
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Plantersville with certain projects. HB217
Authorize issuance to assist Town of Sunflower with street improvements. HB4067
Authorize issuance to assist Towns of Pace and Benoit with park improvements. HB741
Authorize issuance to assist Union County with improvements to the Union County Courthouse. HB1495
Authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road projects. HB1749
Authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. HB1748
Authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. HB1827

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Authorize issuance to assist Washington County with road, school and park projects. HB1839

Authorize issuance to assist Washington County with various projects. HB1757

Authorize issuance to assist with repair and renovation of the Rosenwald School in Marshall County. HB209

Authorize issuance to Claiborne County with security improvements to county law enforcement and detention facilities. HB1232

Authorize issuance to provide funds for loans to improve certain properties in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. HB1987

Authorize issuance to provide funds for public school improvements. HB200

Authorize to assist Humphreys County in paying costs of roadway, curb and gutter improvements in Westgate Subdivision. HB1736

Create rural counties and municipalities cellular and broadband grant program and authorize issuance of bonds. HB205

Create small municipalities security cameras and equipment grant program and authorize bonds to provide funds. HB921

Increase amount that may be issued for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund. HB1856

Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB789

Mandate election on issue of county or municipal bonds. HB793

Repeal authorization for certain unissued bonds and replace certain unissued bonds with cash. HB1473

Broadband equipment speed

Increase to FCC requirement regarding ad valorem tax exemption. HB1091

Business Improvement Districts Act

Make various revisions concerning. HB1579

Capitol Complex Improvement District:

Authorize demolition of slum and blighted properties located within. HB298

Authorize incentive for development of property in. HB1665

CCID inferior court

Clarify appeals from and repeal appointment of temporary judges. HB822

Children's Promise Act

Increase amount of tax credits that may be allocated under, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. HB1988

Cigarettes and vape products

Require Commissioner of Revenue to establish separate directories to regulate sales of. HB1660

Cigarettes

Increase excise tax on. HB856

Citizens for Economic Development Act

Create. HB1715

Commissioner of Insurance

Authorize to implement a state insurance exchange, authorize income tax deductions and insurance premium tax credit. HB1647

Corporation franchise tax

Bring forward section of law relating to returns. HB1699

County industrial development authorities certain

Revise certain provisions regarding. **HB1617**

Department of Revenue

Require to provide an interactive taxpayer receipt web-based application on its website. HB1296

Distinctive motor license tag

Reauthorize issuance to supporters of the Moss Point School District. HB1240

Distinctive motor vehicle license tag:

Authorize issuance to supporters of Disability Connection. HB892

Authorize issuance to supporters of the Navy Seabee Foundation. HB893

Authorize issuance to supporters of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. HB721

Bring forward section of law authorizing for members and certain former members of Legislature. HB834

Exempt tag for supporters of Desert of Mississippi Shriners and Daughters AEAONMS, PHA from minimum purchase requirement. HB1570

Exempt tag for supporters of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. from minimum purchase requirement. HB211

Reauthorize issuance to supporters of the former Rosa A. Temple High School. HB802

Reauthorize issuance to supporters of the Pass Christian School District. HB882

Reduce fee for tag with the word "Adoption" used in the design of. HB1369

Distinctive motor vehicle license tags

Reauthorize issuance to supporters of Wildlife Mississippi. HB1199

Distinguished motor vehicle license tag

Authorize issuance to supporters of the Columbia Academy Cougars. HB319

Economic development

Provide loans for certain projects and authorize issuance of bonds for loans. HB1989

Elected officials

Increase surety bond required for certain. HB813

Electric/hybrid vehicles

Repeal sections of law authorizing annual tax on. HB698

Fuel tax

Authorize certain municipalities to impose after an election to be used for road and bridge repair and maintenance. HB380

Growth and Prosperity Act

Bring forward section of law of. HB1505

Health care industry zone

Expand radius for location of certain facilities for certification by MDA as. **HB1417**

Helping Heroes Act

Create to provide support to first responders and public EMS personnel diagnosed with PTSD. HB236

Highway privilege tax on buses and carriers of property

Authorize distribution to cities and towns for roads and bridges. HB894

Homestead exemption:

Increase for honorably discharged veterans 90 years of age or older. **HB1378**

Increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. HB784

Increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. HB998

Increase for persons 65 years of age or older or totally disabled. HB1125

Provide additional exemption for unremarried surviving spouses of disabled persons. HB1759

Revise time within which certain homeowners may apply for. **HB1003**

Hotel construction projects

Authorize sale tax incentive for. HB631

Income tax and ad valorem tax

Authorize a child credit, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. HB1985

Income tax and insurance premium tax

Authorize a credit for certain investments in qualified community development entities. HB1942

Income tax:

Allow credit for investments in qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property. HB542

Allow Department of Human Services to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. HB1698

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Allow DHS to collect debts owed to it through setoff against state income tax refunds. **HB1638**

Authorize a credit for contributions made to certain hospitals. HB321

Authorize a credit for costs incurred for development of certain property in the Capitol Complex Improvement District. HB1939

Authorize a tax credit for certain employers that sponsor skills training for employees. HB1710

Authorize a tax credit for certain tree removal costs. HB1756

Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care center teachers and directors. HB204

Authorize credit for certain child care expenses, child care centers and child care teachers and directors. HB545

Exclude forgiven, cancelled or discharged federal student loan debt under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program from the definition of "gross income". HB1485

Exclude overtime compensation from gross income. HB224

Exclude overtime compensation from gross income. HB476

Extend tax years for employer taxpayer to claim credit for employees' blood donations during blood drive. HB748

Increase credit allowed for employers providing dependent care/dependent care stipend for employees. HB1921

Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal child income tax credit. HB108

Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. HB97

Provide a credit for taxpayers who claim a federal earned income tax credit. HB544

Provide a credit for taxpayers who provide paid maternity and paternity leave for employees. HB1768

Reenact and extend repealer on credit for certain railroad expenditures. **HB624**

Reenact and extend repealer on credit for qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures. HB769

Lauderdale County

Extend repeal date on Tourism Commission and hotel/motel tax, and authorize room occupancy tax. HB4091

Legislative Public Project Grant Program

Create. HB210

Local governments capital improvements revolving loan program

Include municipal natural gas facilities. **HB155**

Mental Health Employee Retention Loan Repayment Program

Create. HB973

Mississippi Flexible Tax Incentive Act

Revise certain provisions of. HB1621

Mississippi School Resource Officers School Safety (MS ROSS) Act

Create to provide funding to local law enforcement agencies. HB1982

Mississippi Site Development Grant Fund

Revise to expand access for certain eligible entities and commercial property investments. HB1578

Motor vehicle license plates

Allow reuse from one vehicle to another vehicle under certain conditions. HB1320

Motor vehicle

Revise requirements for scrapping, dismantling or destroying when owner does not have title in his or her name. HB1544

Motor vehicles:

Provide procedure for licensing rental fleets. **HB1286**

Revise certain provisions regarding discharge of liens and scrapping. **HB1589**

Municipal annexation

Restrict collection of ad valorem taxes until certain services are provided by municipality. HB794

Municipalities and counties trails program

Create and issue bonds to provide funds for. HB1492

Nuclear generating plants:

Repeal provisions of law that provides ad valorem tax exemption for. HB705

Revise distribution of payments made in-lieu ad valorem taxes. HB706

Revise distribution of payments made in-lieu of ad valorem taxes. HB625

Performance bonds

Increase threshold amount in public works contracts. HB1060

Qualified equity investment tax credits

Revise certain provisions and extend authority of Mississippi Development Authority to allocate. HB658

Retailer Tax Fairness Act

Create. HB676

Sales tax and income tax:

Revise certain sales tax provisions, phase out individual income tax. HB4076

Revise certain sales tax rates and diversions, phase out individual income tax. HB1992

Sales tax liability

Revise method of collecting from public offices or employees. HB779

Sales tax:

Bring forward certain section of law authorizing various exemptions. HB908

Create diversion to counties. HB589

Create sales tax diversion to the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District. HB341

Deposit portion of revenue into the Mississippi Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund. HB733

Divert portion of revenue from certain business activities in Marshall County to the county. HB1656

Exempt certain retail sales of electronic devices/educational software and sales of feminine hygiene products. HB201

Exempt certain sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. HB729

Exempt on retail sales of certain electronic devices. HB206

Exempt retail sales of certain food. HB1769

Exempt retail sales of severe weather preparedness items. HB150

Exempt sales of baby/toddler clothing, diapers, diaper bags and rash creams and baby wipes. HB727

Exempt sales of certain equipment and items to volunteer fire departments. HB220

Exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to 5th squad. HB218

Exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to churches. HB1084

Exempt sales of tangible personal property and services to DeafBlind Community of Mississippi. HB1774

Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Lamar County Education Foundation, Inc. HB1700

Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to the Lincoln Civic Center Foundation. HB223

Exempt sales of tangible personal property or services to Veterans Outreach. HB324

Exempt sales tangible personal property and services to the Mississippi Aquarium in Gulfport. HB1138

Exempt sales to/by any tribally chartered corporation or limited liability company of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. HB305

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Exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft.

HB1855

Exempt sales, leases or other retail transfers of certain fixed-wing aircraft.
HB1879

Extend time for exemption on retail sales of school supplies during the last weekend in July. HB591

Increase diversion to municipalities and create diversion to counties. HB651

Increase diversion to municipalities. HB525

Levy additional tax on retail sales of soft drinks. HB1960

Phase out on retail sales of certain food. HB1237

Reduce rate on retail sales of certain food. HB1456

Reduce rate on retail sales of motorcycles. HB369

Reduce rate to 1.5% for retail sales of fencing material and cattle trailers to farmers for agricultural purposes. HB1205

Revise definition of "gross proceeds of sales", "gross income" and "installation charges" and exempt certain services. HB1991

Revise rate regarding certain oil, gas and other mineral resources services, equipment and materials. **HB1764**

Revise time for exemption on retail sales of clothing and school supplies.
HB895

Withhold diversion to a municipality that violates state law. HB444

Serial bonds or single term bonds

Authorize counties and municipalities to issue. HB1359

Starkville-Oktibbeha Consolidated School District

Extend bonding authority until July 1, 2027. **HB1230**

Statute of Limitations

Remove for crimes against children. HB804

Tax credits, various

Bring forward sections of law relating to. HB1642

Tax credits:

Authorize for business taxpayer contributions to certain charitable organizations. HB1884

Authorize for contributions by certain taxpayers to certain hospitals, bring forward various tax credit sections of law. HB1953

Revise provisions regarding eligible charitable organizations assisting with providing health care services to low-income individuals. HB1986

Tax liens

Provide for time within which the Department of Revenue may take action to collect. HB1595

Taxation

Extend repealer on income and ad valorem tax credits for certain contributions to charitable and foster care organizations. HB749

Taxes, various

Bring forwards sections of law authorizing and providing for distribution of revenue. HB1701

Taxes

Increase certain and use revenue to provide assistance to hospitals for uncompensated medical care services. HB447

Tobacco:

Define "heated tobacco product" under tobacco tax law and provide for rate of excise tax. HB1943

Increase excise tax on all products except cigarettes. HB855

Tourism project sales tax incentive program

Bring forward sections of law relating to. HB1623

Unfair Cigarette Sales Law

Increase allowable markup on cigarettes. HB1571

Use tax:

Revise certain provisions regarding funds distributed to municipalities and counties for infrastructure assistance. HB1620
Revise provisions regarding use of funds distributed to municipalities/counties for infrastructure assistance. HB984

WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS

Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks

Expand to nine members. HB188

Deer hunting

Prohibit using dogs for. HB880

Department of Wildlife

Authorize reimbursement for discounts relating to hunting and fishing licenses and other fees. HB300

Dumping dead wildlife

Person shall have hunting license revoked for one year. HB1281

Fishing

Residents who are 65 or older not required to pay fee at any state park or wildlife management area. HB1462

Harvest reporting program for white-tailed deer

Establish. HB1532

Harvest reporting program

Require the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to create for white-tailed deer and wild turkey. HB1061

Hunting and fishing license

Authorize Native Americans to receive free of charge upon providing a tribal identification card. HB884

Hunting and fishing

Reduce license fees for certain disabled veterans. HB370

Hunting

Authorize hunters to wear fluorescent pink as an alternative to fluorescent orange. **HB526**

Mississippi Wild Turkey Stamp

Establish. HB1298

Nonresident hunting and fishing license

Authorize for nonresident natives of Mississippi. HB1313

Open season on deer

Extend to February 28 for hunting with both primitive weapons and guns without dogs. HB1555

Open Season

Revise dates for fur-bearing animals and hunting opossums, raccoons and bobcats with dogs and guns. **HB1206**

Sale of game animals

Prohibit unless permitted by an act of the Legislature. HB731

State park fee

Authorize MDWFP to provide discount to senior citizens age 65 and older. HB796

White-tailed deer:

Prohibit restricting translocation of between permitted enclosures. HB1331

Provide certain provisions relating to the taking of during the closed season. HB1574

Wildlife:

Provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. HB43

Provide that the state has a duty to protect and sustain for the public's benefit. HB732

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Career pathways initiative
Provide for development of to increase access to educational credentials for higher-paying jobs. HB548

Childcare Teachers Wage Incentive Program
Create. HB907

Community and junior colleges
Expand workforce development partnerships. HB588

Comprehensive Career and Technical Education Reform Act
Revise certain portions of regarding industry certification and grants. HB1604

Fair Minimum Wage Act
Create. HB16

Income tax
Authorize credit for employers of convicted felons, prohibit certain criminal record/history checks. HB14

Minimum wage:
Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB71
Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB575
Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB584
Establish at \$10.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB830
Establish at \$15.00 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB67
Establish at \$8.50 and set requirements for exemptions and overtime. HB306

Mississippi Act WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) Scholarship Program Create. HB175

Mississippi Skill Standards Board
Create an advisory board on industry standards. HB15

MS Office of Workforce Development
Extend exemption from Public Procurement Review Board rental agreement requirements. **HB770**

Office of Workforce Development
Authorize to work with MS Alliance of Nonprofits and Philanthropy to create an accountability system. HB1274

Overpayment of unemployment benefits
Prohibit interest accrual or fees assessed by MDES when no fault overpayment. HB598

Paramedics Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program
Create. HB1013

State Workforce Investment Board Executive Committee
Revise makeup to require a person 35 or younger to serve as nonvoting member on. HB720

Unemployment compensation benefits
Revise duration of. HB1032

Unemployment compensation:
Increase maximum weekly benefit amount. HB1145
Revise weekly benefit amount for. HB555

Workforce development fund
Bring forward code section on. **HB1567**

Workforce development
Curriculum and education; bring forward code sections related to. HB1662

Youth Employment Grant Program
Create. HB499

YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS

Child Care for Working Families Study Committee
Establish. HB185

**PART VI
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
BY DISTRICT AND COUNTIES**

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By District and Counties**

Districts

- 1 – Alcorn, Tishomingo
(R) Lester Carpenter, 128 Jefferson St, Burnsville, MS 38833
- 2 – Alcorn
(R) Bradford L. Mattox, 427 CR 560, Corinth, MS 38834
- 3 – Alcorn, Prentiss
(R) William Tracy Arnold, 301 Wyninegar Rd, Booneville, MS 38829
- 4 – Alcorn, Tippah
(R) Jody Steverson, 125 Woodridge, Ripley, MS 38663
- 5 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate
(D) John G. Faulkner, P.O. Box 5995, Holly Springs, MS 38634
- 6 – DeSoto
(R) Justin Keen, 14277 Glynn Valley Street, Byhalia, MS 38611
- 7 – DeSoto
(R) Kimberly Remak, 5240 Wedgewood Drive, Olive Branch, MS 38654
- 8 – Lafayette, Tate
(R) John Thomas “Trey” Lamar, III, 214 South Ward St, Senatobia, MS 38668
- 9 – Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica
(D) Cedric Burnett, P.O. Box 961, Tunica, MS 38676
- 10 – Panola, Lafayette
(R) Josh Hawkins, 385 Highway 51 N, Batesville, MS 38606
- 11 – Panola, Tate
(D) Lataisha Jackson, P.O. Box 358, Como, MS 38619
- 12 – Lafayette
(R) Clay Deweese, 5006 Bluff Cove, Oxford, MS 38655
- 13 – Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union
(R) Steve Massengill, 424 Massengill Rd, Hickory Flat, MS 38633
- 14 – Union
(R) Sam J. Creekmore, IV, 1315 South Central Ave, New Albany, MS 38652
- 15 – Pontotoc
(R) Beth Luther Waldo, 4004 Highway 9 S, Pontotoc, MS 38863
- 16 – Lee, Monroe
(D) Rickey W. Thompson, 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, MS 38868
- 17 – Lee
(R) Shane Aguirre, 709 Highland Cir, Tupelo, MS 38804

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BY DISTRICT AND COUNTIES**

18 – Lee, Prentiss, Union

(R) Jerry R. Turner, 1290 Carrollville Ave, Baldwyn, MS 38824

19 – Itawamba, Lee

(R) Randy P. Boyd, P.O. Box 157, Mantachie, MS 38855

20 – DeSoto

(R) Rodney Hall, P. O. Box 1301, Southaven, MS 38671

21 – Itawamba, Tishomingo

(R) Donnie Bell, 836 Tucker Rd, Fulton, MS 38843

22 – Chickasaw, Pontotoc

(R) Jon Lancaster, 463 CR 85, Houston, MS 38851

23 – Calhoun, Lafayette, Pontotoc, Webster

(R) Andrew Stepp, P.O. Box 656, Bruce, MS 38915

24 – DeSoto

(R) Jeff Hale, 2303 Westwind Drive, Nesbit, MS 38651

25 – DeSoto

(R) Dan Eubanks, P.O. Box 184, Walls, MS 38680

26 – Bolivar, Coahoma

(D) Orlando Paden, P.O. Box 1626, Clarksdale, MS 38614

27 – Leake, Scott, Madison, Attala

(D) Kenji Holloway, 143 Yellow Creek Road, Carthage, MS 39051

28 – DeSoto

(R) W.I. "Doc" Harris, 1966 Robertson Road, Hernando, MS 38632

29 – Bolivar, Sunflower

(D) Robert Sanders, 925 S Martin Luther King, Cleveland, MS 38732

30 – Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie

(D) Tracey T. Rosebud, P.O. Box 181, Tutwiler, MS 38963

31 – Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington

(D) Otis L. Anthony, II, P.O. Box 962, Indianola, MS 38751

32 – Leflore

(D) Solomon C. Osborne, 216 Star St, Greenwood, MS 38930

33 – Harrison

(R) Jim Estrada, 25732 Highway 53, Saucier, MS 39574

34 – Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie

(R) Kevin Horan, P.O. Box 2166, Grenada, MS 38901

35 – Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston

(R) Joey Hood, P.O. Box 759, Ackerman, MS 39735

36 – Clay, Monroe

(D) Karl Gibbs, 5545 George Walker Rd, West Point, MS 39773

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- 37 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha
(R) Andy Boyd, 129 Whispering Trees, Columbus, MS 39702
- 38 – Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha
(D) Cheikh Taylor, 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, MS 39759
- 39 – Lowndes, Monroe
(R) Dana Underwood McLean, 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, MS 39705
- 40 – DeSoto
(D) Hester Jackson-McCray, 3420 Laurelwood St, Horn Lake, MS 38637
- 41 – Lowndes
(D) Kabir Karriem, 1326 15th St N, Columbus, MS 39701
- 42 – Lowndes, Noxubee, Winston
(D) Carl L. Mickens, P.O. Box 427, Brooksville, MS 39739
- 43 – Oktibbeha, Winston
(R) Rob Roberson, 212 E Main St, Starkville, MS 39759
- 44 – Leake, Neshoba
(R) C. Scott Bounds, 45 Carla Drive, Philadelphia, MS 39350
- 45 – Kemper, Lauderdale, Neshoba, Winston
(D) Keith K. Jackson, 95 Zackery Road, Preston, MS 39354
- 46 – Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Webster
(R) Karl Oliver, P.O. Box 95, Winona, MS 38967
- 47 – Attala, Holmes, Yazoo
(D) Bryant W. Clark, 271 Clark Rd, Pickens, MS 39146
- 48 – Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake
(R) Jason White, P. O. Box 246, West, MS 39192
- 49 – Washington
(D) Willie L. Bailey, P.O. Box 189, Greenville, MS 38702
- 50 – Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington
(D) John W. Hines, Sr., P.O. Box 114, Greenville, MS 38701
- 51 – Humphreys, Sharkey, Holmes, Yazoo, Leflore
(D) Timaka James-Jones, 210 Central Avenue, Belzoni, MS 39038
- 52 – DeSoto, Marshall
(R) Bill Kinkade, 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, MS 38611
- 53 – Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike
(R) Vince Mangold, 1276 Wellman Drive SE, Brookhaven, MS 39601
- 54 – Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo
(R) Kevin Ford, 206 Willow Way, Vicksburg, MS 39183
- 55 – Warren
(D) Oscar Denton, 5024 Rollingwood Est Drive, Vicksburg, MS 39180

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56 – Hinds, Madison

(R) Clay Mansell, 105 E Main Street, Clinton, MS 39056

57 – Madison

(D) Lawrence Blackmon, P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215

58 – Madison

(R) Jonathan McMillan, 483 Cherry Hill Drive, Madison, MS 39110

59 – Rankin

(R) Brent Powell, P. O. Box 5454, Brandon, MS 39047

60 – Rankin

(R) Fred Shanks, 107 Lori Circle, Brandon, MS 39042

61 – Rankin

(R) Gene Newman, 801 Country Place Drive, Pearl, MS 39208

62 – Rankin, Simpson, Copiah

(R) Lance Varner, P. O. Box 1294, Florence, MS 39073

63 – Hinds, Warren, Yazoo

(D) Stephanie McKenzie Foster, 120 Western Hills Drive, Jackson, MS 39212

64 – Hinds, Madison

(I) Shanda Yates, P.O. Box 16409, Jackson, MS 39236

65 – Hinds

(D) Christopher Bell, 510 George St, Ste 239, Jackson, MS 39202

66 – Hinds

(D) Fabian A. Nelson, 118 Byram Parkway, Ste. C, Byram, MS 39272

67 – Hinds

(D) Earle S. Banks, P.O. Box 2539, Jackson, MS 39215

68 – Hinds, Rankin

(D) Zakiya Summers, P.O. Box 21210, Jackson, MS 39289

69 – Hinds

(D) Grace Butler-Washington, P. O. Box 2035, Jackson, MS 39225

70 – Hinds

(D) Bo Brown, P.O. Box 3434, Jackson, MS 39207

71 – Hinds

(D) Ronnie C. Crudup, Jr., P.O. Box 7003, Jackson, MS 39282

72 – Hinds, Madison

(D) Justis Gibbs, 1223 Hallmark Drive, Jackson, MS 39206

73 – Madison

(R) Jill Ford, P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215

74 – Rankin

(R) Lee Yancey, P.O. Box 4215, Brandon, MS 39047

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- 75 – Madison, Rankin, Scott
(R) Celeste Hurst, P. O. Box 475, Sandhill, MS 39161
- 76 – Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds
(D) Gregory Holloway, Sr., 115 Edgewood Drive, Hazlehurst, MS 39083
- 77 – Rankin, Simpson
(R) Price Wallace, 125 Price Wallace Drive, Mendenhall, MS 39114
- 78 – Leake, Newton, Scott
(R) Randy Rushing, P.O. Box 424, Decatur, MS 39327
- 79 – Jasper, Smith
(R) Mark K. Tullos, P.O. Box 505, Raleigh, MS 39153
- 80 – Clarke, Jasper, Jones
(D) Omeria Scott, 615 E 19th St, Laurel, MS 39440
- 81 – Clarke, Lauderdale
(R) Stephen A. Horne, 5904 Causeyville Rd, Meridian, MS 39301
- 82 – Lauderdale
(D) Charles Young, Jr., P.O. Box 5393, Meridian, MS 39302
- 83 – Lauderdale
(R) Billy Adam Calvert, P.O. Box 5774, Meridian, MS 39302
- 84 – Clarke, Jasper, Newton
(R) Troy Smith, 320 Smith Ridge Lane, Enterprise, MS 39330
- 85 – Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren
(D) Jeffery Harness, P.O. Box 758, Fayette, MS 39069
- 86 – Greene, Perry, Wayne
(R) Shane Barnett, P.O. Box 621, Waynesboro, MS 39367
- 87 – Forrest, Lamar
(R) Joseph Tubb, 30 Pin Oak Lane, Purvis, MS 39475
- 88 – Jones
(R) Charles Blackwell, 50 Blackwell Loop, Ellisville, MS 39437
- 89 – Jones
(R) Donnie Scoggin, 1203 Pine St, Ellisville, MS 39437
- 90 – Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson
(R) Noah Sanford, P.O. Box 1900, Collins, MS 39428
- 91 – Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson
(D) Bob Evans, P.O. Box 636, Monticello, MS 39654
- 92 – Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln
(R) Becky Currie, 407 Oliver Drive, Brookhaven, MS 39601
- 93 – Hancock, Pearl River, Stone
(R) Timmy Ladner, 6 Michael D. Smith Rd, Poplarville, MS 39470

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BY DISTRICT AND COUNTIES**

94 – Adams, Franklin, Jefferson

(D) Robert L. Johnson, III, P.O. Box 1678, Natchez, MS 39121

95 – Hancock, Harrison

(R) Jay McKnight, 22160 Highway 53, Gulfport, MS 39503

96 – Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson

(I) Angela Cockerham, P.O. Box 613, Magnolia, MS 39652

97 – Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike

(R) Sam C. Mims, V, 605 Lakeshore Drive, McComb, MS 39648

98 – Pike, Walthall

(D) Daryl L. Porter, Jr., P.O. Box 772, Summit, MS 39666

99 – Lamar, Marion, Walthall

(R) Bill Pigott, 92 Pigott-Easterling Rd, Tylertown, MS 39667

100 – Lamar, Marion

(R) Ken Morgan, 1640 Highway 587, Morgantown, MS 39483

101 – Lamar

(R) Kent McCarty, 13 Leaf Lane, Hattiesburg, MS 39402

102 – Forrest, Lamar

(R) Missy Warren McGee, P.O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, MS 39404

103 – Forrest

(D) Percy W. Watson, P.O. Box 1767, Hattiesburg, MS 39403

104 – Forrest

(R) Larry Byrd, 17 Byrd Rd, Petal, MS 39465

105 – Greene, Perry, George

(R) Elliot Burch, P. O. Box 1215, Lucedale, MS 39452

106 – Lamar, Pearl River

(R) Jansen Owen, P.O. Box 249, Poplarville, MS 39470

107 – George, Stone

(R) Steve Lott, 125 Ashton Drive, Lucedale, MS 39452

108 – Pearl River

(R) Stacey Hobgood Wilkes, P.O. 1165, Picayune, MS 39466

109 – George, Jackson

(R) Manly Barton, 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, MS 39562

110 – Jackson

(D) Jeramey D. Anderson, P.O. Box 311, Escatawpa, MS 39562

111 – Jackson

(R) Jimmy Fondren, 906 Convent Avenue, Pascagoula, MS 39567

112 – Jackson

(R) John Read, 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, MS 39552

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113 – Jackson

(R) Henry Zuber, III, 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

114 – Harrison, Jackson

(R) Jeffrey S. Guice, P.O. Box 549, Ocean Springs, MS 39566

115 – Harrison

(R) Zachary Grady, P. O. Box 6326, D'Iberville, MS 39540

116 – Harrison

(R) Casey Eure, 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, MS 39574

117 – Harrison

(R) Kevin Felsher, P.O. Box 4721, Biloxi, MS 39535

118 – Harrison

(R) Greg Haney, 104 45th St, Gulfport, MS 39507

119 – Harrison

(D) Jeffrey Hulum, III, P. O. Box 1387, Gulfport, MS 39502

120 – Harrison

(R) Richard Bennett, 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, MS 39560

121 – Harrison

(R) Carolyn Crawford, 26339 Camille Drive, Pass Christian, MS 39571

122 – Hancock

(R) Brent Anderson, 19033 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556

PART VII
BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SPEAKER

White, Jason; P.O. Box 246, West, 39192. 48 - Attala, Carroll, Holmes, Leake. Representative White was born on December 28, 1972 and married to the former Jolynn McLellan. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College School of Law, Mississippi College. Attorney. Representative White is a member of the MS BAR Association (President), Attala County BAR Association (President), West Historical & Preservation Society, Board of Directors, Attala County Forestry Association, and Attala County Farmers Co-op. House 2012-Present. Republican.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Barton, Manly; 7905 Pecan Ridge, Moss Point, 39562. 109 - George, Jackson. Representative Barton was born on March 14, 1949, in Mobile, Alabama, and is married to the former Sarah Thornton. They are of the Methodist faith. Alabama Christian College, Vancleave High School. Retired, Systems Analyst, Chevron. Representative Barton is a member of the Military Order Purple Heart, American Legion, VFW, NRA, and East Central Civic Association. He also served as Jackson County Supervisor for twelve years. House 2012-Present. Republican.

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Aguirre, Shane Michael; 709 Highland Cir., Tupelo, 38804. 17 - Lee. Representative Aguirre was born on December 11, 1972 in Tupelo, MS. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University of Mississippi; Accountant; House 2016-Present. Republican.

Anderson, Jeramey; P. O. Box 311, Escatawpa, 39562. 110 - Jackson. Representative Anderson was born on December 6, 1991 in Pascagoula, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Tulane University, Pearl River Community College, Moss Point High School. Executive Director. Representative Anderson is a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Jackson County Alumni, Foundation For a Brighter America (ED), Real South United FC (CEO), the Knights of Peter Clover and Let America Vote Advisor. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Anderson, Brent; P. O. Box 4601, Bay St. Louis, 39521. 122 - Hancock. Representative Anderson was born on October 17, 1972 in Gulfport, MS and is married to Maureen Hennessey Anderson. They are of the Catholic Faith. MS Dept. of Health, MS Fire Academy. Bay High School. Public Works Administration. Representative Anderson is affiliated with Knights of Columbia, Coastal Conservation Association, Hancock Co. Sportsman Club, GOP, and St Clare Church.; House 2020-Present. Republican.

Anthony, II, Otis; P. O. Box 962, Indianola, 38751. 31 - Bolivar, Humphreys, Sunflower, Washington. Representative Anthony was born on July 12, 1979 in Indianola and is married to the former Porchia Caldwell. They are of Christian Baptist denomination. Tougaloo College, Political Science Pre law, Agape Bible College, Theology. Pastor, Financial Advisor, and Insurance. Representative Otis is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated and Cutting Edge Gentlemen's Club. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Arnold, William Tracy; 3 - Alcorn, Prentiss. Representative Arnold was born on February 14, 1969 in Prentiss County and married to the former Neecy Shook. They are of the Christian faith. Logos Bible College and New Site High School. Senior Pastor of The Vineyard Church. Representative Arnold is a member of the Farm Bureau, NRA, and Pro-life. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Bailey, Willie; P. O. Drawer 189, Greenville, 38702. 49 - Washington. Representative Bailey was born on April 25, 1946 in Isola and is of the Methodist faith. Tougaloo College, George Washington University, Law School; Attorney; Representative Bailey is affiliated with the Tougaloo College National Alumni Association and the Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is a former judge. House 1995-Present. Democrat.

Banks, Earle S.; P. O. Box 2539, Jackson, 39207. 67 - Hinds. Representative Banks was born on June 25, 1954 in Jackson. He is of the Catholic faith. Jackson State University (JSU) and Mississippi College School of Law. Occupation: Attorney, Funeral Director. Representative Banks is associated with the Mississippi and National Funeral Directors & Morticians Association and Magnolia and Mississippi Bar Associations. He is active in the JSU Foundation and many other community organizations. House 1993-Present. Democrat.

Barnett, Shane; 86 - Greene, Perry, Wayne. Representative Barnett was born on July 4, 1986 in Laurel, MS. He is of the Roman Catholic faith. Jones County Junior College; Real Estate Appraiser; Representative Barnett is affiliated with the Rotary Club; House 2016-Present. Republican

Bell, Donnie; 836 Tucker Rd, Fulton, 38843. 21 - Itawamba, Tishomingo. Representative Bell was born on March 3, 1963 in Tupelo Mississippi. He is married to the former Nelda Higginbotham. Itawamba Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S.; Teacher; Representative Bell is a member of the Farmhouse Fraternity. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Bell, Christopher; 510 George St Suite 239, Jackson, 39202. 65 - Hinds. Representative Bell was born in Chicago, Illinois and is of the United Methodist faith. Jackson State University; Insurance Broker; Omega Psi Phi, Board of Trustees Leadership Greater Jackson, Anderson United Methodist Church, Sunrise Rotary Club, Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and Anderson Outreach CDC Board. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Bennett, Richard; 20108 Daugherty Rd, Long Beach, 39560. 120 - Harrison. Representative Bennett was born on June 25, 1957 and is married to the former Tricia Clark. He is of the Catholic Faith. Gulf Coast Jr. College, University of Southern Miss; Retired - 29 years DuPont. Representative Bennett is a member of the Foreign Trade Zone, Gulf Coast Council of Governments, Long Beach Drug Task Force, and Hazard Mitigation Council. House 2008-Present. Republican.

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Blackmon, Lawrence; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39215. 57 - Madison. Representative Blackmon is an Attorney. House 2024-Present. Democrat.

Blackwell, Charles; 50 Blackwell Loop, Ellisville. 88 - Jones. Representative Blackwell was born on November 21, 1962, in Oxford. He is married to Dianne Craft.. He is of the Christian faith. South Jones High School, University of South Alabama, University of Southern Mississippi; B.S. and M.S., Mississippi School of Law; J.D. Attorney. House. 2024-Present. Republican.

Bounds, C. Scott; 45 Carla Drive, Philadelphia, 39350. 44 - Leake, Neshoba. Representative Bounds was born on February 12, 1962 in Philadelphia and is married to the former Jennifer Cheatham. He is of the Baptist faith. Philadelphia High School, Mississippi State University. Territory Manager - Working Solutions, LLC. Representative Bounds is a member of the NRA, Wildlife Mississippi, the Mississippi Wildlife Federation, Neshoba County Forestry Assn., Neshoba County Farm Bureau, the Community Development Partnership and is Vice-President and Program Director of the Neshoba County Fair Association. Representative Bounds also serves on the National Association of Sportsmen's Caucus Executive Council and serves as Co-Chair of the Mississippi Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus. House 2004-Present. Republican

Boyd, Andy, 129 Whispering Trees, Columbus, 39702. 37 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Boyd is affiliated with Fairview Baptist Church, Kiwanis Club and YMCA. Representative Boyd was born on June 26, 1957, in Columbus, Mississippi. He is married to Sherry Lee Boyd and they are of Baptist Faith. House 2023-Present. Republican.

Boyd, Randy P.; P.O. Box 157, Mantachie, 38855. 19 - Itawamba, Lee. Representative Boyd was born on March 23, 1954 in Russellville, Alabama, and married to the former Sherry Holland. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi State University, Itawamba Community College, Tremont High School. Forester, Land Surveyor. Representative Boyd is a member of the Mantachie Lion's Club, M.A.P.S., S.A.F., M.F.A., and Deacon's Board. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Brown, Bo; P.O. Box 3434, Jackson, 39207. 70 - Hinds. Representative Brown was born on November 8, 1949, and is married to the former Imelda Anderson. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tennessee State University B.A.; Political Science; Jackson State University M.P.P.A Public Policy and Administration; , Post Graduate, University of Santa Clara (CA) Urban Affairs. Insurance Broker. New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church and Board of Trustees, BelAir Homeowners' Association, Tennessee State University Alumni Association , Jackson State University Alumni Association, YMCA, Jackson Association of Life Underwriters and Financial Planners, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Member of Lodge #242- Prince Hall Masons- M W Stringer Grand Lodge, F&AM State of Mississippi. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Burch, Elliot; P. O. Box 1215, Lucedale, 39452. 105 - Greene, Perry, George. Representative Burch was born on February 2, 1985, in Hattiesburg, and is married to the Brittany Horne Burch. He is of the Christian faith. Jones County Junior College; A.A., William Carey University; B.S., Mississippi College School of Law; J.D. Attorney. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Burnett, Cedric; 9 - Coahoma, Quitman, Tate, Tunica. Representative Burnett was born on February 24, 1966, in Sardis and is married to the former Tishia Holloway. They are of the Methodist denomination. Northwest Community College, University of Memphis. Mortician. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Butler-Washington, Tamarra (Grace); P. O. Box 2035, Jackson, 39225. 69 - Hinds. Representative Grace Butler-Washington was born on October 29, 1974, and is married to Brain D. Washington. They have one son, Brian E. Washington. Representative Butler-Washington is a member of the American Public Health Association, the American Political Science Association, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club, the National Council for Negro Women, and the Hinds Co. Federation of Democratic Women. They are of the Baptist faith. Jackson Public Schools, Alcorn State University; B.A., University of Southern Mississippi; M.A. Director - Public Health, MSDH. House 2024-Present. Democrat.

Byrd, Larry; 17 Byrd Rd, Petal, 39465. 104 - Forrest. Representative Byrd was born on August 1, 1948, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Devereaux. He is of the Southern Baptist faith. Petal High School. Contractor. Representative Byrd is a member of the Petal Chamber of Commerce, Macedonia Baptist Church, Petal Masonic Lodge no. 516 Hattiesburg York, K.Y.C.H. & Scottish Rite 32 degrees Bodies, K.C.C.H., V.F.W. Life Member, and U.S. Army Veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Calvert, Billy Adam; P.O. Box 5774, Meridian, 39302. 83 - Lauderdale. Representative Calvert was born in Meridian and is married to the former Jessica Courville. They are of the Christian faith. University of Mississippi 2002; East Central Community College; Kemper Academy. CEO of Southern Business Supply; Farmer. Representative Calvert is a member of the NRA; Gun owners of America; U of M (Mclub). House 2020-Present. Republican.

Carpenter, Lester; 8 Carpenter Drive, Burnsville, 38833. 1 - Alcorn, Tishomingo. Representative Carpenter was born on September 1, 1970, and is married to Niesha Carpenter. They have one son, Noah Carpenter. They are of the Methodist faith. Burnsville High school, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Paramedic School, Wallace State Community College. Paramedic. Representative Carpenter is the current chairman of the Mississippi House of Representatives Conservative Coalition, Burnsville area Chamber of Commerce, Tishomingo Economic Foundation, and affiliated with Boy Scouts of America. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Clark, Bryant W.; 271 Clark Road, Pickens, 39170. 47 - Attala, Holmes, Yazoo. Holmes Community College; AA, Mississippi Valley State; BS, Mississippi college School of Law; JD; Attorney. Representative Clark is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Magnolia Bar Association. He is the President of the Holmes County NAACP. He was born October 31, 1974 in Jackson and is of the Baptist faith. House 2004-Present. Democrat.

Cockerham, Angela; Post Office Box 613, Magnolia, 39652. 96 - Adams, Amite, Pike, Wilkinson. Ms. Cockerham was born in Jackson, Mississippi. She is of the Baptist faith. Jackson State University; B. A., Loyola University-New Orleans; J. D., Tufts University, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, M.A. Attorney. Adjunct Professor for MS College School of Law; Representative Cockerham is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha

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and is a member of the Mississippi and Louisiana Bar Associations. House 2005-Present. Independent.

Crawford, Carolyn; 26339 Camille Drive, Pass Christian, 39571. 121 - Harrison. Representative Crawford is married to Mike Crawford; they have three children: Marly, Emily, and Jackson, and they are of the Catholic faith. University of South Alabama, Long Beach High School. Former Social Worker. Representative Crawford is a member of the Harrison County Republican Women, Harrison County Republican Club, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan, L. B. Youth Recreation League and lifetime member of the NRA. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Creekmore, Samuel; 1315 South Central Ave., New Albany, 38652. 14 - Union. Representative Creekmore was born on September 24, 1966, in Starkville and is married to the former Warner Poindexter. They are of the Methodist denomination. Mississippi State University. Landscape Architect. Representative Creekmore is a member of the following: America Society of Landscape, National Federation of Independent Business, New Albany Sustainability Advisors, and New Albany Main Street. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Crudup, Ronnie C.; P. O. Box 7003, Jackson, 39282. 71 - Hinds. Representative Crudup was born on June 12, 1977, and he is married to the former Andrea Davis. They are of the Christian faith. Murrah High School 1995, Belhaven University 2006. Executive Director Administrator. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Currie, Becky; 407 Oliver Dr, Brookhaven, 39601. 92 - Copiah, Lawrence, Lincoln. Representative Currie was born on May 2, 1957. She is married to Bruce Currie. She is of the Episcopal faith. Southwest Community College, A.S., University of Southern Mississippi. Registered Nurse. Representative Currie is a member of the Mississippi Nurses' Association. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Denton, Oscar; 5024 Rollingwood E. Drive, Vicksburg, 39180. 55 - Warren. Representative Denton was born on July 30, 1953, in Vicksburg. He is married to the former Margaret C. Naylor. They are of the Baptist faith. Rosa A. Temple High School, Utica Jr. College, George Meany Institute; AT & T, Businessman. Representative Denton is a member of AFL-CIO, CWA, Local 3518, and the NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Deweese, Clay; 5006 Bluff Cove, Oxford, 38655. 12 - Lafayette. Representative Deweese was born on November 13, 1981, in Clarksdale and is married to the former Katie Qaaka. They are of the Presbyterian denomination. Business Administration from University of Mississippi 2004. Real Estate Broker. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Estrada, Jim; 25732 Highway 53, Saucier, 39574. 33 - Harrison. Representative Estrada was born on November 14 in Biloxi. He is married to Jan Ladner and is of the Christian faith. Harrison Central High School, Mississippi College; B.S., Louisiana State University; Graduate School of Banking in the South, University of Mississippi; Mississippi School of Banking, Vanderbilt University School of Consumer Lending. Banker. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Eubanks, Dan; P. O. Box 184, Walls, 38680. 25 - DeSoto. Representative Eubanks was born on June 11, 1970, in Hicksville, OH, and is married to the former Corey Moore-

Luckhardt. They are of the Christian faith. North Little Rock Northeast (HS), Kilgore College (CGP), Univ. of Arkansas (B.B.A. Finance), Karl Franzens Univ, Universidad de Autodenama, Mid America Baptist Seminary; Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Representative Eubanks is affiliated with Desoto Co. Republican Club and Desoto Co. Conservative Coalition. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Eure, Casey; 11839 Sleeping Deer Lane, Saucier, 39574. 116 - Harrison. Representative Eure was born on March 1, 1978, in Jackson, MS. He is married to the former Jill Gary and they have two children, Kennedy and Gunner. He is of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast Community College, USM Law Enforcement Academy; Self-employed - Eure Properties. Representative Eure is a member of the National Rifle Association, Coast Young Professionals, Harrison County Republican Club and Woolmarket Little League Association. He was previously affiliated with the Harrison County Sheriff's Department, MS Bureau of Narcotics and MS Public Service Commission.. House 2011-Present. Republican.

Evans, Bob; P.O. Box 636, Monticello, 39654. 91 - Copiah, Covington, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Simpson. Representative Evans was born on February 3, 1950, and is married to the former Jane Allen. He is of the Baptist faith. Monticello High School, Mississippi State University, B.A. , Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Evans is a member of Habitat for Humanity, Southern Poverty Leadership Council, American Bar Association, and Mississippi Public Defenders' Association. House 2008-Present. Democrat.

Faulkner, John G.; P.O. Box 5955, Holly Springs, 38634. 5 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Tate. Representative Faulkner was born on August 20, 1965, and is of the Baptist faith. Holly Springs High School, Army School of Nursing, Strayer University. Youth Counselor. Representative Faulkner is the chairman of Crime Stoppers for Marshall/Panola Counties, a member of Marshall County IDA Board of Directors, 32nd Degree Mason (Shriners) Prince Hall Affiliated, and NAACP. House 2014-Present. Democrat.

Felsher, Kevin; P. O. Box 4721, Biloxi, 39535. 117 - Harrison. Representative Felsher was born on October 10, 1975, in Biloxi, MS. He is married to Crystal Lucas Felsher and they are of the Catholic faith. USM, Sports Coaching and Education, B.S. Real Estate Broker. Representative Felsher is affiliated with MS Coast Crime Stoppers, Catholic Charities of South MS, Main Street Biloxi board member, City of Biloxi Architectural and Historic Commission, and Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Fondren, Jimmy; 906 Convent Avenue, Pascagoula, 39567. 111 - Jackson. Representative Fondren was born August 6, 1997. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Pascagoula and is of Protestant faith. Pascagoula High School, Milsaps College; B.A., University of Mississippi; J.D. Attorney. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Ford, Kevin; 206 Willow Way, Vicksburg, 39183. 54 - Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Ford was born on March 8, 1979, in Jackson, Mississippi. He is married to the former Julie Alberts and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Hinds Community College, Warren High school. Insurance Agent. Representative Ford is affiliated with Red Carpet Bowl. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Ford, Jill; 73 - Madison. Representative Ford was born on February 18 and is married to Mike Ford. They have two sons, Patton and Crockett and are of the Baptist faith.

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Northeast Community College, Mississippi State University. Broker/Ford & Company, LLC. Representative Ford is affiliated with MS Assoc. of Realtors (MAR), Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors (NAR), Madison Co Business League and Foundation (MCBLF), NRA, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Madison Republican Women, MS Blood Services (board member), Life Teacher at Broadmoor Baptist, and Founder of Inherit Movement and Gutherings Design. House 2020-Present; Republican.

Foster, Stephanie; 120 Western Hills Drive, Jackson, 39212. 63 - Hinds, Warren, Yazoo. Representative Foster was born on March 8 and is married to the late Jimmie Foster. She is of the Baptist faith. Raymond High School, Mississippi College, Hinds Community College. Representative Foster is president of Western Hills Homeowners Association, Association of South Jackson board member, PTSO, PTA member of Utica Elementary Middle school, and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Gibbs, Karl; 543 George Walker Rd., West Point, 39773. 36 - Clay, Monroe. Representative Gibbs is married to the former Sonya Deanes and they are of the Baptist faith. Alcorn State, B.S., Educational Psychology. Representative Gibbs is affiliated with The American Legion. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

Gibbs, Justis; 1223 Hallmark Drive, Jackson, 39206. 72 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Gibbs was born on November 5, 1995, in Jackson. He is a member of the Mississippi Bar, Jackson Young Lawyers, Capital Area Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, and the Leadership Greater Jackson. He is of the Baptist faith. Howard University; B.S., University of Mississippi; J.D. Attorney. House 2024-Present. Democrat.

Grady, Zachary; P. O. Box 6326, D'Iberville, 39540. 115- Harrison. Representative Grady was born on December 12, 1985, in Biloxi. He is married to Alison Lopez and they are of the Christian faith. Representative Grady served in the D'Iberville Police Department and the Harrison County Development Commission. William Carey University; M.B.A. and B.S. Account Manager. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Guice, Jeffrey S.; P. O. Box 549, Ocean Springs, 39566. 114 - Harrison, Jackson. Representative Guice was born on December 22, 1959, in El Paso, Texas, and is married to the former Belinda Gryder. He is of the Presbyterian faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Real Estate Broker. Representative Guice is a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Hale, Jeff; 2303 Westwind Drive, Nesbit, 38651. 24 - DeSoto. Representative Hale was born on August 8, 1966, in Corinth, MS, and is married to the former Traci Sims. They are of the Cornerstone Assembly faith. MS Fire Academy, Northwest College; Public Safety/Sales. Representative Hale is affiliated with the Southern Rotary Club, Bridgetown Fire Dept., and MS Firefighters Assoc. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Hall, Rodney; P. O. Box 1301, Southaven, 38671. 20 - DeSoto. Representative Hall was born on December 7, 1987, in Chicago, IL. He is married to Tierra Marie Sinette and they are of the Christian faith. Representative Hall served in the Mississippi Army National Guard. He is affiliated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Rifle Association, Southaven Chamber of Commerce, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. Former Legislator Director and Counsel for Congressman Trent Kelly. University of Mississippi - School of Law, University of Maryland Global Campus, Marion Military Institute. Attorney. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Haney, Greg; 104 45th St, Gulfport, 39507. 118 - Harrison. Representative Haney was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Greg and his wife, Rhonda, are longtime residents of Gulfport and have raised three sons on the Coast. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gulfport East High School. Real Estate Broker. Representative Haney is a member of the Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, MS Assoc. of Realtors, MS Gulf Coast Realtors, MS Gulf Coast MLS, Harrison County Republican Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Harness, Jeffery; P.O. Box 758, Fayette, 39069. 85 - Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Warren. Representative Harness was born on April 8, 1978, in McComb, Mississippi. He is married to the former LeCourtney Young. They are of the Baptist faith. Southern University School of Law, Alcorn State Univ., M.A., Alcorn State Univ., B.S., Jefferson County High. Attorney. Representative Harness is affiliated with the Magnolia Bar Association, Mississippi Bar Association, and Citizens for Progress. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Harris, W. I. "Doc"; 1966 Robertson Road, Hernando, 38632. District 28. Representative Harris was born on September 12, 1947, in Hernando. He is affiliated with the American Legion, the DeSoto County Republican Club, the National Rifle Association, and Ducks Unlimited. He is of the Methodist faith. Hernando High School, Northwest Community College, Mississippi State University. Retired Telecommunication Industry. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Hawkins, Josh; 385 Highway 51 North, Batesville, 38606. 10 - Panola, Lafayette. Representative Hawkins was born on January 28, 1980, in Clarksdale. He is married to the former Jessica Mills. He is a member of the Panola Partnership, Oxford Chamber of Commerce, and the South Panola Foundation for Public Education. University of Mississippi; B.A., Louisiana State University; Graduate School of Banking. Insurance Agent.

Hines, Sr., John W.; P. O. Box 114, Greenville, 38701. 50 - Bolivar, Issaquena, Washington. Representative Hines was born in Greenville. He has three children and is of the non-denominational faith. Greenville High School, Mississippi Valley State University. Insurance Agent and Investigator. Representative Hines is member of 100 Black Men of the Mississippi Delta, a member of the NAACP, a member of Young Men Making a Difference, a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council, youth mentor and Little League coach. House 2001-Present. Democrat.

Holloway, Sr., Gregory; 115 Edgewood Drive, Hazlehurst, 39083. 76 - Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds. Representative Holloway was born in Hazlehurst. He is married to the former April Singleton. They have two children, Gregory L. Holloway, II and Joshalyn Holloway. He is a member of the Church of Christ Holiness, U.S.A. Hazlehurst High School, Alcorn State University, B.A., Jackson State University, M.P.P.A. Legislator. Representative Holloway is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and a Master Mason F&AM and Past Worshipful Master. He is affiliated with the NAACP, the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals, Outstanding Young Men of America, and National Selection Committee for Outstanding Young Men of America. He is a member of the Executive Council for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission of Colleges (S.A.C.S.C.O.C). He is a former employee of Jackson State University. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Mississippi Headstart Association. House 2000-Present. Democrat.

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Holloway, Kenji; 143 Yellow Creek , Carthage, 39051. 27 - Leake, Scott, Madison, Attala. Representative Holloway was born on December 23, 1978, in Chicago. He is married to the former Temeka Townsend. They are of the Baptist faith. Brock's Hair Design. Area Manager. House 2024-Present. Democrat.

Hood, Joey; P.O. Box 759, Ackerman, 39735. 35 - Attala, Choctaw, Webster, Winston. Representative Hood was born December 11, 1976, in Amory, Mississippi, and married to the former Cynthia Oswald. They are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, B.A., Mississippi College School of Law, J.D. Attorney. Representative Hood is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association, Choctaw County Medical Foundation, and Simpson Volunteer Fire Department. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Horan, Kevin; P.O. Box 2166, Grenada, 38901. 34 - Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Tallahatchie. Representative Horan was born October 29, 1961, in Water Valley, Mississippi, and is married to the former Clarissa DeHart. Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Water Valley High School. Attorney; Chief Financial Officer-Milestone Hospice, Inc. Representative Horan is a member of the Milestone Hospice, Inc. and Mississippi Bar Association. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Horne, Stephen A.; 5904 Causeyville Road, Meridian, 39301. 81 - Clarke, Lauderdale. Representative Horne was born June 10, 1958 in Meridian and is married to the former Suzy Coker. They have three children; Lauren (deceased), Tommy and Hunter. They are of the Southern Baptist faith. Jefferson Davis Academy, University of Southern Mississippi, B.S.; Insurance; Representative Horne is a member of the National Rifle Association, Pi Kappa Alpha and is a mason. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Hulum, III, Jeffrey; P. O. Box 1387, Gulfport, 39502. 119 - Harrison. Representative Hulum was born on July 23, 1976, and is the C. E. O. of Extend a Hand, Help a Friend Foundation. Representative Hulum is affiliated with the City of Gulfport Initiative of Nonprofits in Partnership, West Gulfport Civic Club, North Gulfport Civic Club and Prince Hall Freemasonry. Representative Hulum is of the Baptist faith. House 2022-Present. Democrat.

Hurst, Celeste; P. O. Box 475, Sandhill, 39161. 75 - Madison, Rankin, Scott. Representative Hurst was born on August 31 and is married to Mike Hurst. She is affiliated with the NRA, Rankin County GOP, God's Haven Ministries, Pinelake Church, MS Federation of Republican Women (MFRW) and Official Mississippi Women's Club. East Central Community College, Belhaven University. Nonprofit ministry. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Jackson, Keith; 95 Zackery Road, Preston, 39354. 45 - Kemper, Lauderdale, Winston, Neshoba. Representative Jackson was born on October 1, 1978. He is a member of the Cattlemen's Association and the NAACP. Kemper County High School, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy. Law Enforcement Office. House 2024-Present. Democrat.

Jackson, Lataisha; P.O. Box 358, Como, 38619. 11 - Panola, Tate. Representative Jackson was born August 4, 1983, in Fort Ord, California, and is of the Baptist faith. North Panola High School, Alabama State University; B.A. English Language Arts Education, Alabama State; M.A. Education Leadership. Executive Director of E.D.V.C.A.T.E Inc. Representative Jackson is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and an active member of Askew Grove Baptist Church. House 2013-Present. Democrat.

James-Jones, Timaka; 210 Central Avenue, Belzoni, 39038. 51 - Humphreys, Sharkey, Holmes, Yazoo, Leflore. Representative James-Jones was born on August 16, 1973. She is married to Marvin Jones and they are of the Baptist faith. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Improved Benevolent Protected Order of Elks of the World, NAACP, Keep Belzoni Beautiful, and MS Federation of Democratic Women. Circuit Clerk and County Registrar. House 2024-Present. Democrat.

Johnson, III, Robert L.; P. O. Box 1678, Natchez, 39121. 94 - Adams, Franklin, Jefferson. Representative Johnson was born November 29, 1958, in Natchez. He is married to the former Evelyn Joiner and is a member of the African Methodist Episcopal faith. Washington University (St. Louis), University of Illinois, University of Illinois College of Law. Attorney. Representative Johnson is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Mississippi Trial Lawyers Association. He is President of the Adams County Voters League. Senate: 1993-2003, House of Representatives: 2004-Present. Democrat.

Karriem, Kabir; P. O. Box 255, Columbus, 39703. 41 - Lowndes. Representative Karriem is married to the former Carolyn Turner. They have five children. Mississippi State University, Hinds Community College. Business Owner. Representative Karriem is affiliated with various organizations in his community and through out the state. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Keen, Justin; 14277 Glynn Valley Street, Byhalia, 38611. 6 - DeSoto. Representative Keen was born in Crane, TX. He is married to the former Ariel Fox and they are of the Baptist faith. Representative Keen is affiliated with the DeSoto County Republican Club and the Home Builders Association of Mississippi. Horn Lake High School, University of Mississippi; B.B.A. Home builder and developer. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Kinkade, Bill; 71 Peachtree Rd, Byhalia, 38611. 52 - DeSoto, Marshall. Representative Kinkade is married to the former Debra Sue Pritchard. They are of the Baptist faith. Orange High School, Orange, California. V.P. Operations/Sales. Representative Kinkade is a member of the Byhalia Chamber of Commerce, Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce, Byhalia Lions Club, and the AutoZone Liberty Bowl Board of Directors. House 2013-Present. Republican.

Ladner, Timmy; 6 Michael D. Smith Rd, Poplarville, 39470. 93 - Hancock, Pearl River, Stone. Representative Ladner was born July 4, 1963, in Gulfport, Mississippi, and is married to the former Carrie Smith. They are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Realtors Institute, Pearl River Community College. Realtor, Business Owner. Representative Ladner is a member of the Gulf Coast Association of Realtors, MS Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Lamar, III, John Thomas (Trey); 214 South Ward Street, Senatobia, 38668. 8 - Lafayette, Tate. Representative Lamar was born August 5, 1980, in Memphis, Tennessee, and is married to the former Jill Anthony. They are of the Christian faith. Washington University (St. Louis), Mississippi College School of Law, University of Mississippi, Magnolia Heights School. Attorney. Representative Lamar is a member of First Baptist Church of Senatobia, Senatobia Rotary Club, Tate County Economic Development Foundation, MS BAR Association, and Ole Miss M-Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Lancaster, Johnathan Ray; 22 - Chickasaw, Pontotoc. Representative Lancaster was born in Amory, MS. He is married to the former Kelly Porter and they are of the Christian faith. Houston High school. Farmer. Representative Lancaster is affiliated with NRA, MS

Cattlemen's Assn, Mason, and Deacon of Arbor Grove Baptist Church. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Lott, Steve; 125 Ashton Drive, Lucedale, 39452. 107 - George, Stone. Representative Lott was born on April 4, 1966. He is married to Sandy and they are of the Christian faith. Representative Lott is a member of Kiwanis, Gideons, and George County Chamber of Commerce. University Southern of Mississippi, Engineering Technology; B.S., Business and Economic Development; M.S. Retired - Manufacturing, Project MST, Supply Chain. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Mangold, Vince; P. O. Box 1018, Jackson, 39201. 53 - Franklin, Jefferson Davis, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike. Representative Mangold was born July 22, 1964, in the Clark Air force Base, Republic of the Philippines, and is married to the former Michelle Lofton. They are of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Miss, B.A., Copiah-Lincoln CC, A. A, Hazlehurst High School. Self-employed farmer. Representative Mangold is affiliated with the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Association of Independent Schools, and the Referees Association. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Mansell, Clay; 105 East Main Street, Clinton, 39056. 56 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Mansell was born on July 4, 1976. He is married to the former Amanda Puryear and they are of the Baptist faith. Representative Mansell is the Chair of the Board of Trustees for Merit Health Central Hospital, the Vice President for the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and Treasurer for Main Street Clinton. Mississippi College; BSBA. Business Owner. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Massengill, Steve; 424 Massengill Road, Hickory Flat, 38633. 13 - Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Union. Representative Massengill was born November 21, 1966 and married to the former Dina Whiteside. They are of the Methodist faith. Hickory Flat High School. Big M Transportation. Representative Massengill is a member of Ebenezer Men's Club (President) and Pott's Camp Booster Club. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Mattox, Brad; 427 CR 560, Corinth, 38834. 2 - Alcorn. Representative Mattox was born on October 28, 1970. He is married to Terrina Jennette Mattox and they are of the Baptist faith. Representative Mattox is a member of the Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, National Rifle Association, Corinth Alliance Business, Farm Bureau and the Mississippi Pawn Association. Kossuth High School, Northeast Mississippi Community College, and Mississippi State University. Gun Store Owner, Rancher/Farmer. House 2024-Present. Republican.

McCarty, Kent; 13 Leaf Lane, Hattiesburg, 39402. 101 - Lamar. Representative McCarty was born January 1, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. USM-Banking and Finance, OGHS. Small business owner (Java Moe's Coffee Co.). Representative McCarty is affiliated with the Pine Belt Foundation, Development Committee and Area Development Partnership. House 2019-Present. Republican.

McCray, Hester Jackson; 3420 Laurel Wood Street, Horn Lake, 38637. 40 - DeSoto. Representative Jackson-McCray was born May 19 in Drew, MS. She is of the Baptist faith. Triton College, River Forest, IL., Westinghouse Vocational High school. Nurse-Certified Dementia Practitioner. Representative Jackson-McCray is affiliated with Desoto Marshal County Federation of Democratic Women, NAACP, AARP Chapter 5371, and Brown Baptist MB Church in Southaven, MS. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

McGee, Missy; P. O. Box 19089, Hattiesburg, 39404. 102 - Forrest, Lamar. Representative McGee was born March 31, 1966, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She is married to Sean McGee and they are of the Methodist faith. University of Southern Miss, Speech Communication, BS/MS, Hattiesburg High School. Former Instructor of Speech Communication-USM, Former Legislative Asst. to Sen. Trent Lott. Representative McGee is a lifetime member of USM Alumni Association, former board member of the USM Athletic Foundation, life member of the Hattiesburg Jr. Auxiliary Leadership Pine Belt; Area Development Partnership, Hattiesburg Dixie Youth baseball, and member of Main Street United Methodist Church. House 2017-Present. Republican.

McKnight, Jay; 22160 Hwy 53, Gulfport, 39503. 95 - Hancock, Harrison. Representative McKnight was born December 16, 1974, in Gulfport, MS. He is married to the former Melinda Parker and they are of the Catholic faith. MS Gulf Coast CC; Real Estate/Broker. Representative McKnight is affiliated with the NRA, Hancock and Gulf Coast chamber, Nat'l Assoc. of Realtors, Harrison Co. Representative Club, Hancock Co. Representative Club, and Knights of Columbus. House 2020-Present. Republican.

McLean, Dana; 332 Williamsburg Rd, Columbus, 39705. 39 - Lowndes, Monroe. Representative McLean was born July 9 in Russellville, AL. She is of the Christian faith. Stetson University College of Law, JD and LLM, University of Alabama, BA, Stephen D. Lee High school. Realtor, Attorney (licensed in FL). Representative McLean is affiliated with the Florida Bar Assn., Nat'l Assn. of Realtors, Greater Golden Triangle Realtor Assn., Columbus-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce, and Exchange Club Columbus Arts Council. House 2020-Present. Republican.

McMillan, Jonathan; 483 Cherry Hill Drive, Madison, 39110. 58 - Madison. Representative McMillan was born on August 25, 1978. He is married to Anna McMillan and they are of the Baptist faith. Representative McMillan is a member of Leadership Madison County, Madison County Business League and Foundation, and Farm Bureau. Mississippi College, B.S. Deviney Rental and Supply. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Mickens, Carl L.; P.O. Box 427, Brooksville, 39739. 42 - Lowndes, Noxubee, Winston. Representative Mickens was born August 8 in Noxubee County, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cheryl Richardson. They are of the Baptist faith. Kentucky State University, B.S. Retired Circuit Court Clerk, Funeral Services. Representative Mickens is affiliated with the Kentucky State University alumni chapter, NAACP, Prince Hall Mason, MS Farm Bureau, Earl Nash PTO, and NCHS Booster. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Mims, Sam C.; 605 Lakeshore Drive, McComb, 39648. 97 - Adams, Amite, Franklin, Pike. He was born in McComb and is married to the former Amy Legg of Summit. They are the parents of two daughters and one son and are members of Centenary United Methodist in McComb. McComb High School, Delta State University, B.B.A.; Marketing and Business Developer; National Rifle Association, the McComb Rotary Club, former member of the Pike County Republican Executive Committee, and former chairman of the City of McComb Republican Executive Committee. House 2003-Present. Republican.

Morgan, Ken; 1640 Highway 587, Morgantown, 39483. 100 - Lamar, Marion. Representative Morgan was born September 10, 1951, in Columbia, Mississippi, and is married to the former Wanda G. Stringer. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Law Enforcement Academy. Small business owner. Representative Morgan is the former Marion County Representative for the Pearl River Basin Development District; Marion County Forestry Association, National Wild Turkey Federation, and NRA. He is also the

past president of the Cattleman's Association, Pearl River Land and Conservation Association, Chief, Morgantown Vol. Fire Department, and a Mason and a Shriner. House 2007-Present. Republican.

Nelson, Fabian; 118 Byram Parkway, Suite C, Byram, 39272. 66 - Hinds. Representative Nelson was born on July 17, 1985. He is of the Nondenominational faith. Representative Nelson is a member of: Friends of Jackson, The Human Rights Campaign, Mississippi Association of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and the Byram and Raymond Chamber of Commerce. Yazoo City High School, Holmes Community College, Business; AA, Jackson State University, Biology; B.S., American Public University; M.B.A. Real Estate Broker. House 2024-Present. Democrat.

Newman, Gene; 801 Country place Drive, Pearl, 39208. 61 - Rankin. Representative Newman was born December 12, 1955, in Brookhaven, MS. He is married to the former Betty Miles, and they are of the Baptist faith. University of Cincinnati, (M.S.), University of Southern Miss, (B.S. in Economics), Copiah Lincoln Jr. College, Pearl High school. Bail Agent/Insurance Agent. Representative Newman is affiliated with the Pearl Chamber of Commerce and Pearl Kiwanis. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Oliver, Karl; P.O. Box 95, Winona, 38967. 46 - Carroll, Grenada, Leflore, Montgomery, Webster. Representative Oliver was born in Winona, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lynn Kellum Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. Representative Oliver is a member of the MS Funeral Directors Assoc., the National Funeral Directors Association, Nat'l Rifle Assoc., and The Boone and Crockett Club. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Osborne, Solomon C.; P.O. Box 8175, Greenwood, 38935-8175. 32 - Leflore. Representative Osborne was born May 26, 1948, in Minter City, Mississippi, and is married to the former Deborah Brock. They are of the Baptist faith. Amanda Elzy High School, BA Tougaloo College Political Science, Juris Doctorate University of Illinois College of Law. Attorney. Representative Osborne is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP, American Bar Association, Magnolia Bar Association, National Bar Association and the National Conference of Black Lawyers. House 2019-Present. Democrat.

Owen, Jansen T.; P.O. Box 249, Poplarville, 39470. 106 - Lamar, Pearl River. Representative Owen was born July 2, 1993, in Hattiesburg, MS, and is married to the former Colbie Marshall. They are of the Baptist denomination. Tulane Law School J.D., University of Southern Mississippi B.A., Pearl River Community College A.A. Attorney; Business Owner. Representative Owen is a member of: National Rifle Association; Poplarville Area Chamber of Commerce; Pearl River County Bar Association; Mississippi Bar Association; American Bar Association; and The Federalist Society. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Paden, Orlando; 3731 Stovall Rd, Clarksdale, 38614. 26 - Bolivar, Coahoma. Representative Paden was born June 5, 1984, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, and is of the C.O.G.I.C. faith. Belhaven University, Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College, Coahoma Agricultural High School. College Administrator. Representative Paden is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Aaron E Henry Health Service Board, NAACP, Nat'l and Southern Assoc. of Student Employment Administrators, ASPIRE, Clarksdale Revitalization Inc., and Jonestown Family Center of Education and Wellness Church of God in Christ. House 2016-Present. Democrat.

Pigott, Bill; 92 Pigott Easterling Rd, Tylertown, 39667. 99 - Lamar, Marion, Walthall. Representative Pigott was born on October 13, 1946, in Tylertown, Mississippi, and is married to the former Doris Revette. He is of the Baptist faith. Dexter High School, Pearl River Community College, Mississippi State University, B.S. Farmer. Representative Pigott is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, Mississippi Beef Council, and the ADA of Mississippi. House 2008-Present. Republican.

Porter, Daryl; P. O. Box 772, Summit, 39666. 98 - Pike, Walthall. Representative Porter was born September 30, 1990, in McComb, MS. He is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi College of Law-2018, University of MS-2013, McComb High school-2009. Attorney. Representative Porter is affiliated with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Founder of Yancy Men's Mentoring, a member of Summit Missionary Baptist Church, and a church trustee. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Powell, Brent; P.O. Box 5454, Brandon, 39047. 59 - Rankin. Representative Powell was born February 8, 1969, in Oklahoma City, OK, and is married to the former Natasha Goff. He is of the Methodist faith. Northwest Rankin High School, Mississippi State University. Realtor; Forester. Representative Powell is affiliated with the National Association of Realtors. House 2013-Present; Republican.

Read, John; 2396 Robert Hiram Drive, Gautier, 39553. 112 - Jackson. Representative Read was born July 8, 1941, in Bunkie, Louisiana, and is of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, North East Louisiana University. Pharmacist. Representative Read was previously a City Councilman and Mayor of the City of Gautier. House 1993-Present. Republican.

Remak, Kimberly; 5240 Wedgewood Drive, Olive Branch, 38654. 7 - DeSoto. Representative Remak was born on December 15, 1969, and is of the Nondenominational Christian faith. Representative Remak is a member of the NRA, Mississippi Federation of Republican Women, DeSoto County Business Women, Mississippi Republican State Executive Committee, and DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee. Nursing, NWCC; A.A. Nurse, Olive Branch Planning Commissioner, Private Real Estate Investor. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Roberson, Rob; 212 East Main Street, Starkville, 39759. 43 - Oktibbeha, Winston. Representative Roberson was born August 8, 1968, in Greenville, Mississippi, and is married to the former Karen Shurden. Mississippi College School of Law, J.D., Mississippi State University, B.B.S., Starkville High school. Attorney. Representative Roberson is affiliated with the Greater Starkville Partnership and is the board attorney for the town of Sturgis. House 1998-2003; 2016-Present. Republican.

Rosebud, Tracey T.; P.O. Box 236, Tutwiler, 38963. 30 - Bolivar, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie. Representative Rosebud was born February 27, 1976, in Charleston, Mississippi. He is married to the former Nichole G. Harris and they are of the Baptist faith. Mississippi Delta C.C., Tennessee Valley Public Power Academy. Consulting. House 2018-Present. Democrat.

Rushing, Randy; 672 North 8th Ave, Decatur, 39327. 78 - Leake, Newton, Scott. Representative Rushing was born September 9, 1963, in Carthage, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lea Ann Kline. He is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi Fire Academy, Mississippi Law Enforcement Minimum Standards, Community College of the Air Force, East Central Community College, Newton County Academy. Business Owner.

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U.S. Air Force, Mississippi Air National Guard, Retired. Representative Rushing is a member of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post 89, NRA, and North Decatur Water Assoc. Board. Representative Rushing previously served as Alderman and Mayor in Decatur, police officer, and served over 21 years as a Volunteer Firefighter and EMT. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Sanford, Noah; P. O. Box 1900, Collins, 39428. 90 - Covington, Jefferson Davis, Simpson. Representative Sanford lives in Collins, MS, and is of Southern Baptist faith. University of MS School of Law, J.D., University of MS, B.A., Jones County Jr. College, A.A., Seminary High school. Attorney. Representative Sanford is affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, MS Bar Assoc., Cattleman's Assoc., and the Covington County Historical Society. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Sanders, Robert L.; 925 S Martin Luther King, Cleveland, 38732. 29 - Bolivar, Sunflower. Representative Sanders was born December 20, 1961, in Shaw, Mississippi. He is married to the former Tracey Boddie, and they are of Baptist faith. Representative Sanders is a member of the Mississippi Association of Police, MML Executive Board, Salvation Army Executive Board, Chamber of Commerce, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and the Mississippi Valley State University Hall of Fame. House 2021-Present. Democrat.

Scoggin, Donnie; 1203 Pine Street, Ellisville, 39437. 89 - Jones. Representative Scoggin was born August 12, 1962, and is married to the former Donna Grantham. They are of the Baptist faith. M.U.W MS, U.S.M. BS, J.C.J.C. AA. Nurse Practitioner. Representative Scoggin is affiliated with Jones County E.D.A., Jones County Republican, a Member of the Mississippi Nurse Practitioner's Assoc. and Mississippi Nurses Association. House 2017-Present. Republican.

Scott, Omeria; 615 East 19th Street, Laurel, 39440. 80 - Clarke, Jasper, Jones. Representative Scott was born November 21, 1956, in Laurel and is married to the late Charles Scott. She is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern Mississippi. Nursing Home Administrator. Representative Scott is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star, National Council of Negro Women, Federated Women of America, Association for Excellence in Education and Beacon of Hope Mississippi Scholarship Foundation. House 1993-Present. Democrat.

Shanks, Fred; 107 Lori Circle, Brandon, 39042. 60 - Rankin. Representative Shanks was born on December 26, 1977, in Flowood. He is of the Baptist faith. University Christian School, Hinds Community College, Mississippi State University. Businessman. Representative Shanks is a member of the following: Rankin County Republican Executive Committee, Reserve Police Officer of Brandon, NRA Member, Former Alderman of Brandon. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Smith, Troy; 320 Smith Ridge Lane, Enterprise, 39330. 84 - Clarke, Jasper, Newton. Representative Smith is born June 29, 1965 and is married to the former Michell Ballard. They are of the Baptist faith. Jones County Jr. College, Quitman High school. Clarke County District 3 Supervisor, Owner of Long's Fish Camp. Representative Smith is affiliated with the MS Assoc. of Sup. Education Committee, NRA, and NWTF. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Stepp, Andrew; P. O. Box 656, Bruce, 38915. 23 - Calhoun, Lafayette, Pontotoc, Webster. Representative Stepp was born on June 23, 1958. He is of the Baptist faith. Representative Stepp is a member of Bruce Chamber of Commerce, North Mississippi

EAS Authority, Rotary Club and Bruce Volunteer Fire Department. Northwest Jr. College, U.M. School of Pharmacy. Pharmacist, Business Owner. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Steverson, Jody; 125 Woodridge, Ripley, 38663. 4 - Alcorn, Tippah. Representative Steverson was born August 21, 1968, in Tupelo, Mississippi, and is married to the former Lauren Bailey. They have one son, Bailey, and are of the Presbyterian faith. Mississippi State University, Northeast Mississippi Community College. Cable TV Operator/High Speed Internet provider. Representative Steverson is a member of the Ripley Main Street Assoc., Tippah County MSU Alumni Assoc., Tippah County Dev. Assoc., and Career Pathway Experience Advisory Comm. of the Tippah County Career and Tech. Center. House 2012-Present. Republican.

Summers, Zakiya; P. O. Box 21210, Jackson, 39289. 68 - Hinds, Rankin. Representative Summers was born January 14, in Houston, Texas. She is married to Andra Harlee and they are of the Church of Christ (Holiness) faith. University of Missouri-Columbia, Bachelor's in Journalism. Former Director of Communication and Advocacy for the ACLU of MS, Owner/operator of Lady Godiva Productions, LLC. Representative Summers is affiliated with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., MS Sickie Cell Foundation-Vice chair, Jayne Ave. Neighborhood Assn-secretary, NAACP, ACLU, Women For Progress, Federation of Dem. Women, S.T.A.N.D., UMMC Community Advisory Board, Jackson Association of Black Journalist, and W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community leadership Network Fellow. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Taylor, Cheikh; 383 Steele Rd, Starkville, 39759. 38 - Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha. Representative Taylor was born December 12, 1973, in Columbus, MS. He is married to the former Jamila Boudreaux. They are of the Christian faith. Howard University, BS, Starkville High school. Executive Director/Community Development. Representative Taylor is affiliated with Habitat for Humanity, Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors' Advisory Council, Starkville Area Arts Council, Oktibbeha County Food Policy Council, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and NAACP. House 2018-Present. Democrat.

Thompson, Rickey; 191 County Rd 301, Shannon, 38868. 16 - Lee, Monroe. Representative was born June 30, 1964, in Shannon, MS. He is married to the former Shelia Dianne Ivory and they are of the Baptist faith. Itawamba Community College-1981, Shannon High school-1981. License Practical Nurse. Representative Thompson is affiliated with Create Foundation (past member), Minority PUL Alliance, Current: Brotherhood President, and Spring Hill District MS Worker's Center for Human Rights. House 2020-Present. Democrat.

Tullos, Mark; P. O. Box 505, Raleigh, 39153. 79 - Jasper, Smith. Representative Tullos was born September 28, 1964, in Yazoo City, MS, and is married to the former Sonja Glenn. They are of the Baptist faith. JD-MS College School of Law, BS-University of Southern MS. Attorney. Representative Tullos is affiliated with the MS Bar Association, Smith County Republicans, US Army Reserves, MS Army Nat'l Guard, and a Deacon of Union Baptist Church. House 2016-Present. Republican.

Turner, Jerry R.; 1290 Carrollville Ave, Baldwyn, 38824. 18 - Lee, Prentiss, Union. Representative Turner is married to the former Mary Ellen Blaylock. They have 3 children, Jerry, Terry, and Suzanne, and they are of the Church of Christ faith. Adv. Bus. Management/Operations Courses, Tupelo H. S. Owner/President of Turner's Big Star Supermarkets, Northfork Used Cars/Trucks; Northfork Farm/Construction. Equipment.;

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Landowner. Representative Turner is affiliated with the Community Development Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, Baldwin Development, the Mississippi Cattleman's Association, and Pro-Life. House 2004-Present. Republican.

Varner, Lance; P. O. Box 1294. Florence, 39073. 62 - Rankin, Simpson, Copiah. Representative Varner was born on January 30, 1980. He is married to Lacy White Varner and they are of the Baptist faith. Representative Varner is a member of Farm Bureau. Liberty University; Licensed Auctioneer, Licensed Real Estate Agent. Auctioneer, Real Estate Business Owner Agent. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Luther Waldo, Beth; 4004 Highway 9 S, Pontotoc, 38863. 15 - Pontotoc. Representative Waldo was born on May 7, 1970. She is married to Darryl Waldo and they are of the Baptist faith. Representative Waldo is affiliated with the National Association of Realtors and the Pontotoc Rotary Club. She previously served in the Pontotoc County Department of Human Services. Pontotoc High School, Blue Mountain Christian University; B.S. Realtor. House 2024-Present. Republican.

Wallace, Price; 125 Price Wallace Dr., Mendenhall, 39114. 77 - Rankin, Simpson. Representative Wallace was born on November 24, 1961, in Jackson, Mississippi, and is married to the former Cindy Stevenson. He is of the Methodist faith. Simpson Academy; Farmer; Representative Wallace is a member of the Farm Bureau, Mississippi Cattlemen's Association, and Trust Advisory Board in Magee. House 2018-Present. Republican.

Watson, Percy W.; P.O. Box 1767, Hattiesburg, 39403. 103 - Forrest. Representative Watson was born June 5, 1951, in Hattiesburg and is married to the former Barbara Smith. He is of the Baptist denomination. University of Iowa School of Law, University of Iowa. Attorney. Representative Watson is affiliated with the Jesse Brown Lodge, Phi Beta Kappa, NAACP, Mississippi, Iowa, Alaska, National and American Bar Associations. House 1980-Present. Democrat.

Wilkes, Stacey; P. O. Box 1165, Picayune, 39466. 108 - Pearl River. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes was born August 9, 1968, and is of the Baptist faith. University of Southern MS, Pearl River Community College, Picayune Memorial High school. Insurance/Public Relations, Business Owner. Representative Hobgood-Wilkes is affiliated with MS Republican State Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Executive Committee, Pearl River County Republican Women Rotarian, Paul Harris Fellow recipient, Picayune Junior Auxiliary lifetime member, and Senior Center of South Pearl River County board member. House 2017-Present. Republican.

Yancey, Lee; P. O. Box 4215, Brandon, 39047. 74 - Rankin. Representative Yancey was born July 29, 1968, in Ripley, MS, and is married to the former Courtney Fagan. They are of the Baptist faith. B.A. Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary M. Div, D. Min., Series 65 Licensed, Accidental Heath Licensed, Life Licensed. Investment Advisor-Element Wealth. Representative Yancey is a member of the Rotary Club (former Flowood President), Paul Harris Fellow, former member of the Rankin County Republican Executive committee, and NRA. State Senate 2008-2012. House 2020-Present. Republican.

Yates, Shanda; P. O. Box 16409, Jackson, 39236. 64 - Hinds, Madison. Representative Yates was born March 29 in Jackson, MS. She is married to Yancy Burns and they are of the Methodist faith. MC School of Law-JD, University of Southern Miss-BA, Hinds CC-

AA. Attorney. Representative Yates is affiliated with the MS Bar Assn, Junior League of Jackson, MS Assn. Justice, and Galloway United Methodist Church. House 2020-Present. Independent.

Young, Jr., Charles; P.O. Box 5393, Meridian, 39302. 82 - Lauderdale. Representative Young was born July 9 and is of the Methodist faith. Mississippi State University, Meridian, Tougaloo College, Meridian Community College, Meridian High School. Cosmetic Sales, E. F. Young, Jr. Manufacturing Company. Representative Young is a member of the Democratic Party, Masonic Lodge, and Newell Chapel C.M.E. Church. House 2012-Present. Democrat.

Zuber, III, Henry; 503 Minor Lane, Ocean Springs, 39564. 113 - Jackson. Representative Zuber was born June 11 and is a life long citizen of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He is of the Catholic faith. Ocean Springs High School, Millsaps College, University of Mississippi School of Law. Attorney/Real Estate Developer. Representative Zuber is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A. House 2000-Present. Republican.

**PART VIII
PERSONNEL OF HOUSE COMMITTEES**

**PART VIII
HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEES**

SELECT COMMITTEES

HOUSE MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEES

ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, TRANSPARENCY (11) - Representative Ford K. (54th), Chairman; Representative Porter, Vice Chairman; Representatives Boyd (19th), Calvert, Crudup, Currie, Hobgood-Wilkes, Mansell, McCarty, Paden, Remak.

AGRICULTURE (33) - Representative Pigott, Chairman; Representative Mangold, Vice Chairman; Representatives Bounds, Burch, Byrd, Carpenter, Gibbs K. (36th), Harness, Hawkins, Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Jackson M. (45th), Keen, Kinkade, Lancaster, Massengill, Mattox, McLean, McMillan, Morgan, Oliver, Osborne, Owen, Rosebud, Sanders, Scoggin, Thompson, Tubb, Tullos, Turner, Varner, Waldo, Wallace.

APPORTIONMENT AND ELECTIONS (17) - Representative Sanford, Chairman; Representative Tullos, Vice Chairman; Representatives Bailey, Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Cockerham, Currie, Eubanks, Evans, Ford J. (73rd), James-Jones, McCarty, Newman, Owen, Read, Wallace, Yates.

APPROPRIATIONS A (33) - Representative Read, Chairman; Representative Cockerham, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson B. (122nd), Arnold, Barton, Bennett, Bounds, Boyd (19th), Clark, Creekmore IV, Currie, Deweese, Eure, Faulkner, Hale, Hines, Hood, Jackson (11th), Mangold, Massengill, McGee, McKnight, Mims, Oliver, Paden, Pigott, Roberson, Rushing, Scoggin, Scott, Turner, Watson, Young.

APPROPRIATIONS B (9) - Representative Bounds, Chairman; Representatives Anderson B. (122nd), Clark, Eure, Hale, Jackson (11th), Paden, Pigott, Read.

APPROPRIATIONS C (9) - Representative Deweese, Chairman; Representatives Bennett, Creekmore IV, Currie, McGee, Read, Scott, Turner, Young.

APPROPRIATIONS D (9) - Representative Mims, Chairman; Representatives Barton, Cockerham, Faulkner, Hood, McKnight, Read, Rushing, Watson.

APPROPRIATIONS E (9) - Representative Oliver, Chairman; Representatives Arnold, Boyd (19th), Hines, Mangold, Massengill, Read, Roberson, Scoggin.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES (21) - Representative Aguirre, Chairman; Representative Boyd (37th), Vice Chairman; Representatives Anthony, Arnold, Bell D. (21st), Bell C. (65th), Burnett, Estrada, Eubanks, Gibbs (72nd), Hale, Hall, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, Mattox, McCarty, Remak, Turner, Varner, Watson.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE (17) - Representative Yancey, Chairman; Representative Calvert, Vice Chairman; Representatives Aguirre, Bailey, Bell D. (21st), Boyd (19th), Clark, Deweese, Ford K. (54th), Guice, Haney, Hawkins, Mansell, McMillan, Owen, Sanford, Zuber.

CONSERVATION AND WATER RESOURCES (19) - Representative Ladner, Chairman; Representative Hawkins, Vice Chairman; Representatives Boyd (19th), Calvert, Clark, Creekmore IV, Evans, Holloway (27th), Keen, Mangold, Mansell, McCray, McMillan, Morgan, Pigott, Wallace, Yates.

CONSTITUTION (15) - Representative Wallace, Chairman; Representative Taylor, Vice Chairman; Representatives Blackwell, Burch, Eubanks, Hall, Jackson M. (45th), Shanks, Yates.

CORRECTIONS (17) - Representative Currie, Chairman; Representative Young, Vice Chairman; Representatives Bennett, Burch, Cockerham, Faulkner, Felsher, Grady, Horan, Hurst, Jackson M. (45th), Karriem, Mickens, Newman, Rushing, Sanders, Shanks.

COUNTY AFFAIRS (19) - Representative Byrd, Chairman; Representative Smith, Vice Chairman; Representatives Blackwell, Boyd (37th), Burch, Crawford, Gibbs K. (36th), James-Jones, Keen, Osborne, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Sanders, Scoggin, Summers, Taylor, Tullos, Waldo.

DRUG POLICY (15) - Representative Hobgood-Wilkes, Chairman; Representative Bell C. (65th), Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson J. (110th), Anderson B. (122nd), Burch, Clark, Currie, Denton, Guice, Karriem, McCray, Stepp, Summers, Waldo, Yancey.

EDUCATION (31) - Representative Roberson, Chairman; Representative McCarty, Vice Chairman; Representatives Barton, Bennett, Blackwell, Boyd (19th), Creekmore IV, Currie, Felsher, Fondren, Foster, Gibbs (72nd), Grady, Harness, Holloway (27th), Holloway (76th), Hurst, Mangold, Mattox, McLean, Mickens, Owen, Remak, Sanders, Taylor, Waldo, Watson.

ENERGY (21) - Representative Hale, Chairman; Representative Rosebud, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anthony, Arnold, Barnett, Bell C. (65th), Burnett, Estrada, Eubanks, Ford K. (54th), Gibbs K. (36th), Hood, James-Jones, Keen, Kinkade, Lott, McCray, McMillan, Mickens, Pigott, Powell, Sanford.

ENROLLED BILLS (5) - Representative Horne, Chairman; Representative Thompson, Vice Chairman; Representatives Bounds, Mims, Smith.

ETHICS (8) - Representative Mangold, Chairman; Representative Watson, Vice Chairman; Representatives Barton, Cockerham, Ford J. (73rd), Remak, Sanders, Young.

EXECUTIVE CONTINGENT FUND (5) - Representative Crawford, Chairman; Representative McCray, Vice Chairman; Representatives Eure, Horne, Lamar.

FORESTRY (11) - Representative Morgan, Chairman; Representative McMillan, Vice Chairman; Representatives Calvert, Harris, Jackson M. (45th), Keen, Kinkade, Ladner, Mangold, Pigott, Smith.

GAMING (19) - Representative Eure, Chairman; Representative McKnight, Vice Chairman; Representatives Aguirre, Anderson B. (122nd), Bailey, Burnett, Crawford, Denton, Felsher, Ford K. (54th), Gibbs K. (36th), Grady, Guice, Hulum, Johnson, Kinkade, McCray, Porter, Zuber.

HOUSING (21) - Representative Mickens, Chairman; Representative Paden, Vice Chairman; Representatives Boyd (19th), Deweese, Hines, Nelson, Scott.

INSURANCE (21) - Representative Turner, Chairman; Representative Arnold, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anthony, Banks, Bell C. (65th), Boyd (37th), Burch, Denton, Deweese, Eubanks, Fondren, Ford K. (54th), Hale, Harness, Hawkins, Hines, Hobgood-Wilkes, McKnight, Steverson, Yancey, Zuber.

INTERSTATE COOPERATION (7) - Representative Burnett, Chairman; Representative Sanders, Vice Chairman; Representatives Horne, Massengill, Pigott, Rosebud, Scott.

PART VIII
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INVESTIGATE STATE OFFICES (9) - Representative Boyd (19th), Chairman; Representative Eubanks, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson J. (110th), Bounds, Hobgood-Wilkes, Horne, Jackson (11th), Lamar, Shanks.

JUDICIARY A (25) - Representative Hood, Chairman; Representative Yates, Vice Chairman; Representatives Aguirre, Banks, Blackmon, Blackwell, Clark, Cockerham, Estrada, Felsher, Fondren, Ford K. (54th), Gibbs (72nd), Harness, Johnson, Mansell, Oliver, Roberson, Sanders, Sanford, Stepp, Tullos, Waldo, Watson, Yancey.

JUDICIARY B (25) - Representative Horan, Chairman; Representative Owen, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson J. (110th), Barnett, Brown, Burch, Creekmore IV, Eure, Evans, Ford J. (73rd), Grady, Hall, Hurst, Jackson (11th), Jackson M. (45th), Lamar, McCarty, McKnight, McLean, Nelson, Newman, Porter, Scoggin, Thompson, Varner.

LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION (7) - Representative Barnett, Chairman; Representative Hines, Vice Chairman; Representatives Bennett, Creekmore IV, Hale, Jackson (11th), Remak.

MANAGEMENT (11) - Representative Barton, Chairman; Representative Massengill, Vice Chairman; Representatives Barnett, Bell D. (21st), Carpenter, Hines, Powell, Roberson, Rosebud, White, Zuber.

MARINE RESOURCES (11) - Representative Anderson B. (122nd), Chairman; Representative Hulum, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson J. (110th), Byrd, Crawford, Felsher, Fondren, Grady, Haney, Ladner, McKnight.

MEDICAID (19) - Representative McGee, Chairman; Representative Mansell, Vice Chairman; Representatives Bell D. (21st), Brown, Clark, Currie, Evans, Hines, Hood, Johnson, Mims, Powell, Roberson, Scoggin, Scott, Stepp, Turner, Yancey, Young.

MILITARY AFFAIRS (15) - Representative Carpenter, Chairman; Representative Hall, Vice Chairman; Representatives Barton, Byrd, Faulkner, Foster, Gibbs K. (36th), Harris, Hulum, Karriem, Nelson, Newman, Pigott, Rushing, Tullos.

MUNICIPALITIES (17) - Representative Rushing, Chairman; Representative Crudup, Vice Chairman; Representatives Blackmon, Butler-Washington, Faulkner, Foster, Hale, Haney, Harris, James-Jones, Karriem, Porter, Roberson, Steverson, Tullos, Varner, Yates.

PORTS, HARBORS AND AIRPORTS (11) - Representative Guice, Chairman; Representative Bailey, Vice Chairman; Representatives Arnold, Carpenter, Denton, Fondren, Haney, Hulum, Johnson, Lott, Mattox.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (29) - Representative Creekmore IV, Chairman; Representative Felsher, Vice Chairman; Representatives Aguirre, Bell C. (65th), Butler-Washington, Clark, Currie, Eubanks, Ford K. (54th), Hines, Hood, Horan, Lancaster, Massengill, McGee, McLean, Mims, Porter, Powell, Read, Sanford, Scoggin, Scott, Shanks, Stepp, Thompson, Waldo, Yancey, Young.

PUBLIC PROPERTY (15) - Representative Bennett, Chairman; Representative Newman, Vice Chairman; Representatives Banks, Crudup, Denton, Felsher, Holloway (76th), Jackson (11th), James-Jones, Kinkade, Morgan, Oliver, Read, Smith, Wallace.

PUBLIC UTILITIES (23) - Representative Powell, Chairman; Representative Lancaster, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson B. (122nd), Banks, Bounds, Boyd (37th), Eure, Gibbs K. (36th), Hall, Holloway (27th), Hood, Hurst, Massengill, McKnight, Mickens, Osborne, Porter, Rosebud, Shanks, Stepp, Steverson, Taylor, Yancey.

RULES (11) - Representative Shanks, Chairman; Representative Clark, Vice Chairman; Representatives Barton, Creekmore IV, Deweese, Holloway (76th), McGee, McKnight, Owen, White, Yancey.

STATE AFFAIRS (13) - Representative Zuber, Chairman; Representative Johnson, Vice Chairman; Representatives Bailey, Bell D. (21st), Clark, Hood, Horan, Lancaster, Massengill, Owen, Scott, Shanks, Yates.

STATE LIBRARY (5) - Representative Gibbs K. (36th), Chairman; Representative Foster, Vice Chairman; Representatives Haney, Horne, Karriem.

TECHNOLOGY (11) - Representative Ford J. (73rd), Chairman; Representative Faulkner, Vice Chairman; Representatives Blackmon, Byrd, Estrada, Harris, Hurst, Keen, Mansell, Nelson, Summers.

TOURISM (21) - Representative Haney, Chairman; Representative Denton, Vice Chairman; Representatives Boyd (19th), Crawford, Creekmore IV, Crudup, Estrada, Felsher, Ford J. (73rd), Gibbs (72nd), Grady, Harris, Hulum, James-Jones, Mattox, Paden, Rosebud, Sanders, Summers, Tubb, Waldo.

TRANSPORTATION (33) - Representative Massengill, Chairman; Representative Tubb, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anthony, Arnold, Brown, Byrd, Carpenter, Clark, Crudup, Deweese, Eure, Faulkner, Hall, Hawkins, Hobgood-Wilkes, Holloway (27th), Johnson, Keen, Ladner, Lamar, Lancaster, Lott, Mangold, McGee, McMillan, Paden, Remak, Roberson, Rushing, Smith, Steversen, Varner, Wallace.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (27) - Representative Scoggin, Chairman; Representative Holloway (76th), Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson J. (110th), Bounds, Boyd (19th), Butler-Washington, Calvert, Crawford, Deweese, Estrada, Eure, Faulkner, Foster, Harris, Hawkins, Hurst, Jackson (11th), Lott, McCarty, McGee, McLean, Paden, Roberson, Sanders, Taylor, Varner, Young.

WAYS AND MEANS (33) - Representative Lamar, Chairman; Representative Steversen, Vice Chairman; Representatives Aguirre, Anthony, Bailey, Banks, Barnett, Bell D. (21st), Bell C. (65th), Burnett, Byrd, Carpenter, Crawford, Denton, Evans, Ford K. (54th), Gibbs K. (36th), Guice, Haney, Holloway (76th), Horan, Horne, Johnson, Kinkade, Ladner, Morgan, Powell, Sanford, Shanks, Tullos, Wallace, Yancey, Zuber.

WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS (21) - Representative Kinkade, Chairman; Representative Fondren, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anderson B. (122nd), Barnett, Blackwell, Bounds, Carpenter, Evans, Ford J. (73rd), Gibbs K. (36th), Hale, Harris, Keen, Lamar, Mangold, Mansell, Mattox, Morgan, Oliver, Tubb, Wallace.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (21) - Representative Bell D. (21st), Chairman; Representative McLean, Vice Chairman; Representatives Anthony, Arnold, Calvert, Denton, Ford J. (73rd), Gibbs (72nd), Haney, Harris, Holloway (27th), Hurst, Lancaster, Lott, Mansell, McMillan, Scoggin, Summers, Thompson, Tubb, Waldo.

YOUTH AND FAMILY AFFAIRS (11) - Representative Anthony, Chairman; Representative Karriem, Vice Chairman; Representatives Blackwell, Hurst, Mansell, McCray, McLean, Roberson.

**PART IX
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Aguirre, Shane - Banking and Financial Services, Chairman; Business and Commerce; Gaming; Judiciary A; Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means;

Anderson, Jeramey - Drug Policy; Investigate State Offices; Judiciary B; Marine Resources; Universities and Colleges;

Anderson, Brent - Marine Resources, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations B; Drug Policy; Gaming; Public Utilities; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Anthony, Otis - Youth and Family Affairs, Chairman; Banking and Financial Services; Energy; Insurance; Transportation; Ways and Means; Workforce Development;

Arnold, William Tracy - Insurance, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations E; Banking and Financial Services; Energy; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Transportation; Workforce Development;

Bailey, Willie - Ports, Harbors and Airports, Vice Chairman; Apportionment and Elections; Business and Commerce; Gaming; State Affairs; Ways and Means;

Banks, Earle S. - Insurance; Judiciary A; Public Property; Public Utilities; Ways and Means;

Barnett, Shane - Local and Private Legislation, Chairman; Energy; Judiciary B; Management; Ways and Means; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Barton, Manly - Management, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations D; Education; Ethics; Military Affairs; Rules;

Bell, Donnie - Workforce Development, Chairman; Banking and Financial Services; Business and Commerce; Management; Medicaid; State Affairs; Ways and Means;

Bell, Christopher M. - Drug Policy, Vice Chairman; Banking and Financial Services; Energy; Insurance; Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means;

Bennett, Richard - Public Property, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations C; Corrections; Education; Local and Private Legislation;

Blackmon, Lawrence - Apportionment and Elections; Judiciary A; Municipalities; Technology;

Blackwell, Charles - Constitution; County Affairs; Education; Judiciary A; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Youth and Family Affairs;

Bounds, C. Scott - Appropriations B, Chairman; Agriculture; Appropriations A; Enrolled Bills; Investigate State Offices; Public Utilities; Universities and Colleges; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Boyd, Randy P. - Investigate State Offices, Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations A; Appropriations E; Business and Commerce; Conservation and Water Resources; Education; Housing; Tourism; Universities and Colleges;

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Boyd, Andy - Banking and Financial Services, Vice Chairman; County Affairs; Insurance; Public Utilities;

Brown, Bo - Judiciary B; Medicaid; Transportation;

Burch, Elliot - Agriculture; Constitution; Corrections; County Affairs; Drug Policy; Insurance; Judiciary B;

Burnett, Cedric - Interstate Cooperation, Chairman; Banking and Financial Services; Energy; Gaming; Ways and Means;

Byrd, Larry - County Affairs, Chairman; Agriculture; Marine Resources; Military Affairs; Technology; Transportation; Ways and Means;

Calvert, Billy Adam - Business and Commerce, Vice Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Conservation and Water Resources; Forestry; Universities and Colleges; Workforce Development;

Carpenter, Lester - Military Affairs, Chairman; Agriculture; Management; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Transportation; Ways and Means; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Clark, Bryant W. - Rules, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations B; Business and Commerce; Conservation and Water Resources; Drug Policy; Judiciary A; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; State Affairs; Transportation;

Cockerham, Angela - Appropriations A, Vice Chairman; Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations D; Corrections; Ethics; Judiciary A;

Crawford, Carolyn - Executive Contingent Fund, Chairman; County Affairs; Gaming; Marine Resources; Tourism; Universities and Colleges; Ways and Means;

Creekmore IV, Sam - Public Health and Human Services, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations C; Conservation and Water Resources; Education; Judiciary B; Local and Private Legislation; Rules; Tourism;

Crudup, Ronnie C. - Municipalities, Vice Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Public Property; Tourism; Transportation;

Currie, Becky - Corrections, Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations A; Appropriations C; Drug Policy; Education; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services;

Denton, Oscar - Tourism, Vice Chairman; Drug Policy; Gaming; Insurance; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Public Property; Ways and Means; Workforce Development;

Deweese, Clay - Appropriations C, Chairman; Appropriations A; Business and Commerce; Housing; Insurance; Rules; Transportation; Universities and Colleges;

Estrada, Jim - Banking and Financial Services; Energy; Judiciary A; Technology; Tourism; Universities and Colleges;

Eubanks, Dan - Investigate State Offices, Vice Chairman; Apportionment and Elections; Banking and Financial Services; Constitution; Energy; Insurance; Public Health and Human Services;

Eure, Casey - Gaming, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations B; Executive Contingent Fund; Judiciary B; Public Utilities; Transportation; Universities and Colleges;

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Evans, Bob - Apportionment and Elections; Conservation and Water Resources; Judiciary B; Medicaid; Ways and Means; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Faulkner, John G. - Technology, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations D; Corrections; Military Affairs; Municipalities; Transportation; Universities and Colleges;

Felsher, Kevin - Public Health and Human Services, Vice Chairman; Corrections; Education; Gaming; Judiciary A; Marine Resources; Public Property; Tourism;

Fondren, Jimmy - Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Vice Chairman; Education; Insurance; Judiciary A; Marine Resources; Ports, Harbors and Airports;

Ford, Kevin - Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency, Chairman; Business and Commerce; Energy; Gaming; Insurance; Judiciary A; Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means;

Ford, Jill - Technology, Chairman; Apportionment and Elections; Ethics; Judiciary B; Tourism; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Workforce Development;

Foster, Stephanie - State Library, Vice Chairman; Education; Military Affairs; Municipalities; Universities and Colleges;

Gibbs, Karl - State Library, Chairman; Agriculture; County Affairs; Energy; Gaming; Military Affairs; Public Utilities; Ways and Means; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Gibbs, Justis - Banking and Financial Services; Education; Judiciary A; Tourism; Workforce Development;

Grady, Zachary - Corrections; Education; Gaming; Judiciary B; Marine Resources; Tourism;

Guice, Jeffrey S. - Ports, Harbors and Airports, Chairman; Business and Commerce; Drug Policy; Gaming; Ways and Means;

Hale, Jeff - Energy, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations B; Banking and Financial Services; Insurance; Local and Private Legislation; Municipalities; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Hall, Rodney - Military Affairs, Vice Chairman; Banking and Financial Services; Constitution; Judiciary B; Public Utilities; Transportation;

Haney, Greg - Tourism, Chairman; Business and Commerce; Marine Resources; Municipalities; Ports, Harbors and Airports; State Library; Ways and Means; Workforce Development;

Harness, Jeffery - Agriculture; Education; Insurance; Judiciary A;

Harris, W.I. "Doc" - Forestry; Military Affairs; Municipalities; Technology; Tourism; Universities and Colleges; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Workforce Development;

Hawkins, Josh - Conservation and Water Resources, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Banking and Financial Services; Business and Commerce; Insurance; Transportation; Universities and Colleges;

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Hines, John W., Sr. - Local and Private Legislation, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations E; Banking and Financial Services; Housing; Insurance; Management; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services;

Hobgood-Wilkes, Stacey - Drug Policy, Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Banking and Financial Services; Insurance; Investigate State Offices; Transportation;

Holloway, Kenji - Agriculture; Conservation and Water Resources; Education; Public Utilities; Transportation; Workforce Development;

Holloway, Gregory, Sr. - Universities and Colleges, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Education; Public Property; Rules; Ways and Means;

Hood, Joey - Judiciary A, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations D; Energy; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; Public Utilities; State Affairs;

Horan, Kevin - Judiciary B, Chairman; Corrections; Public Health and Human Services; State Affairs; Ways and Means;

Horne, Stephen A. - Enrolled Bills, Chairman; Executive Contingent Fund; Interstate Cooperation; Investigate State Offices; State Library; Ways and Means;

Hulum, Jeffrey III - Marine Resources, Vice Chairman; Gaming; Military Affairs; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Tourism;

Hurst, Celeste - Corrections; Education; Judiciary B; Public Utilities; Technology; Universities and Colleges; Workforce Development; Youth and Family Affairs;

Jackson, Lataisha - Appropriations A; Appropriations B; Investigate State Offices; Judiciary B; Local and Private Legislation; Public Property; Universities and Colleges;

Jackson, Keith - Agriculture; Constitution; Corrections; Forestry; Judiciary B;

James-Jones, Timaka - Apportionment and Elections; County Affairs; Energy; Municipalities; Public Property; Tourism;

Johnson, Robert L. III - State Affairs, Vice Chairman; Gaming; Judiciary A; Medicaid; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Transportation; Ways and Means;

Karriem, Kabir - Youth and Family Affairs, Vice Chairman; Corrections; Drug Policy; Military Affairs; Municipalities; State Library;

Keen, Justin - Agriculture; Conservation and Water Resources; County Affairs; Energy; Forestry; Technology; Transportation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Kinkade, Bill - Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, Chairman; Agriculture; Energy; Forestry; Gaming; Public Property; Ways and Means;

Ladner, Timmy - Conservation and Water Resources, Chairman; Forestry; Marine Resources; Transportation; Ways and Means;

Lamar, John Thomas "Trey", III - Ways and Means, Chairman; Executive Contingent Fund; Investigate State Offices; Judiciary B; Transportation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

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Lancaster, Jonathan Ray - Public Utilities, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Public Health and Human Services; State Affairs; Transportation; Workforce Development;

Lott, Steve - Energy; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Transportation; Universities and Colleges; Workforce Development;

Mangold, Vince - Ethics, Chairman; Agriculture, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations E; Conservation and Water Resources; Education; Forestry; Transportation; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Mansell, Clay - Medicaid, Vice Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Business and Commerce; Conservation and Water Resources; Judiciary A; Technology; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Workforce Development; Youth and Family Affairs;

Massengill, Steve - Transportation, Chairman; Management, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Appropriations A; Appropriations E; Interstate Cooperation; Public Health and Human Services; Public Utilities; State Affairs;

Mattox, Brad - Agriculture; Banking and Financial Services; Education; Ports, Harbors and Airports; Tourism; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

McCarty, Kent - Education, Vice Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Apportionment and Elections; Banking and Financial Services; Judiciary B; Universities and Colleges;

McCray, Hester Jackson - Executive Contingent Fund, Vice Chairman; Conservation and Water Resources; Drug Policy; Energy; Gaming; Youth and Family Affairs;

McGee, Missy - Medicaid, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations C; Public Health and Human Services; Rules; Transportation; Universities and Colleges;

McKnight, Jay - Gaming, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations D; Insurance; Judiciary B; Marine Resources; Public Utilities; Rules;

McLean, Dana - Workforce Development, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Education; Judiciary B; Public Health and Human Services; Universities and Colleges; Youth and Family Affairs;

McMillan, Jonathan - Forestry, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Business and Commerce; Conservation and Water Resources; Energy; Transportation; Workforce Development;

Mickens, Carl - Housing, Chairman; Corrections; Education; Energy; Public Utilities;

Mims, Sam C., V - Appropriations D, Chairman; Appropriations A; Enrolled Bills; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services;

Morgan, Ken - Forestry, Chairman; Agriculture; Conservation and Water Resources; Public Property; Ways and Means; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Nelson, Fabian - Housing; Judiciary B; Military Affairs; Technology;

Newman, Gene - Public Property, Vice Chairman; Apportionment and Elections; Corrections; Judiciary B; Military Affairs;

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Oliver, Karl - Appropriations E, Chairman; Agriculture; Appropriations A; Judiciary A; Public Property; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Osborne, Solomon C. - Agriculture; County Affairs; Public Utilities;

Owen, Jansen - Judiciary B, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Apportionment and Elections; Business and Commerce; Education; Rules; State Affairs;

Paden, Orlando - Housing, Vice Chairman; Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Appropriations A; Appropriations B; Tourism; Transportation; Universities and Colleges;

Pigott, Bill - Agriculture, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations B; Conservation and Water Resources; Energy; Forestry; Interstate Cooperation; Military Affairs;

Porter, Daryl - Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency, Vice Chairman; Gaming; Judiciary B; Municipalities; Public Health and Human Services; Public Utilities;

Powell, Brent - Public Utilities, Chairman; Energy; Management; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means;

Read, John - Appropriations A, Chairman; Apportionment and Elections; Appropriations B; Appropriations C; Appropriations D; Appropriations E; Public Health and Human Services; Public Property;

Remak, Kimberly - Accountability, Efficiency, Transparency; Banking and Financial Services; County Affairs; Education; Ethics; Local and Private Legislation; Transportation;

Roberson, Rob - Education, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations E; County Affairs; Judiciary A; Management; Medicaid; Municipalities; Transportation; Universities and Colleges; Youth and Family Affairs;

Rosebud, Tracey T. - Energy, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Interstate Cooperation; Management; Public Utilities; Tourism;

Rushing, Randy - Municipalities, Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations D; Corrections; County Affairs; Military Affairs; Transportation;

Sanders, Robert L. - Interstate Cooperation, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Corrections; County Affairs; Education; Ethics; Judiciary A; Tourism; Universities and Colleges;

Sanford, Noah - Apportionment and Elections, Chairman; Business and Commerce; Energy; Judiciary A; Public Health and Human Services; Ways and Means;

Scoggin, Donnie - Universities and Colleges, Chairman; Agriculture; Appropriations A; Appropriations E; County Affairs; Judiciary B; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; Workforce Development;

Scott, Omeria - Appropriations A; Appropriations C; Housing; Interstate Cooperation; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; State Affairs;

Shanks, Fred - Rules, Chairman; Constitution; Corrections; Investigate State Offices; Public Health and Human Services; Public Utilities; State Affairs; Ways and Means;

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Smith, Troy - County Affairs, Vice Chairman; Enrolled Bills; Forestry; Public Property; Transportation;

Stepp, Andrew - Drug Policy; Judiciary A; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; Public Utilities;

Steverson, Jody - Ways and Means, Vice Chairman; Insurance; Municipalities; Public Utilities; Transportation;

Summers, Zakiya - County Affairs; Drug Policy; Technology; Tourism; Workforce Development;

Taylor, Cheikh - Constitution, Vice Chairman; County Affairs; Education; Public Utilities; Universities and Colleges;

Thompson, Rickey - Enrolled Bills, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Judiciary B; Public Health and Human Services; Workforce Development;

Tubb, Joseph - Transportation, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; Tourism; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks; Workforce Development;

Tullos, Mark - Apportionment and Elections, Vice Chairman; Agriculture; County Affairs; Judiciary A; Military Affairs; Municipalities; Ways and Means;

Turner, Jerry R. - Insurance, Chairman; Agriculture; Appropriations A; Appropriations C; Banking and Financial Services; Medicaid;

Varner, Lance - Agriculture; Banking and Financial Services; Judiciary B; Municipalities; Transportation; Universities and Colleges;

Waldo, Beth Luther - Agriculture; County Affairs; Drug Policy; Education; Judiciary A; Public Health and Human Services; Tourism; Workforce Development;

Wallace, Price - Constitution, Chairman; Agriculture; Apportionment and Elections; Conservation and Water Resources; Public Property; Transportation; Ways and Means; Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks;

Watson, Percy W. - Ethics, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations D; Banking and Financial Services; Education; Judiciary A;

White, Jason - Management; Rules;

Yancey, Lee - Business and Commerce, Chairman; Drug Policy; Insurance; Judiciary A; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; Public Utilities; Rules; Ways and Means;

Yates, Shanda - Judiciary A, Vice Chairman; Apportionment and Elections; Conservation and Water Resources; Constitution; Municipalities; State Affairs;

Young, Charles, Jr. - Corrections, Vice Chairman; Appropriations A; Appropriations C; Ethics; Medicaid; Public Health and Human Services; Universities and Colleges;

Zuber, Henry III - State Affairs, Chairman; Business and Commerce; Gaming; Insurance; Management; Ways and Means;

2024 First Extraordinary Session (January 18, 2024)

HISTORY OF HOUSE AND SENATE ACTIONS ON ALL FIRST AND SECOND
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION BILLS

H. B. No. 1 - (Ways and Means) Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects. I68. RS68. CR69. CU69. V70. IR71. AP75.

S. B. No. 2001 - (Appropriations A) Project Poppy Fund; create. RS68. RF69. CR69. CU71. V71. SS72.

S. B. No. 2002 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects. RS68. RF69. CR69. CU72. V72. SS73.

2024 Second Extraordinary Session (January 25, 2024)

H. B. No. 1 - (Appropriations A) Project Atlas Fund; create. I107. RS107. CR108. CU108. V108. IR109. SS110. AP122.

H. B. No. 2 - (Appropriations A) Appropriation; additional to MDA for certain projects. I107. RS107. CR108. CU109. V109. IR109. SS110. AP122.

S. B. No. 2001 - (Ways and Means) Economic development; provide incentives for certain economic development projects. RS107. RF108. CR108. CU109. V110. IR110. SS120.

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A. HOUSE RULES

THE SPEAKER AND SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

1. The Speaker, when elected, shall hold office for a term of four (4) years, or until the next regular session of the Legislature following an election for Governor and members of the Legislature, and shall take the chair on every legislative day precisely at the hour to which the House has adjourned at the last sitting, immediately call the members to order, cause the roll to be called finally, and, on the appearance of a quorum, cause the Journal of the proceedings of the last day's sitting to be read.
2. He shall preserve order and decorum, and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries or in the lobby, may cause the same to be cleared, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose.
3. He shall have general control, except as provided by rule or law, of the Hall of the House, and of the corridors and passages and the disposal of the unappropriated rooms in that part of the Capitol assigned to the use of the House, until further order.
4. He shall sign all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas of, or issued by order of, the House, and decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal by any member, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by permission of the House. The Speaker may require points of order in writing and may take reasonable time to examine and study same before ruling thereon, during which period consideration of that particular subject matter may be suspended without prejudice and the House proceed to the next order of business.
5. He shall rise to put a question and shall put questions in this form: "All those in favor (of the question), say 'Aye'"; and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "All those opposed, say 'No'"; if he doubts, or if a count is required by at least one-tenth (1/10) of the members present, he shall call the roll in the manner prescribed in Rule 69 or take the vote using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97.
6. He shall not be required to vote in ordinary legislative proceedings, except where his vote would be decisive, or where the House is engaged in voting by ballot; and in cases of a tie vote for, question shall be decided in the negative.
7. He shall have the right to name any member to perform the duties of the chair when the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be unable to do so, but such substitution shall not extend beyond one (1) legislative day; provided, however, that in the case of illness or unavoidable absence of both the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore, he may make such appointment for a period not exceeding five (5) days, with the approval of the House at the time the same is made.
8. Upon the death of a member of the House, the Speaker or any member of the House designated by him shall incur such expenses as may be necessary for the purchase on behalf of the House a State Flag for use in connection with the funeral and burial of said member, which flag shall be presented to the family of said member.
9. No member or visitor shall visit in the Speaker's stand during the session of the House, except at the instance of the Speaker. The Speaker may call a member to preside when necessary or desirable to confer with a member or visitor.

10. All committees, except the Rules Committee and the Management Committee, shall be appointed by the Speaker unless otherwise specially directed by the House.

10A. (1) There is created in the House of Representatives the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore of the Mississippi House of Representatives (hereinafter Speaker Pro Tempore).

(2) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected on the same day and in the same manner and method as may be designated for the election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve a term of four (4) years, which term as Speaker Pro Tempore shall expire concurrently with the term being served by the Speaker Pro Tempore as a member of the House of Representatives. There is no limit on the number of times that a member may serve as Speaker Pro Tempore.

(4) Any vacancy in the Office of Speaker Pro Tempore occurring during a regular or special legislative session shall be filled by election of the House of Representatives within five (5) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring during an interim between legislative sessions shall be filled within the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session. The person so elected shall serve only the remainder of the unexpired term.

(5) The Speaker Pro Tempore shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) To serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives during the absence, illness or disability of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule;

(b) To become Speaker of the House of Representatives in the event of the death or resignation of the Speaker, thereby assuming all powers, duties, responsibilities and privileges conferred upon the Speaker by the Constitution, statute, law or rule. He or she shall serve as Speaker until the beginning of the next succeeding regular legislative session, at which time an election for Speaker shall be held under the same terms and conditions as a regular Speaker's election, except that the person elected as Speaker shall hold the office only for the remainder of the term. If the Speaker Pro Tempore becomes the Speaker of the House, a new Speaker Pro Tempore shall be elected;

(c) To preside over the House of Representatives when the Speaker is not presiding and to preside over the House when sitting as the Committee of the Whole unless the Speaker Pro Tempore moved that the House go into the Committee of the Whole;

(d) To serve as the Chairman of the House Management Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(e) To serve as a member of the Rules Committee, having full powers of discussion, participation and voting;

(f) To consult with the Speaker in resolving points of order or other parliamentary matters; and

(g) Such other powers, duties and responsibilities as may be conferred upon the Speaker Pro Tempore by law or legislative rule.

RULES COMMITTEE

11. The Rules Committee shall be composed of the Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other members, two (2) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2024, to be selected by the members from their respective congressional districts by caucus. The place of residence of a member representing such district shall determine the congressional district caucus in which he or she shall participate and for which he or she may hold membership on the Rules Committee. The Speaker shall appoint the chairman and the vice chairman from among the members of the Rules Committee, but neither the Speaker nor the Speaker Pro Tempore shall be eligible to serve as chairman or vice chairman of the Rules Committee.

The members of the Rules Committee shall be elected during the first calendar week of each regular session having one hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days. Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, and each member's term shall end on the date on which the member's term in the House of Representatives expires.

Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election of the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any such vacancy occurring between regular annual sessions shall be filled by caucus election during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

No member of the Rules Committee shall concurrently serve as a member of the House Management Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Management Committee as provided in Rule 11A.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

11A. (1) There is created the House of Representatives Management Committee (hereinafter Management Committee) to be composed of the Speaker Pro Tempore, who shall serve as chairman, the Speaker, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and eight (8) other representatives, two (2) from each congressional district of Mississippi as constituted on January 1, 2024, to be elected by caucus of the representatives from each such district. The place of residence of a representative shall determine the congressional district caucus in which the representative shall participate and from which the representative may hold membership on the Management Committee. The members of the Management Committee shall select, from among its members, a vice chairman and secretary. The members of the Management Committee shall be elected during the first calendar week of each regular session having one hundred twenty-five (125) calendar days. Members shall serve a term of four (4) years, and each member's term shall end on the date on which the member's term in the House of Representatives expires.

(2) No member of the Management Committee shall serve concurrently as a member of the House Rules Committee, except that the Speaker and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall serve on the Rules Committee as provided in Rule 11.

(3) Any vacancy of a congressional district position occurring during a regular annual legislative session shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus within ten (10) calendar days after the vacancy occurs. Any vacancy occurring between regular annual legislative sessions shall be filled by election by the appropriate caucus

during the first five (5) calendar days of the next succeeding regular or special session of the Legislature.

(4) The Management Committee shall meet at such times as are necessary for the proper exercise of its functions, and shall have the authority to adopt policies, rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these rules, as it deems necessary for the efficient operation of the committee.

(5) Action by a majority vote of the Management Committee shall control and be conclusive on any matter properly concerning the House of Representatives.

(6) The committee shall function on a year-round basis and when the Legislature is not in session, members of the committee shall be compensated as provided in Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1972, for each day spent in actual discharge of their duties and shall be reimbursed for mileage and actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. No committee member may incur per diem, travel or other expenses unless authorized by vote at a meeting of the committee, which action shall be recorded in the official minutes of the committee.

(7) The Management Committee, in addition to its other responsibilities, shall perform the following duties:

(a) Conduct the business affairs of the House of Representatives;

(b) Investigate the feasibility of new and additional staff agencies and make recommendations to the House of Representatives;

(c) Assign such space in the Capitol or in such other buildings or parts thereof as may be reserved for the House of Representatives and have complete control, authority and jurisdiction over such rooms, chambers, offices and other areas. Any assignment of space shall be subject to change by the Management Committee. No other branch of the government, or a department or agency thereof, shall use any room, chamber, office or other area without specific written authorization from the Management Committee. The Management Committee is authorized to delegate its powers with regard to any such room, chamber, office or other area in connection with the maintenance, repairing, construction, reconstruction and refurbishing thereof in such a manner as it deems advisable;

(d) Staff interim committees;

(e) Staff standing committees; and

(f) Continually assess ways and means to improve the organization, procedures, facilities and working conditions of the House of Representatives.

(8) The Management Committee shall have the authority to designate a director, who may also serve as the Clerk or as the Director of the House Legislative Services Office, and who shall carry out the directives of the Management Committee and shall perform any and all duties of the Management Committee delegated to him or her. The Management Committee may employ other personnel as may be necessary to discharge its duties and responsibilities. All such personnel shall serve at the pleasure of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall also have the authority to fix the salaries of all personnel employed by the House of Representatives.

All employees of the House of Representatives required to travel in the performance of official duties shall be reimbursed for actual subsistence and travel expenses incurred by them while on official business as provided by law, provided such travel has prior approval of the Management Committee or the director under such authority as may be granted to him or her by the Management Committee.

(9) In providing for the staffing of the committees, the Management Committee shall have the responsibility for determining the necessity of any staff positions requested by the chairman of any committee. The persons to be employed for the positions that are approved by the Management Committee shall be hired by the committee with approval of the Speaker. At the beginning of each term, the Management Committee shall authorize a certain amount to be expended during each year of the term for the operation of the Speaker's Office.

(10) The Management Committee, upon request of the chairman of any standing committee of the House of Representatives, may authorize expenses, to include per diem, mileage, meals and lodging, to be paid for members attending the meeting of any standing committee or subcommittees thereof during the period in which the Legislature is not in session, which shall not exceed the compensation provided for members of the Management Committee provided for in subsection (6) of this rule. The Management Committee shall adopt rules and regulations concerning time, places and number of meetings that may be held for which members will be compensated, such rules and regulations to require prior approval of meetings in order for members to be compensated.

(11) The Management Committee shall have general administrative powers and the responsibility for the proper operation of the House Legislative Services Office.

(a) The director, subject to approval of the Management Committee, shall employ full-time professional, technical, clerical and stenographic assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(b) The House Legislative Services Office shall assist the House of Representatives, its committees, commissions and individual members of the House of Representatives as follows in:

- (i) Bill research;
- (ii) Bill drafting;
- (iii) Bill analysis;
- (iv) Preparation and writing of standing and interim committee reports; and
- (v) Such other duties as prescribed by the Management Committee.

(c) The House Legislative Services Office must be authorized, in writing, by a House member to prepare a draft before it undertakes the preparation thereof.

- (d) No employee of the House Legislative Services Office shall:
- (i) Reveal to any person outside his or her office the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request;
 - (ii) Urge, oppose or attempt to influence any legislation;
 - (iii) Give legal advice on any subject to any person, firm or corporation, except members of the House; nor
 - (iv) During his or her employment be associated or interested in the private practice of law in any matter without prior approval of the Management Committee.

A violation of any provision of this section by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal. However, this paragraph shall not be a limitation on the authority of the Management Committee to dismiss or change its employees.

(12) No employee of the House shall reveal to any person outside his or her department the contents or nature of any request for services made by any member

of the House except with the written consent of the person making such request. A violation of this subsection by an employee shall be sufficient cause for his or her immediate dismissal.

(13) The funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this rule shall be paid from the funds appropriated to the House of Representatives Contingent Fund made by the Legislature for the purposes herein set out.

(14) At such time as there may be designated or created in the Senate of the State of Mississippi a committee with like duties and responsibilities of the House Management Committee, the House Management Committee is authorized to meet jointly with such corresponding Senate committee in order to more effectively carry out the provisions of this rule.

DUTIES OF THE CLERK

12. When a bill has passed, it shall be certified by the Clerk, who shall note thereon the day it passes.

13. He shall stand while reading papers to the House, he shall attest all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House.

14. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall keep a correct Journal of the proceedings of the House, and, on each day, shall read over the Journal of the preceding day to the House. He shall number, file and preserve in its proper order, each bill, resolution, memorial, or other paper introduced in the House, and carefully engross and enroll all bills, resolutions, memorials and other papers that may be ordered to be engrossed or enrolled; and shall promptly and faithfully discharge all the duties incident to the House, provide for control of employees of the House under Speaker, provide for pay of members, employees, and control pages and porters. (Statutory)

15. Pages shall be appointed to serve for one (1) week at a time each, under the control and direction of the Clerk of the House. Only persons over the age of thirteen (13) years shall be eligible to serve as pages.

16. The Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall have general supervision, under the direction of the Speaker of the House, in maintaining the decorum and security of the House. He shall attend the sittings of the House, preserve order, execute its commands and all processes issued by its authority or by a House committee's authority, and have control of the assistants to the Sergeant at Arms. He shall clear the House of all visitors one (1) hour before each session convenes and not allow visitors on the Floor of the House for ten (10) minutes after a session has recessed or adjourned. He shall see that the Hall of the House and the Committee Rooms and the Room of the Speaker of the House, the anterooms, lobbies and galleries thereof are secure during the sitting of the House, and that all necessary conveniences are supplied to the members, officers and committees.

17. Each assistant to the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall be known as an Assistant Sergeant at Arms, and shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Sergeant at Arms.

DECORUM AND DEBATE

18. When any member desires to speak, to make a motion, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise at his desk and respectfully address himself to "Mr. Speaker" and, on being recognized, may address the House from any place on the floor and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

18A. Whenever a member is on the floor of the House while the House is in session, each male member of the House shall wear a coat and necktie, except when seated, and each female member of the House shall wear appropriate attire. No visitor or guest on the House floor shall be required to comply with this rule.

18B. Smoking shall not be permitted in any areas of the Capitol that are assigned to the House of Representatives and under the jurisdiction of the House Management Committee. As used in this rule, "smoking" means to inhale, exhale, burn, carry or otherwise possess any lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe or any other object or device of any form that contains lighted tobacco or any other smoking product. The Sergeant at Arms shall enforce the provisions of this rule.

18C. The regular floor proceedings of the House shall be telecast by high-speed wireless Internet transmission. Cameras used in making such telecasts may be allowed only to show a House member speaking at the podium and the Speaker or other officer presiding over the House while the House is convened. Reporters and technicians necessary to effectuate the telecasts may be admitted to the House chamber for this limited purpose; however, no camera, apparatus or procedure that would interfere with the proceedings of the House shall be used, and all telecasting shall be done from areas reserved or set aside for such activities by the Committee on Rules. No member or any other person shall use a phone, camera or other streaming device while in the House chamber to telecast, livestream or broadcast the regular floor proceedings of the House in any manner other than the telecast required by this rule, unless approved by the Committee on Rules.

19. No member shall call by name another member present in debate.

20. If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may on point of order ask the Speaker to call the transgressor to order; and the member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the House if appealed to, shall decide on the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if against him and the case requires it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House, or such other punishment as the House may deem proper.

21. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the House; but he shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the House therefor, if further debate on other business has intervened.

22. When two (2) or more members seek recognition at the same time, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.

23. No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any main question, or five (5) minutes on an amendment or any subsidiary question, without leave of the House, unless he or she is the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he or she shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak has spoken. A member who has spoken once, but who has not consumed his or her whole time shall not be permitted to speak again on the same question until each member that desires to do so has spoken.

The time limit in this rule on speaking on an amendment does not apply to the time during which the committee substitute on a House bill or resolution, the committee strike-all amendment on a Senate bill or resolution, or a strike-all amendment offered to

the bill by the chairman of the first-named committee or any member of the House designated by the chairman, is explained, questions are answered, and amendments are offered.

24. After the motion to lay on the table (motion to table), those in opposition to the motion shall be allowed five (5) minutes for discussion.

25. While the Speaker is putting a question, or addressing the House, no member shall walk out of, or across or about the Hall or converse with another, nor when a member is speaking, pass between him and the Chair, or entertain private discourse. And during the session of the House, no member or other person shall remain at the Clerk's desk at any time. No member or others shall expectorate upon the floor of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms and doorkeepers are charged with the strict enforcement of this rule.

26. No member shall vote on any question in the result of which he is pecuniarily interested, nor in any other case where he was not present when the question was put.

27. Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put shall vote on one (1) side or the other unless the House shall, for special reasons, excuse him.

28. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he shall have leave, or be sick, or unable to attend. Fifteen (15) members shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members and order a call of the House.
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29. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order except when operating under the previous question, but a motion to adjourn being lost, shall not be renewed until some business has intervened.

30. Every motion made to the House and entertained by the Speaker shall be reduced to writing on the demand of any member, and may be entered on the Journal with the name of the member making the motion.

31. When a motion has been made, the Speaker shall state it or (if it be in writing) cause it to be read aloud by the Clerk before being debated, and it shall then be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn by unanimous consent at any time before a decision or amendment.

32. No dilatory motion shall be entertained by the Speaker.

33. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but:

- (1) To adjourn
- (2) To lay on the table (To table)
- (3) For the previous question
- (4) To lay on the table subject to call
- (5) To postpone to a day certain
- (6) To refer
- (7) To amend
- (8) To postpone indefinitely

which several motions shall have precedence in the foregoing order; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be again allowed on the same day at the same stage of the question.

34. A motion to postpone a question beyond the time at which it can be considered is equivalent to complete disapproval and should be treated as a motion to postpone indefinitely.

The motion to postpone indefinitely is debatable and opens the main question to debate. A majority vote of the members voting is required for the adoption of the motion to postpone indefinitely. The adoption of a motion to postpone indefinitely shall be treated as a vote on the final passage of a measure and shall be subject to reconsideration as such.

35. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of an amendment; nor shall any amendment be adopted changing the original purpose of the bill.

36. The adoption of an amendment to a section shall not preclude further amendments to that section. If a measure is being considered section by section or item by item, only amendments to the section or item under consideration shall be made. The Speaker shall, in recognizing members for the purpose of moving the adoption of amendments, endeavor to cause all amendments to Section 1 to be considered first, then all those to Section 2 and so on. After all sections have been considered separately, the whole measure shall be open for amendment.

An amendment to strike all after the enacting or resolving clause or to strike out the enacting or resolving clause of a measure shall, if carried, be considered as equivalent to rejection of the measure by the House, and the vote thereon shall be taken by a roll-call vote. Amendments to an amendment shall be voted on before substitute is taken up. Only one (1) amendment to the amendment is in order at one time; but as rapidly as one is disposed of by rejection or adoption, another is in order as long as any member desires to offer one. A substitute amendment may be offered to an amendment. An amendment to the substitute may be offered. No other amendment can be offered since the third degree has been reached. The vote shall be taken in the following order: the amendment to the amendment shall first be voted on; then the amendment to the substitute; then the substitute amendment and if the substitute is adopted, then the original amendment shall be regarded as automatically tabled.

An amendment to a pending question requires only a majority vote for its adoption, even though the question may require a vote greater than a majority, for adoption.

It is in order for a House bill with Senate amendments to be referred to the proper committee or committees.

On all questions, whether in committee or in the House, the last amendment, the most distant day or hour and the largest sum shall be put first.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

37. No rule shall be suspended except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present.

38. All motions to suspend the rules shall embrace fully the object for which they are to be suspended.

39. A motion to suspend the rules shall be deemed a privileged motion, and shall take precedence of all other motions except the motion to adjourn, but it shall not be in order to make a motion to suspend the rules while the House is engaged in the consideration of other business.

40. On a motion to suspend the rules for reading a bill a third time, no debate shall be allowed unless the motion prevails.

41. An affirmative vote on a motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of taking up any particular bill, or resolution, shall not have the effect of precluding any motion or amendment in relation thereto which would have been in order if the bill or resolution had been brought before the House in the regular order.

42. A motion to suspend the rules for a particular purpose having been decided in the negative, it shall not be in order to renew the motion for the same purpose during the same day.

MOTION TO REFER

43. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be referred upon original reference at the pleasure of the House by suspension of the rules; provided, however, any bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, or other paper being before the House after the original reference thereof may be referred to a standing or select committee by a majority vote of the members of the House present and voting.

44. The vote on a motion to refer to committee may not be reconsidered. A motion to recommit or commit to committee shall be considered a motion to refer.

45. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House may be presented by any member who shall state briefly to the House the contents thereof; and no such bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report or other paper addressed to the House shall be read in full to the House but shall be filed with the Clerk, attention called thereto, and referred to the proper committee, unless by a majority vote of those present in the House should desire the same read.

46. Any member upon recognition by the Speaker may object to the reading of any document before the House. After such objection, the question of reading shall be determined without debate by a majority vote of the members present, upon a brief statement of its substance by the Speaker.

47. When a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report and other paper addressed to the House is offered, a motion made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order:
 A standing committee A select committee
 Committee of the Whole

When more than one (1) standing committee is proposed, the last proposed shall be the first voted upon as an amendment to strike out and insert.

48. Bills, resolutions, petitions, memorials, reports, and other papers addressed to the House shall, upon introduction, be referred by the Speaker to the committee having jurisdiction over the subject matter, and shall be considered by the House only after having been reported by such committee.

Provided, however, it shall be in order to consider a bill, resolution, petition, memorial, report, and other papers under the suspension of rules.

49. When a bill or concurrent resolution is originally referred to two (2) or more committees and favorably reported by them, the chairman of the first-named committee shall have the option of handling the bill or resolution on the floor.

Local and private bills may, in the discretion of the Speaker, be referred to two (2) or more committees, if, in the discretion of the Speaker, the nature and effect of said local and private bill shall require the consideration of another committee.

General bills written in such a way as to be local and private in nature shall be referred by the Speaker to the Committee on Local and Private Legislation and/or such other committee as permitted by the rules.

READING OF BILLS

50. After a bill has been read for the first time, if there is no objection, the rules shall be considered suspended and the bill placed on its second reading.

51. After a bill has been read the second time it shall be subject to amendment, but no discussion shall be allowed, or amendment adopted, until the bill shall have been referred to a committee with the proposed amendments thereto.

52. When a bill is up for final passage, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, a motion to recommit shall be in order and have precedence over all other business. However, it shall be in order for the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House or any member of the House designated by the chairman to make a motion to recommit without two (2) or more major amendments having been adopted.

53. Special order after the reading of the Journal of the preceding day shall be:

- (1) Senate messages.
- (2) Senate bills on the first and second reading and for the proper reference to the committees.
- (3) House bills on second reading.

REGULAR ORDER

54. The regular order shall be:

- (1) Report of select committees.
- (2) Report of standing committees in their order.
- (3) Introduction of bills and constitutional amendments.
- (4) Resolutions, petitions, memorials and other papers.
- (5) Introduction of guests and visitors.
- (6) Disposition of pending business on previous day, provided that nothing shall be considered under this section except propositions actually pending before the House at the time of adjournment on the previous day.
- (7) Consideration of conference reports.
When a conference report is called up, only three (3) courses are open: (a) agree, (b) disagree, or (c) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. However, only two (2) motions for the three (3) courses are in order: (a) agree, or (b) recommit to the same or another conference committee with or without instructions. If both motions are offered, the motion to recommit shall take precedence.

A conference report must be acted on as a whole and dealt with in its entirety. A conference report may not be amended except as provided in Joint Rule 27A.
When conference results in disagreement, conferees reporting such disagreement in writing are thereby discharged and new conferees may be appointed.
- (8) Consideration of bills for concurrence.

When Senate amendments to a House bill are before the body, they shall be either concurred in or not concurred in their entirety and not

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separately. The motion that the House do not concur in Senate amendments but invite conference shall take precedence over the motion that the House do concur. The concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as was required for the original passage of the measure and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the Journal of the House. However, if the Senate amendments would make the House bill a revenue bill under the Joint Rules or the Mississippi Constitution if the amendments were engrossed into the bill, then the vote on concurrence in the Senate amendments shall require the same vote as required for the final passage of a revenue bill.

- (9) Consideration of motions to reconsider.
- (10) Consideration and passage of bills and resolutions on the general calendar.
- (11) The Rules Committee may report at any time.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

55. The order of business shall not be changed except by two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting, and all questions relating to the priority shall be decided without debate.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

56. In all cases in forming a Committee of the Whole, which shall be done by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, the Speaker shall leave his chair and the Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside. If the Speaker Pro Tempore is absent or if the Speaker Pro Tempore moved to go into the Committee of the Whole, the Speaker shall appoint a chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, have the power to cause the same to be cleared, but the member making the motion to go into Committee of the Whole shall not be called to the chair.

57. Upon a bill being referred to the Committee of the Whole, the same shall first be read through by the Clerk, unless the committee shall otherwise order, and then read and debated by sections, leaving the title to be last considered. After report, the bill shall again be subject to debate and amendment before the question of engrossing it be taken.

58. The only motions permitted in Committee of the Whole are: to limit debate; to propose amendments; to recommend; to recess committee subject to the call of the chairman; to reconsider, provided said motion to reconsider may be called up immediately or at any time during the time the House is resolved into the Committee of the Whole for the consideration of the matter before the committee; and to rise.

59. The rules of the procedure in the House shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as they may be applicable and in all committees, provided standing and select committees may exclude from their committee procedures those House Rules not compatible, in the opinion of said committee, with the proper function of said committee.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- 60. (1) The following shall be the standing committees of the House:

- rules; (a) Rules Committee, as provided for in Rule 11 of these
these rules; (b) Management Committee, as provided for in Rule 11A of
rules; (c) Ethics Committee, as provided for in Rule 63A of these

Committee	Number of Members
Accountability, Efficiency and Transparency	11
Agriculture	33
Apportionment and Elections	17
Appropriations A	33
Appropriations B	9
Appropriations C	9
Appropriations D	9
Appropriations E	9
Banking and Financial Services	21
Business and Commerce	17
Conservation and Water Resources	17
Constitution	9
Corrections	17
County Affairs	19
Drug Policy	15
Education	27
Energy	21
Forestry	11
Gaming	19
Housing	7
Insurance	21
Interstate Cooperation	7
Judiciary A	25
Judiciary B	25
Local and Private Legislation	7
Marine Resources	11
Medicaid	19
Military Affairs	15
Municipalities	17
Ports, Harbors and Airports	11
Public Health and Human Services	29
Public Property	15
Public Utilities	23
State Affairs	13
Technology	11
Tourism	21
Transportation	33
Universities and Colleges	27
Ways and Means	33
Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks	21
Workforce Development	21
Youth and Family Affairs	8

(2) No member shall serve on both the Committee on Ways and Means and any of the Appropriations Committees. Each member who is not a member of the Committee on Ways and Means or any of the Appropriations Committees shall serve on at least four (4) committees listed in this rule.

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(3) The Appropriations A Committee and the Committee on Ways and Means each shall consist of thirty three (33) members appointed by the Speaker, six (6) members from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2024, and nine (9) members from the state at large. Appointments from the congressional districts shall be made on the basis of seniority. For the purposes of this rule, "seniority" shall mean length of service, continuous or interrupted, in either the House of Representatives or the Senate. However, seniority among members having the same length of service shall be determined as follows: first, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House; second, continuous, uninterrupted service in the House and Senate; third, interrupted service in the House; and fourth, interrupted service in the House and Senate.

(4) In order for a member to be eligible for the rights accorded by this subsection (4), a member shall submit a list of his or her committee preferences, setting forth at least ten (10) committees in order of preference with the most preferred being first on the list, to the Clerk of the House by 5:00 p.m. on the third calendar day of the first legislative session immediately following the year in which the members of the Legislature are elected. With regard to committee appointments, the following shall be followed by the Speaker of the House in making such appointments:

(a) Each member of the House who has served in the House for less than four (4) years, whether such service be continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member of any of the Appropriations Committees or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least two (2) of the first seven (7) committees on such list, not to include any of the Appropriations Committees and the Committee on Ways and Means; and

(b) Each member of the House who has served in the House for four (4) years or more, whether such service be continuous or interrupted, and who is not appointed to be a member of any of the Appropriations Committees or the Committee on Ways and Means shall, as a matter of right, be appointed to serve on at least three (3) of the first seven (7) committees on such list, not to include any of the Appropriations Committees and the Committee on Ways and Means.

(5) (a) The chairman of the Appropriations A Committee shall be an ex officio voting member of the Appropriations B, Appropriations C, Appropriations D and Appropriations E Committees.

(b) Each member of the Appropriations B, Appropriations C, Appropriations D and Appropriations E Committees shall also be a member of the Appropriations A Committee. However, except for the chairman of the Appropriations A Committee, no member of the Appropriations B, Appropriations C, Appropriations D or Appropriations E Committees may be a member of any of the other Appropriations Committees other than the Appropriations A Committee.

(6) In making committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the preferences as expressed by the members on their lists as provided in subsection (4) of this rule, and to the seniority, abilities, and geographic location of the members.

61. The first member named on a committee shall be its chairman and the second member named shall be its vice chairman, except that the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee shall be elected as provided in Rule 11A and the Appropriations B, Appropriations C, Appropriations D and Appropriations E Committees shall not have a vice chairman. However, no member who serves as chairman or vice

chairman of a standing committee shall serve as chairman or vice chairman of another standing committee, except that the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, the Vice Chairman of the Rules Committee, the Vice Chairman of the Management Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Committee on State Affairs may be the chairman of another standing committee. There shall be no further rank on committees, the remaining members being listed thereon in alphabetical order. Each committee shall, after its organization, immediately determine by a majority vote what shall constitute a sufficient quorum for it to proceed to business, which quorum shall be not less than a majority of the committee, and shall report that action to the Clerk of the House.

62. Bills, resolutions and other measures, at the discretion of the Speaker, may be referred to Judiciary en banc, in which event the Judiciary A Committee and the Judiciary B Committee shall sit as one (1) committee and be presided over by the Chairman of Judiciary A.

63. The chairman of each House committee shall keep a record of meetings and attendance and shall make with his report each time a statement showing the hour his committee met and the hour it adjourned, together with the names of all the members of the committee who were absent from the meeting, who had not been previously excused by him or by the Speaker to attend to other legislative duties.

ETHICS COMMITTEE

63A. As used in the context of this rule, the word "committee" shall mean the Committee on Ethics of the House of Representatives, and the phrase "majority of the committee" shall mean a majority of the members to which the committee is entitled.

The committee shall consist of eight (8) members, one (1) from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2024, one (1) member from the state at large appointed by the Speaker, and one (1) from each Supreme Court district, appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker shall appoint from the members a chairman, vice chairman and secretary for the committee.

The chairman shall notify all members of the committee at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the date, time and place of a meeting. Whenever the chairman shall refuse to call a meeting, a majority of the committee may vote to call a meeting by giving two (2) days' written notice to the Speaker of the House setting forth the time and place for such meeting. Such notice shall be posted in the office of the Clerk of the House, and if such meeting is called while the Legislature is in session the notice shall be read to the House. Thereafter, the meeting shall be held at the time and place specified in such notice.

The committee shall conduct its investigations, hearings and meetings relating to a specific investigation or a specific member, officer or employee of the House in closed session, and the fact that such investigation is being conducted or to be conducted, or that hearings or such meetings are being held or are to be held shall be confidential information, unless the person subject to investigation advises the committee in writing that he elects that such hearing shall be held publicly. In the event of such an election, the committee shall furnish such person a public hearing. All other meetings of the committee shall be open to the public.

The committee shall receive complaints from any citizen against members, officers and employees of the House alleging improper or unethical conduct. Any such complaint must be in writing signed by the person filing the complaint and acknowledged by a notary public, and must set forth in detail the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or of the Constitution violated. The person against whom the complaint has been brought shall be notified in writing and given a copy of the

complaint. Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the complaint, such person may file a written answer thereto with the committee. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the complaint within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the complaint is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the complaint.

A majority of the committee may, on its own, initiate a preliminary investigation of any suspected violation of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute, or Constitution by a member, officer or employee of the House. If it is determined by a majority of the committee that a violation of a rule or law may have occurred, the person in question shall be notified in writing of the conduct in question and the section of the Code of Ethics, other House Rule, written policy of the House adopted by the Management Committee, statute or Constitution violated. Within fifteen (15) days, such person may file a written answer thereto. Upon receipt of the answer, by vote of a majority of the committee, the committee shall either dismiss the charges within ten (10) days or proceed with a formal investigation, to include hearings, not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days after notice in writing to the person so charged that the committee is proceeding with a formal investigation. Personal service of such notice shall be made by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives and a return made thereon to the committee. Failure of the person charged to file an answer shall not be deemed to be an admission or create an inference or presumption that the charge is true, and such failure to file an answer shall not prohibit a majority of the committee from either proceeding with a formal investigation or dismissing the charge.

In the event that the committee desires to review the statement of economic interest or any other statement filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission by any member, officer or employee of the House, the commission shall furnish a certified copy of the statement to the committee.

In the event that the committee shall elect to proceed with a formal investigation of the conduct of any member, officer or employee of the House, the committee may, in its discretion, employ independent counsel who shall not be employed by the House for any other purpose or in any other capacity during such investigation.

Such person shall be entitled to present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, face his accuser, and be represented by counsel.

The chairman may continue any hearing for reasonable cause, and upon the vote of a majority of the committee or upon the request of any person subject to investigation, the chairman shall issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relating to any matter under formal investigation by the committee.

All testimony, documents, records, data, statements or information received by the committee in the course of any investigation shall be private and confidential, except in the case of public hearings or in a report to the House. The committee may release any confidential information, including a report thereon, regarding any member, officer or employee at the request of such member, officer or employee. No report shall be made to the House unless a majority of the committee has made a finding of unethical or improper conduct on the part of the person under investigation. No finding of unethical or improper conduct shall be valid unless signed by at least a majority of the committee.

Any such report may include a minority report. No action shall be taken on any finding of improper or unethical conduct nor shall such finding or report containing such finding be made public sooner than seven (7) days after a copy of the finding is sent by certified mail to the member, officer or employee under investigation.

The committee may meet with a committee of the Senate to hold investigations or hearings involving employees of the two (2) houses jointly or employees of the Legislative Reference Bureau, the Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and any other joint committee created by the Legislature; provided, however, no action may be taken at a joint meeting unless it is approved by a majority of the committee.

In the event that a member of the committee shall be under investigation, such member shall be temporarily replaced on the committee in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

The committee, upon the written request of a member, officer or employee of the House, shall issue opinions in writing with regard to real or hypothetical situations pertaining to legislative ethics or decorum. When a request made under this paragraph has stated all the facts to govern the opinion and an opinion has been prepared and issued with reference to the request, there shall be no liability, civil or criminal, accruing to or against the person requesting the opinion who, in good faith, follows the direction of the opinion and acts in accordance with the opinion, unless a court of competent jurisdiction, after a full hearing, judicially declares that the opinion is manifestly wrong and without substantial support. No opinion shall be considered or issued if the opinion is requested after suit is filed, prosecution begun, or a complaint has been filed with the committee under this rule. All requests for opinions and all opinions issued under this paragraph shall be confidential and the committee shall not publicly disclose any opinion issued or the fact that an opinion has been requested or issued unless the person requesting the opinion gives his or her written permission to the committee. However, opinions of the committee, with such deletions and changes as are necessary to protect the identity of the person involved or seeking them, may be published and distributed to all the members of the House.

Any member of the committee breaching the confidentiality of materials and events as set forth in this rule shall, by a majority vote of the committee, be removed immediately from the committee and replaced by another member of the House in a like manner as the member's original appointment.

Any officer or employee of the House shall be subject to the same restriction of confidentiality as a member of the committee, and a breach of this restriction shall be grounds for dismissal of any officer or employee.

The committee may adopt rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of its affairs, investigations, hearings and meetings, which rules are not inconsistent with this rule.

The committee shall continue to exist and have authority and power to function after the sine die adjournment of the Legislature, and shall so continue until the expiration of the then current term of office of the members of the committee.

CODE OF ETHICS

63B. In addition to the other rules of the House of Representatives, and in supplement thereto, the following Code of Ethics is established as a standard of conduct for members.

- (1) No member, officer or employee of the House shall:

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- (a) Accept employment or engage in any business or professional activity which will require him to disclose confidential information which he has gained by reason of his official position or authority;
- (b) Improperly disclose confidential information acquired by him in the course of his official duties nor use such information to further his personal interests;
- (c) Use or attempt to use his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or exemptions for himself or others;
- (d) Use for private gain any information not available to the public at large and acquired by him solely by virtue of his position, and no information described in this subsection shall be disclosed by a member to others for purposes of their use for private gain.

(2) Each member of the House shall file the statement of economic interest or any other statement required to be filed by the Mississippi Ethics Commission which shall be signed under oath as to the accuracy and completeness of the information set forth to the best knowledge of the person submitting such statement. Required statements hereunder shall be filed with the Mississippi Ethics Commission with such information as is required by law. In the event of any substantial change occurring after the time required for filing as to matters covered in this section, a supplemental statement shall be filed within thirty (30) days thereafter reflecting such new information.

(3) Any member who shall undertake to represent or to intervene for any person for compensation before any state agency shall file a statement with the Ethics Committee within thirty (30) days after undertaking that representation. Such statement shall identify the person represented and the nature of the business involved; however, this provision shall not apply: (a) where such representation involves only the uncontested or routine actions of administrative officers or employees of the state in issuing or renewing a license, charter, certificate or similar document, and (b) where such representation is before the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission.

(4) In addition to the filings required herein, copies of the statements required to be filed under this rule shall be filed with the Secretary of State. Such statements shall be open to the general public and shall be filed at the same time as filings required hereinabove.

64. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence over all other business and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

65. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Bills to examine all engrossed and enrolled bills, correct all mistakes therein, and report the bills to the House and this report shall be in order at any time.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

66. There shall be a motion for the previous question, which being ordered by a majority of members voting, if a quorum be present, shall have the effect to cut off all debate and bring the House to a direct vote upon the immediate question, or questions, on which it has been asked and ordered, except that each side shall be allowed ten (10) minutes on the main question and five (5) minutes on any subsidiary question for debate, the affirmative closing the debate. The previous question may be asked and ordered upon a single motion, a series of motions allowable under the rules, or an amendment or amendments, or may be made to embrace all authorized motions or amendments and include the bill to its recommitment, passage or rejection. It shall be in order after the previous question shall have been ordered on its passage, for the Speaker to entertain and submit a motion without debate to recommit, with or without

instruction, to a standing or select committee. Provided, however, a motion to reconsider the vote whereby an amendment has been adopted or rejected shall not be in order after the previous question has been ordered.

67. If the previous question is lost, the motion may not be renewed until a subsequent vote has been taken on any matter.

68. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether an appeal or otherwise, without debate.

ON CALLS OF THE ROLL

69. Upon every roll call where the vote is not taken using the electronic roll-call system in Rule 97, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically by surname, except when two (2) or more have the same surname, in which case the name of the county shall be added; and if there are two (2) such members from the same county, the name and initials shall be called, and after the roll has been once called, the Clerk shall call in their alphabetical order the names of those not voting; and thereafter the Speaker shall not entertain a request to record a vote or announce a pair; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

ABSENCE OF QUORUM

70. In the absence of a quorum, fifteen (15) members, including the Speaker, if there is one, shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, and in all calls of the House the doors shall be closed, the names of the members shall be called by the Clerk, and the absentees noted; and those for whom no sufficient excuse is made may, by order of a majority of those present, be sent for and arrested, wherever they may be found, by officers appointed by the Sergeant at Arms for that purpose, and their attendance secured and retained; and the House shall determine upon what condition they shall be discharged. Members who voluntarily appear shall, unless the House otherwise direct, be immediately admitted to the Hall of the House, and they shall report their names to the Clerk to be entered upon the Journal as present.

71. On the demand of any member, or at the suggestion of the Speaker, the names of members sufficient to make a quorum in the Hall of the House who do not vote shall be noted by the Clerk and recorded in the Journal, and reported to the Speaker with the names of the members voting and be counted and announced in determining the presence of a quorum to do business.

72. Whenever a quorum fails to vote on any question and a quorum is not present and objection is made for that cause, unless the House shall adjourn there shall be a call of the House, and the Sergeant at Arms shall forthwith proceed to bring absent members, and the yeas and nays on the pending question shall at the same time be considered as ordered.

The Clerk shall call the roll, and each member as he answers to his name may vote on the pending question, and, after the roll call is completed, each member arrested shall be brought by the Sergeant at Arms before the House, whereupon he shall be noted as present, discharged from arrest, and given an opportunity to vote and his vote shall be recorded. If those voting on the question and those who are present and decline to vote shall together make a majority of the House, the Speaker shall declare that a quorum is constituted, and the pending question shall be decided as the majority of those voting shall appear; and thereupon further proceedings under the call shall be considered as

dispensed with. At any time after the roll call has been completed, the Speaker may entertain a motion to adjourn, if seconded by a majority of those present, to be ascertained by actual count by the Speaker; and if the House adjourns, all proceedings under this section shall be vacated.

DIVISION OF QUESTION

73. On demand of any member, before the question is put, a question shall be divided if it include propositions so distinct in substance, that one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain.

74. (1) Questions of privilege shall be:

First, those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity and the integrity of its proceedings. Second, the rights, reputation and conduct of members individually in their representative capacity only.

(2) No member shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any question of privilege.

HOURS OF MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

75. Two o'clock in the afternoon on each legislative day shall be the standing hour to which the House adjourns, unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the members present and voting.

76. The hour at which every motion to adjourn is made shall be entered on the Journal.

77. It shall be the duty of the Rules Committee to prescribe a schedule for regular meetings of standing committees.

78. Every bill or resolution, when favorably reported by the proper committee, shall be made available for viewing on the members' computers and shall be reproduced with sufficient copies so that copies thereof may be placed on the desk of every member who requests to have a copy, before any such bill or resolution is placed on final passage. No bill or resolution shall be considered by the House unless it is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy of the bill or resolution have been furnished copies thereof, except by unanimous consent. When a bill or resolution is being considered by the House, all amendments offered have been disposed of, and two (2) or more major amendments have been adopted, any member may move that the bill be engrossed. If such motion is adopted by a majority of those present and voting, further consideration of such bill or resolution shall be suspended until the bill or resolution has been engrossed and the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members present who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution. When the engrossed bill or resolution is available for viewing on the members' computers and all members who request to have a copy have been furnished copies of the engrossed bill or resolution, the bill or resolution shall then become pending business of the House as soon as the main question then under consideration has been disposed of. The committee or any member proposing a substitute or an amendment which is, in effect, a substitute for an entire bill or resolution, shall provide the substitute or amendment to the Clerk to make it available for viewing on the members' computers and provide copies of the substitute or amendment to all members who request a copy before the same shall be voted on for consideration or adoption, except on suspension of the rules.

79. When a bill, memorial or resolution has been finally rejected in the House, it shall not again be introduced or considered during the same session without notice of three (3) days and leave of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, and a bill so offered for reintroduction shall be regarded as the same, if it deals substantially with the same subject matter.

SPECIAL ORDER

80. Special orders of the day not disposed of on the day assigned, shall stand for every succeeding day, until disposed of.

81. (1) A motion to postpone to a day certain shall require a majority of those present and voting for its adoption, but a motion to postpone to a time certain shall be deemed, and treated as, a motion to set as a special order. (2) A motion to set a special order may be amended as to time. It is debatable only as to the question of setting the special order and does not open up the main question to debate. (3) A motion to set a special order shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting. (4) When special orders that have been made at different times come into conflict, the one that was first made takes precedence over all special orders made afterwards, although the latter were made for an earlier hour.

CALENDARS

82. Bills reported by committees shall be given a serial number by the Clerk and shall be placed on the calendar in the order in which reported by the committee and shall be called for consideration in that order. Bills on the calendar may only be called up by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the bill was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman. When a bill is called for consideration in the order in which placed on the calendar and is not considered by the House, it shall go to the heel of the calendar, unless a majority of the members present allow the bill to retain its place on the calendar. Separate calendars shall be kept for the bills reported by the Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, Rules, and Local and Private Legislation.

83. Any committee or individual member of the House may apply to the Committee on Rules to set a time for the taking up, ahead of its regular place on the calendar, of any measure favorably reported by the committee to which the measure has been referred. The Committee on Rules may grant such request by a majority vote. The Committee on Rules may designate a day of each legislative week as a noncontroversial bill day. When such a day be designated, all bills appearing on the calendar shall be considered in their regular order provided, however, that should ten percent (10%) of the membership object to any measure on the noncontroversial calendar stating that it is of a controversial nature, that measure shall go to the heel of the General House Calendar.

84. The calendar shall be made up from day to day.

MINORITY REPORT

85. Bills adversely reported by the committees shall not be placed on the calendar at all unless accompanied by a minority report signed by one or more members who were present at the committee meeting at which the bill was reported. Minority reports must be filed within three (3) legislative days after the bill has been reported by the committee; a minority report shall be placed on the calendar at the heel of favorably reported bills and shall not be considered until all favorably reported bills are disposed of, except on a suspension of the rules on a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those elected to the

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House and on roll call, whereupon, the House may proceed immediately to the consideration thereof.

86. Matters affecting the public interest and regarded as of immediate necessity may be advanced on the calendar by the Rules Committee, and such matters may also be advanced on the calendar by a vote of a majority of the members elected to the House of Representatives.

RULES

87. The permanent Rules of the House may not be changed or amended except by three (3) days' notice by a motion entered in writing and placed on the Journal and by a vote of three-fifths (3/5) of those present and voting, except that no rule shall be changed or amended unless at least a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives vote for said change or amendment.

Provided, however, the rules, or a rule, may be amended or changed by a resolution referred to the Rules Committee, reported favorably, and adopted by a majority of the elected members of the House of Representatives, and such resolutions, once reported, shall not be amended except by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the elected members of the House of Representatives.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a rule has been adopted or failed shall not be in order at any time.

88. The current Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the foregoing rules, the Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi.

89. No person shall be entitled to enter upon the Floor of the House except: Members, their spouses, former members of the Legislature, unless said former member is a registered lobbyist, officers and employees of the House; members, officers and employees of the Senate; members of the news media who have proper credentials issued by the Rules Committee; ministers invited by the Speaker or the Clerk; and such others as the Committee on Rules may designate. Doors between the lobby and the cloak room, and the door between the lobby and the Hall of the House shall be kept closed. Visitors invited and personally accompanied by members are permitted in the lobby. The Speaker is charged with the enforcement of this rule, and it shall be the duty of any member, officer or employee of the House to inform the Speaker of any violation of this rule. This rule is applicable from one (1) hour before the House convenes each day until the House adjourns each day.

90. Privilege of reports from Committee on Rules, and limitations thereon.

It shall always be in order to call up for consideration a report from the Committee on Rules and, pending the consideration thereof, the Speaker may entertain one (1) motion that the House adjourn; but after the result is announced, he shall not entertain any other dilatory motion until the report has been fully disposed of.

91. No committee, except the Committee on Rules, shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

92. Each member, who desires to introduce a bill shall place same in box in front of the Clerk's desk at any hour to suit his convenience, and the Clerk is instructed to

take these out at each session when the order for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments is reached, and read their titles, and after the expiration of not less than one (1) legislative day, the Speaker shall refer them to the proper committees; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the immediate references of said bills or constitutional amendments under a suspension of the rules.

93. All bills and resolutions must be typewritten or printed. Bills and resolutions must be introduced in original form (not carbon, photocopy or facsimile) and should be free from interlineations, corrections and strikeouts, whether with ink, pencil or typewriter. Amendments proposed by members or by committees must not be written into a bill or resolution until such amendments shall be adopted by the House.

94. In addition to any other time provided by law or by rule, members of the House may file bills or resolutions with the Clerk of the House at any time during the period between sessions of the Legislature. Such prefiled bills shall be numbered by the Clerk of the House and referred by the Speaker to the appropriate standing committee of the House for study. Such prefiled bills shall be introduced in the order filed on the first day of the next succeeding regular session of the Legislature, or special session if included within the Governor's call, and referred to committee in the regular order of business of the House.

WITHDRAW FROM COMMITTEE

95. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this rule, every House bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation by the twenty-seventh day of a ninety-day session and by the sixty-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and every Senate bill, resolution or measure referred to any committee, and not reported therefrom by the fifty-fifth day of a ninety-day session and by the ninetieth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, may be withdrawn from the committee on a motion made in writing, which motion must be read by the Clerk immediately upon its introduction, setting forth the reasons why the bill should be withdrawn from the committee, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting. It may then be taken up and considered by the Committee of the Whole House in accordance with the procedure set forth in House Rule 56, or, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting it may be recommitted to a standing committee. During extraordinary or special sessions of the Legislature, any bill, including an appropriation or revenue bill, may be withdrawn from committee after three (3) days from the date of reference. A motion to withdraw a bill from a committee shall not be voted upon by the House on the day which the motion is made, except upon suspension of the rules by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

(2) Any House appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the fiftieth day of a ninety-day session and by the eighty-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session.

(3) Any Senate appropriation bill or revenue bill referred to the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule if the motion for withdrawal is made by the seventieth day of a ninety-day session and by the one-hundred-fifth day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session

(4) Any House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the twenty-ninth day of a ninety-day session or after the sixty-fourth day of

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a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the fifty-seventh day of a ninety-day session or after the ninety-second day of a one-hundred-twenty-five-day session, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule.

(5) For the purposes of this rule, the term "revenue bill" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for the purposes of this rule.

(6) If the Legislature shortens a ninety-day regular session or a one-hundred-twenty-five-day regular session by moving the deadlines for processing legislation that are set forth in Joint Rule 40 to dates earlier than the dates otherwise set for those sessions, the dates set forth in this subsection (6) shall apply to the motion for withdrawing a bill from committee. A general bill, resolution or measure that has not been reported from the committee to which it has been referred may be withdrawn from the committee after the second day before the deadline for the committee to report the bill, resolution or measure. An appropriation or revenue bill that has not been reported from the House Appropriations Committee or the House Ways and Means Committee, as the case may be, within ten (10) legislative days after referral, may be withdrawn from the applicable committee if the motion for withdrawal is made by the day before the deadline for original House floor action on the bill. A House resolution or House concurrent resolution that is referred after the deadline for committees to report House general bills, and any Senate concurrent resolution that is referred to a House committee after the deadline for House committees to report Senate general bills, and not reported therefrom with a recommendation within ten (10) legislative days after referral may be withdrawn from the committee in accordance with the procedure set forth in subsection (1) of this rule. All other provisions of this rule regarding the procedure to follow and the associated vote requirements for withdrawing bills from committee shall apply.

BILLS SHALL LIE ON TABLE ONE DAY

96. Every bill or resolution requiring the signature of the Governor, all resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution, and all reports of committees except the report of the Committee on Rules, shall lie on the table one (1) day before being considered except by suspension of the rules.

ROLL CALLS

97. When taking the yeas and nays on any question to be voted upon, the electrical roll-call system may be used, and, when so used, shall have the same force and effect as a roll call taken as otherwise provided in the Rules of the House.

When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring a roll call and the vote is to be taken by the electrical roll-call system, the Speaker shall announce:

"The question is on the passage of (designating the matter to be voted upon). All those in favor (of such question) vote 'Aye'; all those opposed vote 'No.' The House will now vote."

When sufficient time has been allowed the members to vote, the Speaker shall announce one or more times: "Have all voted?" And after a short pause, the Speaker shall direct the Clerk to lock the machine and record the vote.

The Clerk shall immediately start the vote-recording equipment and, when the vote is completely recorded, shall advise the Speaker of the result, and the Speaker shall announce the result to the House. The Clerk shall enter upon the Journal the result in the manner provided by the Rules of the House.

After the voting machine has been locked, but prior to the display of the tabulated vote on the electric voting board of the result of a roll call, any member may request to (1) change his or her vote, or (2) vote. After the vote has been tabulated and displayed on the electric voting board, a member with unanimous consent may change his or her vote on the measure, except that no such change of vote shall be permitted where such vote would alter the final vote on the measure.

No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member cast a vote for a member. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member may be punished in such a manner as the House may determine. If a person not a member shall vote or attempt to vote for any member, he or she shall be barred from the Floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be punished further in such manner as the House may deem proper, in addition to such punishment as may be prescribed by law.

98. Neither the Speaker nor the House exercises jurisdiction over pairs, and the only cognizance of them taken by the rules is the provision for the announcement and publication.

99. No member shall be permitted to give an oral explanation of his vote but may reduce his explanation to writing in not more than one hundred (100) words, and upon filing with the Clerk, this explanation shall be spread on the Journal.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

100. Any member voting on any measure, shall be privileged to enter a motion to reconsider the vote whereby the measure is disposed of, at any time within the period prescribed by the rules of this House.

101. A motion to reconsider having been properly made and entered in the Journal shall become the property of the House and may be called up only by the chairman of the first-named committee from which the measure was reported to the House, or any member of the House designated by the chairman.

When a measure requires more than a majority vote for passage, it may still be reconsidered by a majority vote. 101A. When a bill or resolution is before the House for final passage or adoption and a motion to lay on the table (motion to table) the bill or resolution prevails, the vote to table the bill or resolution may be held on a motion to reconsider and may be reconsidered in the same manner as a vote on final passage or adoption of a bill or resolution that fails.

102. When a bill is read the third time in regular order, and not under suspension of the rules, it shall be considered engrossed and the House on the next or any succeeding legislative day may proceed to a vote on its final passage in the same manner as if the rules had been suspended for its consideration.

PASSAGE OVER VETO

103. (1) Upon return of a bill without the approval of the Governor accompanied by the Governor's objections to the bill, the House shall proceed to reconsider the bill by either an immediate vote on the motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, or by referral to the committee which originally recommended the bill. If the bill is reconsidered by referral to the committee of origin, the committee may report,

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with written recommendations, to the full House at any time before the date of sine die adjournment of the session. At the time of the report of such committee, only two (2) courses shall be open:

(a) Allow Governor's veto to stand.

(b) Override Governor's veto.

The motion for the first course is a motion to allow the Governor's veto to stand, and the motion for the second course is a motion for passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding. Such a motion, while not mandatory, shall be in order at any time.

(2) Upon calling up a bill for reconsideration and passage, the Governor's veto notwithstanding, the question before the House is not of reconsideration but that of overriding the Governor's veto.

(3) A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members present and voting, a quorum being present, is required to pass a bill over a Governor's veto.

(4) A motion to reconsider the vote by which a vetoed bill is passed or rejected is not in order.

104. The Rules Committee shall set aside space to accommodate representatives of the press, radio and television media wishing to report proceedings and such representatives shall be admitted to such area under such regulations as the Rules Committee may from time to time prescribe. The supervision of such portion of the floor shall be fixed in the Committee on Rules.

(a) The correspondents shall abide by such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Rules Committee.

(b) The press table allotted to representatives of the news media shall be for their exclusive use and persons not holding correspondents' cards shall not be entitled to admission thereto.

OPEN MEETINGS

104A. All official meetings of any standing, interim or special committee of the House of Representatives, but not including conference committees, unless otherwise provided by this rule or the Constitution of the United States or the State of Mississippi, are declared to be public meetings and shall be open to the public at all times unless declared an executive session as provided herein. Any such House committee may enter into executive session for the transaction of public business; provided, however, all meetings of any such committee shall commence as an open meeting, and an affirmative vote of a majority of all members present shall be required to declare an executive session. The procedure to be followed by such committee in declaring an executive session shall be as follows: Any member shall have the right to require a closed determination upon the issue of whether or not to declare an executive session. Such member, by motion, shall require the meeting to be closed for a preliminary determination of the necessity for executive session. No other business shall be transacted until the discussion of the nature of the matter requiring executive session has been completed and a vote taken on the issue. The total vote on the question of entering into an executive session shall be recorded and spread upon the minutes of such committee. Any such vote whereby executive session is declared shall be applicable only to that particular meeting.

Any such House committee may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of persons attending its meetings.

Minutes shall be kept of all House committees, in open or executive session, and shall consist of a written record of attendance and final actions taken at such meetings. Such minutes shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours within a reasonable time after adjournment.

During a regular or special session of the Legislature, notice of meetings of all House committees, other than conference committees, shall be given by announcement on the loudspeaker during sessions of the House or by posting on a bulletin board provided for that purpose.

When not in session, the meeting times and places of all House committees shall be kept by the Clerk of the House of Representatives and shall be available at all times during regular working hours to the public and news media.

ELECTION CONTEST

104B. The procedure for handling the contest of the election, other than a primary election, of a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives shall be as follows:

(1) Anyone desiring to contest the election, other than a primary election, of a member returned as elected to the Mississippi House of Representatives shall file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, within thirty (30) days after a regular general election or ten (10) days after a special election to fill a vacancy, a sworn petition stating particularly the grounds upon which the election is contested. A copy of the petition shall be served on the member whose election is being contested. Any allegations concerning the election, or any grounds for the contest contained in the petition, shall be stated and averred in the same manner in which circumstances constituting fraud are required to be stated with particularity when pleading special matters under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(2) Upon the timely filing of the petition, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a special committee to resolve the election contest. Any special committee appointed by the Speaker under this subsection (2) shall be composed of the chairman, who shall be appointed from the state at large, and one (1) member of the House of Representatives from each congressional district as constituted on January 1, 2024. In making the committee appointments, the Speaker shall give consideration to the seniority, abilities and geographic location of the members. Within fifteen (15) days after the Speaker's appointment of the special committee, the committee shall meet to organize and review the petition.

(3) (a) Either party to such an election contest may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the particular grounds stated in the petition or any response thereto, and he may use any method of discovery that is authorized under the Mississippi Rules of Civil Procedure.

(b) Either party shall have the right of full examination of ballot boxes in accordance with Section 23-15-911, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(c) All forms of discovery shall be completed within twenty (20) days before the convening of a regular session on the Tuesday after the first Monday in January, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, discovery shall be completed within thirty (30) days after the special election.

(d) The special committee shall have exclusive jurisdiction over the determination of whether the filing of the petition and discovery related thereto have been timely made. If the filing of the petition or the discovery related thereto is not made timely, the election contest shall be void, and the contest and any rights related thereto shall expire by operation of law.

(4) On the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, the person who was certified by the appropriate election officials as the duly elected member of the Mississippi House of Representatives from the district in question shall be administered the oath of office by the Secretary of State as required by the Constitution, along with all other members present, and he shall not be requested to stand aside if he has been so certified. In the case of a special election contest, the oath shall be administered by the Speaker as in the case of administering the oath after any special election in which no contest has been filed. The seating and swearing in of a member who has been certified by the appropriate election officials before the special committee has concluded its deliberations shall be conditional and not permanent. The conditional seating and swearing in of the member shall vest in the member all the rights, privileges, and emoluments of the office, but without prejudice to the contest filed by the petitioner.

(5) The special committee appointed by the Speaker shall meet on the first day of the regular session next occurring after the election being contested, except that in the case of a special election to fill a vacancy, the special committee shall meet within five (5) days of the completion of discovery. The work of the special committee shall be a matter of the highest priority for the House, and any conflicts in scheduling meetings of the committee shall be resolved in favor of expediting the committee's work. The special committee shall have the power to investigate all facts concerning the election or qualifications of any member or petitioner, but shall not place itself in the position of investigating matters not alleged in the petition or any response thereto. It also shall have the power to issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of such documents or papers as may be required. The special committee shall have the authority to enforce any subpoena issued by the committee and to enforce compliance with the time limitations set forth in this rule, with the assistance of the State Attorney General or his designee.

(6) After the committee concludes its deliberations, it shall report a resolution recommending one (1) of the following courses of action to the House:

- (a) to seat permanently the House member who was certified and sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule, failure of which shall vacate the seat for the House district in question held by that person;
- (b) to seat permanently the petitioner in the election contest, passage of which will vacate the seat for that House district and the petitioner shall be sworn in for that seat; or (c) to declare the office of representative for that House district as vacant. The House shall consider the recommendation of the committee, and it shall adopt one (1) of the courses of action specified in this subsection (6), which must be adopted by a majority vote of House members present and voting.

(7) For purposes of this rule, "day" means a calendar day and includes any legal holiday.

(8) Section 55, Mississippi Constitution of 1890, which requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present to expel a seated member, shall not apply to any votes taken with regard to an election contest of a member of the House of Representatives.

(9) If the House determines that the person conditionally sworn in under subsection (4) of this rule is not qualified as a member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, any vote cast in the interim shall stand and any compensation and expenses paid shall be retained by that person. If the petitioner prevails on the merits of his contest, he shall receive the regular compensation and expenses of a member of the House, retroactive to the beginning of the session, or in the case of a special election,

retroactive to the date upon which the House member conditionally sworn in was seated.

(10) Under the inherent authority of the House to create procedures and rules for the governing of its internal affairs, if any provision of this rule conflicts with any provision of Sections 23-15-955 and 23-15-957, Mississippi Code of 1972, the provisions of this rule shall prevail.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

105. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting. (Art. 4, Sec. 57, Constitution).

106. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length. (Art. 4, Sec. 61, Constitution).

107. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury. (Art. 4, Sec. 63, Constitution).

108. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 65, Constitution).

109. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session. (Art. 4, Sec. 67, Constitution).

110. No law granting a gratuity or donation in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use. (Art. 4, Sec. 66, Constitution).

111. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid. (Art. 4, Sec. 69, Constitution).

112. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessments of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting. (Art. 4, Sec. 70, Constitution).

113. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill, and this, too, whether the recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass. (Art. 4, Sec. 71, Constitution).

114. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing. (Art. 4, Sec. 74, Constitution).

115. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature. (Art. 4, Sec. 64, Constitution).

116. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) Representatives, and the Senate committee of five (5) Senators. No local or private bill shall be passed in either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof, and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by a general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the requirements hereof, other than such as are prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special, or private nature, refuse to enforce it. (Art. 4, Sec. 89, Constitution).

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1. The Senate and the House may meet in joint convention by concurrent resolution duly adopted by both houses. Such resolution shall state the day, hour and location of such joint convention and the order of business for which it is called.

2. All joint conventions of the two (2) houses shall be in the hall of the House of Representatives, unless another location is specified in the concurrent resolution, and in elections the members shall vote viva voce, and in all cases a majority of the votes of those present and voting shall be requisite to constitute an election.

Only senators and members of the House of Representatives shall be permitted on the floor of the House during joint meetings except for the newspaper, radio, and television reporters and necessary Senate and House personnel and others as may be directed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively. During joint meetings, preference to gallery seats shall be given to elected state officials and families of the legislators.

3. When the two (2) houses have met in joint convention, the Speaker of the House shall call the joint convention to order and shall then turn the gavel over to the President of the Senate who shall preside, and all questions of order shall be decided by the latter, subject to an appeal to the joint convention as one (1) body. In the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker shall preside and perform all the duties herein provided for.

4. A call of either house may be had in joint convention by majority vote of the House for which the call is desired.

5. In a joint convention a member shall not speak longer than five (5) minutes. Any extension of time shall be specific.

6. A motion to adjourn, or to postpone the business of a joint convention shall be decided on a majority vote of those present and voting, acting as one (1) body. Upon demand of one-tenth (1/10) of the combined membership, the yeas and nays shall be taken on any matter under consideration by the joint convention, and such yeas and nays shall be entered upon the journals of both houses.

7. Upon questions arising during a joint convention, requiring the separate decision of either or both houses, the decision of the House shall be first made, then the decision of the Senate. A question for call of either house shall not come within the scope of this rule.

8. On all questions of order or parliamentary procedure not in conflict with these joint rules, the rules of the House of Representatives of the State of Mississippi, insofar as applicable, shall be the authority.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

9. The style of all laws shall be: "BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:" which shall be typed immediately preceding Section 1 of a bill. No other enacting word, such as "Be it further enacted," shall be used in any bill.

9A. (1) In a bill or other measure proposing an amendment to a code section

or other provision of law, or in a resolution proposing an amendment to a constitutional provision, a change to an existing code section, other provision of law or constitutional provision shall be indicated as follows:

(a) New language that is being added shall be underlined.

(b) Existing language that is being deleted shall be denoted by the insertion of three (3) asterisk symbols; however, the text of the deleted language shall be available on the official website of the Mississippi State Legislature, by means of displaying all of the deleted language within a document pursuant to the selection of that display option by the user.

(2) The provisions of this rule shall not apply to handwritten amendments that are proposed or adopted by members while the bill, measure or resolution is under consideration by either house.

10. While bills, resolutions and messages are on their passage between the two (2) houses, they shall be under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk, respectively, as the case may be.

11. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed one (1) house has been postponed to a day so distant that it will not be taken up again at the current session, indefinitely postponed, or rejected, by a vote of the other house, information thereof shall be given by message immediately to the house in which the same shall have passed.

12. When a bill or resolution, which has passed one (1) house is rejected in the other, by a vote of that house, it shall not again be introduced during the same session, except on three (3) days' notice and on two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting in the house in which it was rejected.

13. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution may be founded.

14. Each house shall have the liberty of ordering the printing of bills, messages and reports, without the consent of the other.

15. Bills or resolutions transmitted to either the Senate or House by the other before the constitutional time has expired for entering a motion to reconsider may be recalled by message upon proper entering of a motion to reconsider.

16. Whenever any message, bill, resolution, report or document shall be ordered to be printed by the Senate or House, for use of both houses, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, immediately to report the fact of the passage of that order to the other branch of the Legislature together with the number so ordered to be printed. Payment thereof shall be made from the contingent funds of each house in the proportion ordered by each house.

17. No new bill shall be introduced into either house during the last three (3) days of the session.

18. All general bills modifying, adding, deleting or repealing language, or a repealer on language, that provides for the levying of taxes, borrowing of money, issuing bonds, notes, or other evidence of debt, that provides for fees or imposing the issuance of licenses, of whatever kind by the state or any subdivisions thereof,

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or that provides the exemption of property from state taxes or taxes of any subdivisions thereof, shall be considered as revenue bills, and no revenue bills, or conference committee report thereon, or concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall be passed or adopted by either the Senate or the House except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of the Senate and House, respectively, present and voting.

19. Appropriation and revenue bills shall have precedence in each house, over all other business, and no such bill shall be passed during the last five (5) days of a regular session.

20. Every bill and concurrent resolution, the purpose or effect of which is to expend any state funds or enable the spending of any state funds or to increase or decrease the revenue of the state, either directly or indirectly, shall have attached to it at the time of its being reported by any committee of either house of the Legislature a brief explanatory statement or note which shall include a reliable estimate of the anticipated change in state expenditures or revenues under its provisions. These statements or notes shall be known as fiscal notes. They shall be attached to the original of each proposed bill or resolution but shall be separate therefrom, shall be clearly designated as a fiscal note, and shall not constitute a part of the law proposed by the bill or resolution.

The author of each bill or any committee considering same shall present a copy of the bill or resolution, with his or her request for a fiscal note, to either the Legislative Budget Office, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Revenue, the State Auditor, the state agency with which the bill or resolution is concerned, the state agency having jurisdiction over the subject of the bill or resolution, the Joint Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review, or the Legislative Reference Bureau. The fiscal note shall be prepared by the commission or agency and furnished to the author of the bill or committee considering same within seven (7) days after the request is made. If the author of, or committee considering, the bill disagrees with the findings of the agency or agencies, then the author or committee may also attach and furnish a fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief which shall then be incorporated in and become a part of the fiscal note. If the appropriate agency does not furnish a fiscal note, after seven (7) days' request, then the author or committee may furnish the fiscal note, based upon his, her or its information, research, study and belief. If, after careful investigation, it is determined that no dollar estimate is possible, the note shall contain a statement to that effect, setting forth the reasons why no dollar estimate can be given. No comment or opinion shall be included in the fiscal note with regard to the merit, or lack thereof, of the measure for which the note is prepared.

Whenever the author of any measure or the committee considering same is of the opinion that no fiscal note is necessary and the measure is considered by either house of the Legislature without a fiscal note, any member of either house may thereafter request a fiscal note be obtained, and in such case the matter shall be decided by majority vote of those present and voting in the house of which he or she is a member.

This rule shall not apply to general appropriation bills, conference reports and local and private bills. 20A. (1) For the purpose of this rule:

(a) "State support funds" means funds in the State General Fund and all state support special funds, which are funds in the Budget Contingency Fund, the Education Enhancement Fund, the Health Care Expendable Fund, the Tobacco Control Program Fund, and any other special funds that the Joint

Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) determines to be state support special funds.

(b) "House" means either house of the Legislature, unless it is clear from the context that it is referring to the House of Representatives.

(2) (a) When an amendment is offered to an appropriation bill on the floor of either house that would increase the amount of state support funds authorized for expenditure by the state agency, official or program being funded in that appropriation bill, the amendment must also include a reduction in the amount of state support funds for one (1) or more other state agencies, officials or programs by a total amount that equals the amount of the increase in the amendment.

(b) The other appropriation bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made do not have to be designated by bill number or line numbers in the amendment if they are described sufficiently enough to be identified, but the amounts by which they are to be reduced must be specific for each bill in which the reduction is to be made.

(c) The reductions required to be made by this rule must be made in an appropriation bill or bills that are still in the house or in an appropriation bill or bills from the other house that will be considered in the house later in the session. After a bill has passed in the house and been released to the other house, none of the reductions required by this rule may be made in that bill.

(3) If such an amendment is adopted, the amendment shall be considered to be an amendment to the other bill or bills in which the reductions are to be made as well as to the bill in which the increase is made. Therefore, no additional vote shall be required on the amendment making the reductions in the bill or bills when that bill or bills are under consideration by the house. The manner by which the reduction is made shall be a separate amendment to the bill that is designated as an amendment by the house, rather than an amendment by the Appropriations Committee or by an individual member.

(4) (a) When a bill in which the reduction is to be made comes before the house for consideration, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is voted on by the house.

(b) If a bill in which the reduction is to be made has already been considered by the house, the reduction shall be made to the total sum of state support funds authorized to be expended in the bill before the bill is released to the other house.

(5) No appropriation bill that authorizes the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year may be released to the other house until all of the appropriation bills originating in the house or all of the appropriation bills originating in the other house, as the case may be, that authorize the expenditure of any state support funds for the next fiscal year have been passed by the house.

(6) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

CONFERENCE

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21. When a bill or resolution is returned by either house to the other with amendments, and the house where the bill or resolution originated declined to concur in the amendments, a conference, by a majority vote of those present and voting, may be requested. Such action shall be transmitted by message in which shall be included the names of the conferees on the part of the requesting house. Upon receipt of such message, the other house may, in like manner, grant such conference notifying the requesting house by message and stating the names of the conferees.

22. A conference committee shall consist of three (3) members of the House and three (3) members of the Senate to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate respectively.

23. Conference committees shall meet as soon as practicable and proceed to confer on the differences between the two (2) houses, seeking to resolve such differences. The conference committee shall report in writing. Such report shall be signed by a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the House and a majority of the conference committee members appointed from the Senate. The report shall be submitted to both houses, and six (6) copies of each report shall be prepared.

23A. (1) All official meetings of any conference committee on a bill or on a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment shall be open to the public at all times, unless declared an executive session in accordance with the provisions of Section 25-41-7, Mississippi Code of 1972.

(2) The chairman of each Senate and House committee to which such a measure is first referred shall designate one (1), two (2) or three (3) rooms in which official meetings of the conference committees pertaining to such measures shall be held. For the first session of a new term, the designation of the rooms shall be announced within three (3) legislative days after adoption of these joint rules. For all other sessions, the designation of the rooms shall be announced not later than the third legislative day of each session. Copies of a list of these rooms shall be available in the respective offices of the committee chairmen. This announcement shall constitute notice of the place of the official meetings of conference committees, and notice that the time of each meeting shall not be announced individually. If a conference committee meets in a location other than a designated room, a written notice giving the location of the meeting shall be placed in a conspicuous place in one (1) of the designated rooms.

(3) Proper decorum during any official meeting of a conference committee requires that the committee's deliberation be directly related to the committee's primary purpose of resolving the differences between the two (2) houses that pertain to a specific measure. Therefore, the following shall not be allowed during any official meeting of a conference committee:

(a) The use of a cell phone by a conferee or other person in the room in which the conference committee meeting is being conducted;

(b) Any oral, written or electronic communication between a conferee and another person who is not a legislator or legislative staff member, except that a conferee may request that any person at the meeting meet with the conferee outside the room, and any conferee may request a person who is not a member of the conference committee, upon approval of a majority of the members of the committee present, to address the committee in the room.

(4) If any statute or rule of either house of the Legislature conflicts with the provisions of this rule, the provisions of this rule shall supersede the conflicting statute or rule to the extent of the conflict.

24. Only matters in disagreement between the two (2) houses are subject to consideration by conference committee. However, when one (1) house strikes out of a bill all after the enacting clause and inserts new text as an amendment thereto, the conferees may disregard the text of the original bill and of the amendment and may exercise wide discretion in the incorporation of germane new text.

25. When a conference report is considered by the house of origin and it contains an amendment by the other house which adds code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained and the bill shall be returned to conference.

When a conference report is considered and it contains code sections not included in the bill as passed the house of origin or in an amendment by the other house, a point of order that the conference report is not in order shall be sustained in either house and the bill shall be returned to conference.

26. In the event of the failure of either house to adopt the conference report, or to concur in amendments, the bill or resolution under such consideration shall be lost.

27. All conference reports, and concurrence in amendments adopted by the other house shall require for adoption the same vote as is required for the passage of the bill, resolution or measure under consideration, and shall be on roll call duly entered and recorded in the journal of the house voting thereon.

27A. A conference report that has been adopted by both houses may be amended by a concurrent resolution authored by the chair of the first-named committee of referral in either house and adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting in each house, unless a higher number of votes is required by Section 64, 66, 253 or 273 of the Mississippi Constitution.

27B. If a conference report containing a reverse repealer is adopted by both houses, the reverse repealer shall be removed administratively by the applicable Legislative Services Office.

28. No bill making an appropriation from, or authorizing the expenditure of money from, any special fund in the State Treasury shall be passed except by the votes of a majority of all the members elected to each house of the Legislature.

29. A motion to reconsider the vote whereby a conference report is adopted or rejected is in order in either house from the time of such adoption or rejection in one (1) house until the end of the session of the next legislative day after notice of disposition by rejection, recommittal to the same conference committee or appointment of a new conference committee by the other house. The provisions of this rule shall supersede any Senate or House rule which may be in conflict herewith.

ENROLLED BILLS

30. When a bill or resolution shall have passed both houses it shall be

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enrolled, and the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall certify on the margin of the enrolled bill the fact that it originated in his or her house. The enrolled bill may be examined by the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, and carefully compared by the committee with the engrossed bill and all typographical errors, if any, corrected; and the committee shall forthwith report in writing to each house, and the report shall be entered in the journals of both houses. The reports shall be signed by the chairman or acting chairman of the Enrolled Bills Committee on the part of each house.

31. After the Committee on Enrolled Bills has reported a bill or resolution duly enrolled, it shall be signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President of the Senate during the legislative session in which the bill or resolution was passed.

32. After a bill shall have been signed by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate, it shall be presented by the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House, as the case may be, to the Governor for his or her approval. The Secretary or Clerk shall report the day of presentation to the Governor, which time shall be carefully entered on the journals of each house.

33. All Senate and House concurrent resolutions and memorials, which are not to be presented to the Governor, shall be enrolled, signed and delivered to the Secretary of State.

JOINT COMMITTEES

34. The following joint committees shall be appointed:

- (a) Committee on Executive Contingent Fund, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.
- (b) Committee on State Library, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.
- (c) Committee on Enrolled Bills, to consist of five (5) senators and five (5) representatives.

(d) Committee to Investigate State Offices or Departments, nine (9) on the part of the Senate and nine (9) on the part of the House; the committee shall meet and apportion the labor of such investigation amongst subcommittees and shall report the result of each investigation to the two (2) houses.

(e) A chairman and vice chairman for the Senate members on each of the above committees shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and a chairman and vice chairman for the House members on each committee shall be appointed by the Speaker. A chairman and vice chairman for each of the above committees shall be elected by the respective committees in joint session; however, both the chairman and the vice chairman shall not come from the same house.

MESSAGES

35. When a message shall be sent from one (1) house to the other, such message shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House, respectively, as the case may be. A receipt shall be signed for each

message so delivered.

36. (Omitted)

37. (Omitted)

LOCAL AND PRIVATE LEGISLATION

38. In addition to observing the injunctions and prohibitions set out in the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, the Senate and the House Committees on Local and Private Legislation shall observe and adhere to the following additional rules and requirements in the consideration of local and private Senate and House bills:

(a) Require that local and private bills, originating in either the Senate or the House, and granting power to any governing authority to perform any official act shall be accompanied by an order or resolution setting out the reasons therefor, duly certified as being a part of the official minutes of that authority. In the event more than one (1) official authority is involved, such certified order or resolution shall be made for each of them.

(b) Require that any bill providing for the transfer of funds shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule. Such order or resolution shall state whether or not funds proposed to be transferred are pledged for the payment of any outstanding bonds or notes for which there is not already a sufficient surplus accumulated.

(c) Require that any such bills providing for the payment of any claims shall be accompanied by a certified order or resolution as provided in paragraph (a) of this rule, setting out the name of claimants, the nature, amount and reasons for justification of the claim and that with proper authority such claim would be paid.

(d) Require that there shall accompany any bill proposing the issuance of bonds, a certificate from the governing authorities stating that the issuance of such proposed bonds, when added to the present bonded indebtedness of such county, or subdivision thereof, municipality or district, will not exceed any limitation now imposed by law.

JOINT MEETING OF APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

39. When the chairmen of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees consider it desirable and possible, their subcommittees may meet jointly to hear testimony and question the heads of a department or agency on their budgetary needs for the next fiscal year.

40. Timetable for processing Legislation

TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING LEGISLATION

90-day Session	Regular Session	
9th day	44th day	Deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.***
14th day	49th day	Deadline for introduction of general bills and constitutional amendments.*
29th day	64th day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*+
38th day	73rd day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
39th day	74th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
42nd day	77th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in own house.*
49th day	84th day	Deadline for making requests for appropriation and revenue bills to be drafted.#
51st day	86th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
52nd day	87th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
53rd day	88th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in own house.
57th day	92nd day	Deadline for committees to report general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*+
65th day	100th day	Deadline for original floor action on general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
66th day	101st day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
67th day	102nd day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider general bills and constitutional amendments originating in other house.*
71st day	106th day	Deadline for original floor action on appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.

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72nd day	107th day	Deadline for reconsideration and passage of appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
73rd day	108th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider appropriation and revenue bills originating in other house.
74th day	109th day	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to appropriation and revenue bills; and deadline for introduction of local and private bills that are revenue bills.
77th day	112th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider concurrence or nonconcurrence in appropriation and revenue bills.
80th day	115th day	Deadline to concur or not concur in amendments from other house to general bills and constitutional amendments.
81st day	116th day	Deadline for introduction of local and private bills that are not revenue bills.
82nd day	117th day	Deadline for conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills to be filed; and deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider concurrence or nonconcurrence on general bills and constitutional amendments.**+
84th day	119th day	Deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills; and deadline for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed.**+
85th day	120th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on appropriation and revenue bills.
86th day	121st day	Deadline for first consideration of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
87th day	122nd day	Deadline for filing conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments that had been recommitted for further conference.+
88th day	123rd day	Deadline for adoption of conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments after recommittal.
89th day	124th day	Deadline to dispose of motions to reconsider conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments.
90th day	125th day	Sine die.

*Appropriation, revenue, and local and private bills, and bills to restore suffrage are excluded from these deadlines. For purposes of the deadlines herein set forth, the term "revenue bills" shall include only those bills whose primary purpose is to increase or decrease taxes or to authorize the issuance of bonds or the borrowing of money. Bills which are primarily for regulatory purposes which have revenue provisions included shall not be considered as revenue bills for deadline purposes. The deletion from a bill of the

features which made it a revenue bill shall render the bill a general bill for deadline purposes.

****Conference reports on all bills must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than the time of adjournment on the day prior to being called up and considered. Appropriation bills which actually appropriate money and are recommitted for further conference are excluded from the requirement that the subsequent conference report be filed and lay on table one (1) day before being considered; however, original action must be taken on all appropriation conference reports by 2:00 p.m. on the 84th/119th day and subsequent reports must be filed no later than 6:00 p.m.**

*****Requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted must be made no later than 6:00 p.m. on the 9th/44th day. The Rules Committee of the House or Senate, as the case may be, may authorize any member of its respective house to make requests, for one or more general bills or constitutional amendments to be drafted, after the expiration of the deadline for making such drafting requests but before the deadline for introduction of bills and constitutional amendments, upon a determination by the Rules Committee that such drafting requests are in response to conditions of an emergency nature arising subsequent to the deadline for making requests for general bills and constitutional amendments to be drafted.**

+Committee reports and conference reports that are subject to being filed on these deadlines must be filed with the Secretary/Clerk no later than 8:00 p.m.

#Requests for appropriation and revenue bills to be drafted must be made no later than 6:00 p.m. Whenever the word "day" appears in this rule, it shall mean calendar day.

The above schedule shall not be deviated from except by the passage of a concurrent resolution adopted by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the House and Senate present and voting.

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Section 54. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a less number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as each shall provide.

Section 55. Each house may determine rules of its own proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present, expel a member; but no member, unless expelled for theft, bribery or corruption, shall be expelled the second time for the same offense. Both houses shall, from time to time, publish journals of their proceedings, except such parts as may, in their opinion, require secrecy; and the yeas and nays on any question shall be entered on the Journal, at the request of one-tenth (1/10) of the members present; and the yeas and nays shall be entered on the Journal on the final passage of every bill.

Section 56. The style of the laws of the State shall be: "Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi."

Section 57. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three (3) days, nor to any other place than that in which the two (2) houses shall be sitting.

Section 58. The doors of each house, when in session, or in Committee of the Whole, shall be kept open, except in cases which may require secrecy; and each house may punish, by fine and imprisonment any person not a member, who shall be guilty of disrespect to the house by any disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence, or who shall in any way disturb its deliberations during the session; but such imprisonment shall not extend beyond the final adjournment of that session.

Section 59. Bills may originate in either house, and be amended or rejected in the other, and every bill shall be read by its title on three (3) different days in each house, unless two-thirds (2/3) of the house where the same is pending shall dispense with the rules; and every bill shall be read in full immediately before the vote on its final passage upon the demand of any member; and every bill, having passed both houses, shall be signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives during the legislative session.

Section 60. No bill shall be so amended in its passage through either house as to change its original purpose; and no law shall be passed except by bill; but orders, votes, and resolutions of both houses, affecting the prerogatives and duties thereof, or relating to adjournment, to amendments to the Constitution, to the investigation of public officers, and the like, shall not require the signature of the Governor; and such resolutions, orders and votes may empower legislative committees to administer oaths, to send for persons and papers, and generally make legislative investigations effective.

Section 61. No law shall be revived or amended by reference to its title only, but the section or sections, as amended or revived, shall be inserted at length.

Section 62. No amendment to bills by one (1) house shall be concurred in by the other, except by a vote of the majority thereof, taken by yeas and nays and the names of those voting for and against recorded upon the journals; and reports of committees of conference shall in like manner be adopted in each house.

Section 63. No appropriation bill shall be passed by the Legislature which does not fix

definitely the maximum sum thereby authorized to be drawn from the Treasury.

Section 64. No bill passed after the adoption of this Constitution to make appropriations of money out of the State Treasury shall continue in force more than two (2) months after the expiration of the fiscal year ending after the meeting of the Legislature at its next regular session; nor shall such bill be passed except by the votes of a majority of all members elected to each house of the Legislature.

Section 65. All votes on the final passage of any measure shall be subject to reconsideration for at least one (1) whole legislative day, and no motion to reconsider such vote shall be disposed of adversely on the day on which the original vote was taken, except on the last day of the session.

Section 66. No law granting a donation or gratuity in favor of any person or object shall be enacted except by the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the members-elect of each branch of the Legislature, nor by any vote for a sectarian purpose or use.

Section 67. No new bill shall be introduced into either house of the Legislature during the last three (3) days of the session.

Section 68. Appropriation and revenue bills shall, at regular sessions of the Legislature, have precedence in both houses over all other business, and no such bills shall be passed during the last five (5) days of the session.

Section 69. General appropriation bills shall contain only the appropriations to defray the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government; to pay interest on state bonds and to support the common schools. All other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one (1) subject. Legislation shall not be engrafted on appropriation bills, but the same may prescribe the conditions on which the money may be drawn, and for what purposes paid.

Section 70. No revenue bill, or any bill providing for assessment of property for taxation, shall become a law except by a vote of at least three-fifths (3/5) of the members of each house present and voting.

Section 71. Every bill introduced into the Legislature shall have a title, and the title ought to indicate clearly the subject-matter or matters of the proposed legislation. Each committee to which a bill may be referred shall express, in writing, its judgment of the sufficiency of the title of the bill and this, too, whether recommendation be that the bill do pass or do not pass.

Section 72. Every bill which shall pass both houses shall be presented to the Governor of the state. If he shall approve, he shall sign it; but if he does not approve, he shall return it, with his objections, to the house in which it originated, which shall enter the objections at large upon its Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration, two-thirds (2/3) of that house shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, with the objections, to the other house, by which, likewise, it shall be reconsidered; and if approved by two-thirds (2/3) of that house, it shall become a law; but in all such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the Journal of each house respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the Governor within five (5) days (Sundays excepted) after it has been presented to him, it shall become law in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Legislature, by adjournment, prevented its return, in which case such bill shall be a law unless the Governor shall veto it within fifteen (15) days (Sundays excepted) after it is presented to him, and such bill shall be returned to the Legislature, with his objections, within three (3) days after the beginning of the next

session of the Legislature.

Section 73. The Governor may veto parts of any appropriation bill and approve parts of the same, and the portions approved shall be law.

Section 74. No bill shall become a law until it shall have been referred to a committee of each house and returned therefrom with a recommendation in writing.

Section 75. No law of a general nature, unless therein otherwise provided, shall be enforced until sixty (60) days after its passage.

Section 76. In all elections by the Legislature, members shall vote viva voce, and the votes shall be entered on the journals.

Section 77. The Governor shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies as may occur in either house of the Legislature, and the persons thereupon chosen shall hold their seats for the unexpired term.

Section 129. The Lieutenant Governor shall, by virtue of his office, be President of the Senate. In Committee of the Whole he may debate all questions, and where there is an equal division in the Senate, or on a joint vote of both houses, he shall give the casting vote.

Section 139. The Legislature may empower the Governor to remove and appoint officers, in any county or counties or municipal corporations, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law.

Section 253. The Legislature may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of both houses, of all members elected, restore the right of suffrage to any person disqualified by reason of crime; but the reasons therefor shall be spread upon the journals, and the vote shall be by yeas and nays.

INJUNCTIONS

Section 78. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to regulate by law the cases in which deductions shall be made from salaries of public officers for neglect of official duty, and the amount of said deductions.

Section 79. The Legislature shall provide by law for the sale of all delinquent tax lands. The courts shall apply the same liberal principles in favor of such titles as in sale by execution. The right of redemption from all sales of real estate, for the nonpayment of taxes or special assessments, of any and every character whatsoever, shall exist, on conditions to be prescribed by law, in favor of owners and persons interested in such real estate, for a period of not less than two (2) years.

Section 80. Provisions shall be made by general laws to prevent the abuse by cities, towns, and other municipal corporations of their powers of assessment, taxation, borrowing money, and contracting debts.

Section 81. The Legislature shall never authorize the permanent obstruction of any of the navigable waters of the state, but may provide for the removal of such obstructions as now exist, whenever the public welfare demands. This section shall not prevent the construction, under proper authority, of drawbridges for railroads, or other roads nor the construction of booms and chutes for logs, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of facilities incident to the exploration, production or transportation of oil,

gas or other minerals, nor the construction, operation and maintenance of bridges and causeways in such manner as not to prevent the safe passage of vessels or logs under regulations to be provided by law.

Section 82. The Legislature shall fix the amount of the penalty of all official bonds, and may, as far as practicable, provide that the whole or a part of the security required for the faithful discharge of official duty shall be made by some guaranty company or companies.

Section 83. The Legislature shall enact laws to secure the safety of persons from fires in hotels, theatres, and other public places of resort.

Section 84. The Legislature shall enact laws to limit, restrict, or prevent the acquiring and holding of land in the state by nonresident aliens, and may limit or restrict the acquiring or holding of lands by corporations.

Section 85. The Legislature shall provide by general law for the working of public roads by contract or by county prisoners, or both. Such law may be put in operation only by a vote of the board of supervisors in those counties where it may be desirable.

Section 86. It shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law for the treatment and care of the insane; and the Legislature may provide for the care of the indigent sick in hospitals in the state.

LOCAL LEGISLATION

Section 87. No special or local law shall be enacted for the benefit of individuals or corporations, in cases which are or can be provided for by the general law, or where the relief sought can be given by any court of this state; nor shall the operation of any general law be suspended by the Legislature for the benefit of any individual or private corporation or association, and in all cases where a general law can be made applicable, and would be advantageous, no special law shall be enacted.

Section 88. The Legislature shall pass general laws, under which local and private interests shall be provided for and protected, and under which cities and towns may be chartered and their charters amended, and under which corporations may be created, organized, and their acts of incorporation altered; and all such laws shall be subject to repeal or amendment.

Section 89. There shall be appointed in each house of the Legislature a standing committee on Local and Private Legislation; the House committee to consist of seven (7) representatives and the Senate committee of five (5) senators. No local or private bill shall be passed by either house until it shall have been referred to said committee thereof and shall have been reported back with a recommendation in writing that it do pass, stating affirmatively the reasons therefor, and why the end to be accomplished should not be reached by general law, or by a proceeding in court; or if the recommendation of the committee be that the bill do not pass, then it shall not pass the house to which it is so reported unless it be voted for by a majority of all the members elected thereto. If a bill is passed in conformity to the requirements hereof, other than such as prohibited in the next section, the courts shall not, because of its local, special or private nature refuse to enforce it.

Section 90. The Legislature shall not pass local, private or special laws in any of the following enumerated cases, but such matters shall be provided for only by general laws, viz:

- (a) Granting divorces;

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- (b) Changing the names of persons, places or corporations;
- (c) Providing for change of venue in civil and criminal cases;
- (d) Regulating the rate of interest on money;
- (e) Concerning the settlement or administration of any estate, or the sale or mortgage of any property, of any infant, or of a person of unsound mind, or of any deceased person;
- (f) The removal of the disability of infancy;
- (g) Granting to any person, corporation or association the right to have any ferry, bridge, road or fish-trap;
- (h) Exemption of property from taxation or from levy or sale;
- (i) Providing for the adoption or legitimation of children;
- (j) Changing the law of descent and distribution;
- (k) Exempting any person from jury, road or other civil duty (and no person shall be exempted therefrom by force of any local or private law);
- (l) Laying out, opening, altering and working roads and highways;
- (m) Vacating any road or highway, town plat, alley or public grounds;
- (n) Selecting, drawing, summoning, or empaneling grand or petit juries;
- (o) Creating, increasing or decreasing the fees, salary or emoluments of any public officer;
- (p) Providing for the management or support of any private or common school, incorporating the same or granting such school any privileges;
- (q) Relating to stock laws, water-courses and fences;
- (r) Conferring the power to exercise the right of eminent domain, or granting to any person, corporation, or association the right to lay down railroad tracks or street car tracks in any other manner than that prescribed by general law;
- (s) Regulating the practice in courts of justice;
- (t) Providing for the creation of districts for the election of justices of the peace and constables; and
- (u) Granting any lands under control of the state to any person or corporation.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITIONS

Section 91. The Legislature shall not enact any law for one or more counties, not applicable to all the counties in the state, increasing the uniform charge for the registration

of deeds, or regulating costs and charges and fees of officers.

Section 92. The Legislature shall not authorize payment to any person of the salary of a deceased officer beyond the date of his death.

Section 93. The Legislature shall not retire any officer on pay, or part pay, or make any grant to such retiring officer.

Section 94. The Legislature shall never create by law any distinction between the rights of men and women to acquire, own, enjoy and dispose of property of all kinds, or their power to contract in reference thereto. Married women are hereby fully emancipated from all disability on account of coverture. But this shall not prevent the Legislature from regulating contracts between husband and wife; nor shall the Legislature be prevented from regulating the sale of homesteads.

Section 95. Lands belonging to, or under the control of the state, shall never be donated directly or indirectly, to private corporations or individuals, or to railroad companies. Nor shall such land be sold to corporations or associations for a less price than that for which it is subject to sale to individuals. This, however, shall not prevent the Legislature from granting a right-of-way, not exceeding one hundred (100) feet in width, as a mere easement to railroads across state lands, and the Legislature shall never dispose of the land covered by said right-of-way so long as such easement exists.

Section 96. The Legislature shall never grant extra compensation, fees or allowances to any public officer, agent, servant or contractor, after service rendered or contract made, nor authorize payment, or part payment of any claim, under any contract not authorized by law; but appropriations may be made for expenditures in repelling invasion, preventing or suppressing insurrections.

Section 97. The Legislature shall have no power to revive any remedy which may have become barred by lapse of time, or by any statute of limitation of this state.

Section 99. The Legislature shall not elect any other than its own officers and State Librarian.

Section 100. No obligation or liability of any person, association or corporation held or owned by this state, or levee board, or any county, city or town thereof, shall ever be remitted, released or postponed, or in any way diminished by the Legislature, nor shall such liability or obligation be extinguished except by payment thereof into the proper treasury; nor shall such liability or obligation be exchanged or transferred except upon payment of its face value; but this shall not be construed to prevent the Legislature from providing by general law for compromise of doubtful claims.

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